

HOW TO GET TO STRATFORD-UPON-AVON

Located in the beautiful area in the Midlands, known as the Heart of England, Stratford-upon-Avon is in the county of Warwickshire. Stratford is accessible by road, rail, coach and from nearby airports, Birmingham (55 kms), Manchester (96 kms), Bristol (110 kms) and London Heathrow (153 kms). Directions to your chosen hotel should be obtained from them.

By Road

The Heart of England is more accessible by road than any other region in the UK. Britain's main motorways - the M1, M6 and M5 - converge in the Heart of England region. The M4, M40 and M50 also provide excellent access to the south of the region from London, the M25 and South Wales. Access to the region from North Wales, the North East and North West of England is via the M56, M62 and M6. Stratford is approximately 180 Kms from London via the M40, Birmingham 60 kms also via the M40 while Bristol is 112 kms via the M5.



From the North and South via M40

M40 - exit 15, A46 direction Stratford

From the South up the A3400 (Oxford)

A3400 directly to Stratford-upon-Avon

From the North down the A3400 (Solihull/Birmingham)

A3400 directly to Stratford-upon-Avon


From the West, North West & South West

A46 from Evesham

By Rail

Stratford-upon-Avon is accessed directly from Birmingham New Street and London Marleybone Stations. If you are coming from London Heathrow use the London Underground network to take the Piccadilly Line to Green Park Station, then change onto the Jubilee Line for Marylebone Station. From Marylebone, Chiltern Railways runs a direct service every two hours (see www.chilternrailways.co.uk).

Alternatively you can take a direct train from London Euston to Birmingham and change for Stratford-upon-Avon. Stratford is a major station with taxis usually available on a rank. Advance booking is not normally necessary or even possible, unless you are arriving early in the morning or late at night. Operators who may accept bookings include:

Grafton 01789 490199 ; **ABC** 01789 267951; **A2B** 01789 415225

Companies such as Shakespeare Tours (www.shakespeare-tours.co.uk) provide an executive taxi service linking Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwick and the Cotswolds to the UK's major international airports and railway stations. Licensed to carry up to four passengers, their air conditioned executive limousines are designed for visitors who wish to travel privately in safety, comfort, and style.

By Coach

National Express operates direct services to Stratford-upon-Avon from a number of UK cities and towns. There is a direct service from London's Heathrow Airport to nearby Warwick Parkway Rail Station. From Warwick Parkway, you are advised to take a taxi to Stratford upon Avon (approximately 18 kms). Timetables, booking forms and further information can be found at www.nationalexpress.com

Finally, if you are travelling independently and should need to ask anyone for directions, please ensure you say you are going to **Stratford-upon-Avon in the Midlands**. There is another well-known Stratford in England – in London's East End!