# Pilgrims<sup>TM</sup> English Language Courses

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UNIVERSITY OF KENT
AT CANTERBURY

# TRAVELLING TO CANTERBURY

## PLANNING YOUR TRIP

Please plan to arrive in Canterbury between 14.00 and 18.00 on Arrival Sunday. Pilgrims staff are not available outside these times.

- •If you are staying in Self Catering accommodation, please go to Parkwood Village at the University of Kent.
- •If you are staying in Residential with Private Bathroom accommodation, please go to Keynes College at the University of Kent.

If you are arriving later than 19.00 PLEASE make sure you have a meal beforehand, as all facilities on campus close early on a Sunday and no food is available at the University until Monday morning!

HELP US TO HELP YOU - please email <a href="mailto:lizzie@pilgrims.co.uk">lizzie@pilgrims.co.uk</a> with your estimated arrival time.

## TAXI TRANSFER FROM THE AIRPORT

Pilgrims has set up a forum as part of our Facebook page to help you organise taxi shares with other participants, saving you money on fares. Please go to: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/PilgrimsTeacherTraining">www.facebook.com/PilgrimsTeacherTraining</a>, then go to the Discussions section and post your arrival details in the relevant topic. If you find someone with similar details, contact them and you can try to arrange a taxi share.

If you are not already a member of Facebook it is free and easy to sign up and the Pilgrims Teacher Training page is regularly updated with news and information on Pilgrims and the world of ELT.

WARNING: WE RECOMMEND YOU BOOK TAXIS FROM CANTERBURY - 'BLACK TAXIS' FROM THE AIRPORT WILL COST £180+

Book a private taxi with one of the Canterbury taxi companies below before you leave home:

South East Business Travel	Tel: 00 44 1634 812333 email: <u>info@sebtltd.com</u>
Portcullis Chauffeur Solutions	Tel: 0044 1843 808026 email: <u>info@portcullis-transfers.co.uk</u> website: <u>www.portcullis-transfers.co.uk</u>

Other useful websites to help you plan your journey to/from Canterbury:

<u>www.londontransport.co.uk</u> - Useful information for travel by underground (metro) and bus in London. <u>www.nationalrail.co.uk</u> Timetables and fares for train travel anywhere in the UK, you can also book tickets online.

If you are planning to travel in the U.K. before or after your course, we recommend you book ahead. Fares are cheaper if booked in advance.







# TRANSFER FROM THE AIRPORT BY PRIVATE CAR SERVICE

Book a private car (by telephone or fax) with our recommended airport transfer company before you leave home:

SEBT Ltd Contact Amy or Darryl
Tel: 00 44 7973812333
Email: info@sebtltd.com

### Send them:

- ·your flight number
- ·departure city
- ·arrival airport and terminal
- ·arrival time
- ·the accommodation address from your confirmation letter
- ·your mobile number
- ·an emergency contact number

Please call or email SEBT the day before you leave home to confirm your booking - ask for the drivers' mobile telephone number - you should call the driver if you are delayed in the airport terminal.

If you are paying the driver in cash, please ensure you have enough GBP's as they do not accept Euros or other currencies.

### TRAVELLING BY COACH OR TRAIN FROM THE AIRPORT

There are direct connections to Canterbury via London by bus and train from all London airports (Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted).

# By Coach

Going from the airport by coach is simpler, and cheaper, as the coach will go direct to London Victoria coach station.

At the coach station, go to departure gate 7 and take coach number 007 to Canterbury. Go to <a href="www.nationalexpress.com">www.nationalexpress.com</a> to book your ticket with a credit/debit card - you will need to print your ticket before you travel and bring it with you!

If you want advance information about travel to/from Canterbury by National Express coach, visit the National Express web site on <a href="https://www.gobycoach.com">www.gobycoach.com</a>

### By Train

## From London Heathrow:

### Option1:

- •Take the Heathrow Express to London Paddington see <a href="www.heathrowexpress.com">www.heathrowexpress.com</a> for more information.
- •Take the underground from London Paddington to London Victoria Take the Circle Line (Yellow on the underground map) or the District Line (Green on the underground map) Southbound direction to Victoria Station.
- ·For an Underground map http://www.bbc.co.uk/london/travel/downloads/tube\_map.html
- ·From London Victoria take the Southeastern train to Canterbury East (Go to <a href="www.nationalrail.co.uk">www.nationalrail.co.uk</a> to book your ticket.)

### Option 2:

- •Take the underground from London Paddington to St. Pancras International.
- •Take the Hammersmith & City Line (Pink on the underground map) Eastbound direction to King's Cross/St. Pancras International stations.
- ·From St. Pancras take the Southeastern High Speed train to Canterbury West. The journey takes about an hour.

### Option 3:

- ·Take the underground Picadilly Line (Dark Blue on the underground map) from any Heathrow terminal and go to King's Cross/St.Pancras International stations. Beware; you might need to change for a different train at Acton Town station to go to King's Cross/St.Pancras International.
- ·From St. Pancras station take the Southeastern High Speed train to Canterbury West. The journey takes about an hour.

### From Gatwick Airport:

- ·Take the Gatwick Express to London Victoria see <a href="www.gatwickexpress.com">www.gatwickexpress.com</a> for more information
- ·From London Victoria take the Southeastern train to Canterbury East (Go to <a href="www.nationalrail.co.uk">www.nationalrail.co.uk</a> to book your ticket.)
- •The journey takes about 1 hour and 40 minutes.

# From Stansted Airport:

- •Take the Stansted Express to London Liverpool Street Station see <a href="www.stanstedexpress.com">www.stanstedexpress.com</a> for more information
- ·From London Liverpool Street Station take the underground Circle Line (Yellow on the underground map) Southbound direction to London Victoria Station
- ·For an Underground map http://www.bbc.co.uk/london/travel/downloads/tube map.html
- ·From London Victoria take the Southeastern train to Canterbury East
- ·Go to www.nationalrail.co.uk to book your ticket.
- •The journey takes about 1 hour and 40 minutes.

Please note: On Sundays, trains in Britain are often disrupted by engineering work which may involve part of your journey being by bus.

Check the National Rail website at <a href="www.nationalrail.co.uk">www.nationalrail.co.uk</a> to find up-to-date information.

Type in 'engineering work' in the search box and follow the links to scroll down to the correct date on which you will be travelling.

### By Eurostar

Canterbury is also accessible by Eurostar train via Ashford International from Paris, Lille and Brussels. At Ashford International, take the Southeastern train to Canterbury West.

### By Ferry

If you are arriving by Ferry at the port of Dover, take the Southeastern train from Dover to Canterbury East.

### **DEPARTURES**

Pilgrims provides information about a 'taxi share' for your departure. This gives you maximum convenience at minimal costs. You organise a taxi with other course participants who are travelling to the same airport at the same time. Please plan to arrange your departure on the last Saturday no later than 10.30 am.