

tis Travel Information 2010

BY AIR - Always try to book flights which arrive in the mornings and depart late afternoon/early evening.



London Heathrow LHR: is one of **the most convenient airports** for Torquay. **National Express Buses** run almost every 2 hours with a direct service from the Central Bus Station at LHR to Torquay (journey time app. 4 hours).

London Gatwick LGW: There is a National Express bus connection from LGW to LHR (journey 1 hour 10 mins). Change buses at LHR for Torquay.

London Stansted STN: **This is not a convenient airport for Torquay.** The National Express Bus goes via LHR. Total journey time 7 to 8 hours app.

London Luton LTN: **Not great** - you need a 1 hour 10 minute coach to central London or London Heathrow and then National Express.

Southampton and Bournemouth Airports: **Not recommended - although not far the public transport links to Torquay are terrible.**

Bristol Airport: **Very convenient.** We have a weekend taxi shuttle from Bristol direct to Torquay in July and August. Return cost only **£60 if we have 7 days notice.** The shuttle leaves Bristol at 20.00 on Saturdays and 20.30 on Sundays. The return shuttle arrives in Bristol at 08.00 on both days. Places are limited so you must book early through Lynne@tisenglish.co.uk. Journey time 90 minutes app. Private taxi transfers from Bristol Airport to Torquay are £90 each way. Daytime public transport is good. Lynne helps with this too - she needs full flight details first.

Exeter and Plymouth Airports are both close to Torquay. Taxis take 40/50 minutes respectively and cost around £35/£60 each way approx. It is only worth flying to these airports if there is a direct flight available.

Airport Meet and Greet: Our agents (Gaymore Promotions) meet clients from their flight and escort them to the Bus Station. They then phone the host family to give the arrival time so that the student will be met by the family at Torquay coach station - additional cost from £60.

Airport or Seaport Taxi Service: We have a reasonably priced local taxi service. Although a taxi is more expensive than public transport, for 2-7 persons travelling together, this can be the best method. For example a private taxi transfer arranged by TIS from LHR to Torquay will be £200 approx. each way for up to 3 passengers. The service is available from anywhere in Britain – ask Lynne—it will always be cheaper if you book the taxi in advance through the TIS office.

By Coach/Bus from LHR, LGW and other airports to Torquay - National Express have a number of services - please see the National Express Timetable for times and fares. You can book direct online at www.nationalexpress.com or through Lynne@tisenglish.co.uk. We need full flight information and the TIS booking fee is £10. **It is essential to book a ticket in advance for the bus during the summer.**

By Train to Torquay: From LHR take the Heathrow Express to London Paddington (it leaves every 15 minutes and takes 15 minutes). There are trains every 1/2 hours to Torquay or Newton Abbot (main line station 5 miles from Torquay). You don't have to book in advance but if you book 2/3 weeks ahead it may be much cheaper. TIS booking fee £15 - but we need a lot of notice as tickets have to be sent by post. Journey time 2.5/3.5 hours. London Stansted and London Gatwick by train is more complicated - please ask us for advice.

Eurostar is ideal for anyone wishing to travel from Paris, Brussels or Lille. Transfer by taxi or underground from St. Pancras to Paddington. The fastest method is by train from London Paddington to Torquay.



By Ferry We recommend Brittany Ferries to Plymouth from Roscoff or Santander. Plymouth to Torquay is 60 minutes by car. Taxi transfer from Plymouth £55 each way if booked through TIS. **Driving times** from South and South East seaports are as follows: Portsmouth 3 hrs / Weymouth 2 hrs / Poole 2 hrs / Southampton 3 hrs / Dover/Folkestone - connection for Channel Tunnel 5/6 hrs / Harwich 6/7 hrs. Check with Judith@tisenglish.co.uk for ferry travel advice.



Getting to your accommodation: **Homestay** hosts will meet students at the railway or coach station in Torquay **BUT only if they have been notified of the arrival time.**

Club TIS clients must notify us as early as possible of their arrival time and clients should get a taxi from the station to the Club. It's only a short ride. Don't try to walk - it's complicated and a bit steep! The cost of a taxi from the coach station to Club TIS Hotel is approximately £3.00 – £4.00.

Rosa and Cedar Cottage clients must also notify us of arrival times as early as possible so that we can meet them and hand the key over.

Arrival Information: It is absolutely essential you tell the Homestay all arrival details as far in advance as possible. **This is the only way to guarantee that there will be someone at your accommodation when you arrive.** There are always taxis at both stations although you may have to wait a few minutes.

Ask us - we can book tickets: Lynne has all the information on how to reach Torquay. She will be happy to advise you on the best travel arrangements. Please email her with your full flight information if you need advice. Ticket booking fee £10. Lynne@tisenglish.co.uk

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