

# tis Travel Information: How to get to Torquay

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

## Recommended Airports:

- **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 approx. 4 hours).
- **EXETER Airport is your best option** for a quick and convenient transfer to Torquay, Transfers take approx. 40 minutes and a taxi transfer arranged by us is £37 on arrival and £35 for the return journey. Many of our clients fly into Exeter Airport via Amsterdam, Paris & Dusseldorf.
- **Bristol Airport is also convenient for reaching Torquay (journey time 90 minutes by car).** We offer a shared transfer service to reduce transfer costs on Saturday and Sunday during the busy summer months of July and August. Return transfers cost £80/Single £45 **if we have 7 days notice.** We recommend that you book flights that arrive in the morning or early afternoon and return in the late afternoon or early evening. **Shared transfers are subject to availability** and will be booked on a first come first served basis. So book early through [Lynne@tisenglish.co.uk](mailto:Lynne@tisenglish.co.uk). Private taxi transfers from Bristol Airport to Torquay are available for £95 each way/Return £190. Daytime public transport is good by train and bus from Bristol to Torquay. Lynne helps with this but she needs to have your full flight details first.

## Airports to avoid:

- **London Gatwick (LGW)** is less convenient transport wise - you must take the National Express bus from LGW to LHR and change for Torquay. Total journey time - about 5.5 hours.
- **Stansted (STN)** **not recommended.** The National Express Bus goes via LHR. Total journey time 7 to 8 hours approx.
- **Luton (LTN)** **not recommended.** You need a 1 hour 10 minute coach to central London or London Heathrow and then the National Express.
- **Southampton / Bournemouth Airports** **not recommended.** Although not far away from Torquay the public transport links aren't good.

**Prices correct at October 2011 but may be subject to change if fuel prices increase**

Below you can find a comprehensive list of destinations that fly in to our local airports of Exeter and Bristol. This list is subject to change, so please check with the airline website for up to the minute information: [www.easyjet.com](http://www.easyjet.com) [www.ryanair.com](http://www.ryanair.com) [www.flybe.com](http://www.flybe.com) [www.ryanair.com](http://www.ryanair.com) [www.brusselsairlines.com](http://www.brusselsairlines.com) [www.airfrance.com](http://www.airfrance.com) [www.olt.de](http://www.olt.de) [www.klm.com](http://www.klm.com)

### **Bristol Airport**

AUSTRIA (Winter Only)

Innsbruck - Easyjet

Salzberg - Easyjet

### **BELGIUM:**

Brussels - Brussels Airlines

### **CZECH REPUBLIC:**

Prague - Easyjet

### **FRANCE:**

Bergerac - Ryanair (summer only)

Beziers - Ryanair

Bordeaux - Easyjet (summer only)

Dinard - Ryanair (summer only)

Grenoble - Easyjet (winter only)

La Rochelle - Easyjet (summer only)

Limoges - Ryanair (summer only)

Lyon - Easyjet (winter only)

Marseilles - Easyjet (summer only)

Nice - Easyjet

Paris - Flybe/Airfrance/Easyjet

Toulouse - Easyjet

### **GERMANY:**

Berlin - Easyjet

Bremen - OLT

### **HUNGARY**

Budapest - Ryanair

### **ITALY:**

Milan - Ryanair

Olbia (Sardinia) - Easyjet (summer only)

Pisa - Easyjet

Rome - Easyjet

Venice - Ryanair

### **LATVIA:**

Riga - Ryanair (summer only)

### **LITHUANIA:**

Kaunas - Ryanair

### **NETHERLANDS:**

Amsterdam - KLM/Easyjet/

Airfrance

### **POLAND:**

Gdansk - Ryanair

Krakow - Easyjet

Ludz - Ryanair

Poznan - Ryanair

Rzeszow - Ryanair (summer only)

Wroclaw - Ryanair

### **PORTUGAL:**

Faro - Easyjet/Ryanair

Funchal (Madeira) - Easyjet

Lisbon - Easyjet

### **SLOVAKIA:**

Bratislava

### **SPAIN:**

Alicante - Easyjet/Ryanair

Barcelona - Easyjet

Gerona - Ryanair (summer only)

Ibiza - Easyjet/Ryanair (summer only)

Madrid - Easyjet

Malaga - Easyjet/Ryanair

Murcia - Easyjet

Palma de Majorca - Easyjet/

Ryanair

Reus - Ryanair (summer only)

Seville - Ryanair

Valencia - Ryanair

### **SWITZERLAND:**

Geneva - Easyjet

### **Exeter Airport**

AUSTRIA (winter only)

Salzberg - Flybe

### **FRANCE**

Avignon - Flybe (summer only)

Bergerac - Flybe

Chambery - Flybe (winter only)

Paris - Flybe

Rennes - Flybe

### **GERMANY**

Dusseldorf - Flybe (summer only)

Hannover -

### **NETHERLANDS**

Amsterdam - Flybe

### **PORTUGAL**

Faro - Flybe

### **SPAIN**

Alicante - Flybe

Palma de Majorca - Flybe (summer only)

Malaga - Flybe

### **SWITZERLAND (winter only)**

Geneva - Flybe

- **BY TRAIN from London to Torquay.** From LHR take the Heathrow

Express to London Paddington (leaves every 15 minutes and takes 15 mins.) There are trains leaving every 1 or 2 hours to Torquay (you may have to change at Newton Abbot - 5 miles from Torquay). You don't have to book in advance but if you book 2 to 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 to 3.5 hours. London Stansted and London Gatwick by train is more complicated - please ask us for advice.

- **Private Airport Taxi Transfer.** 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 as the total cost can be shared. The service is available from anywhere in Britain - ask Lynne [lynne@tisenglish.co.uk](mailto:lynne@tisenglish.co.uk) - it will always be cheaper if you book the taxi in advance through the TIS office.
- **Airport Meet & 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 £65.
- **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 £50 each way if booked through TIS. **Driving times** from South and South East seaports are as follows: Portsmouth 3 hrs / Weymouth 2

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- **NATIONAL EXPRESS COACH** from LHR, LGW and other airports to Torquay.
- The National Express have a number of services - you can see timetables and fares below.
- We strongly recommend that tickets and seat reservations are booked in advance, especially in June, July and August.
- Advance Reservations can be made through the TIS office [lynne@tisenglish.co.uk](mailto:lynne@tisenglish.co.uk) or call us +44 1803 295576.  
**We charge a booking fee of £11 to cover administration costs.**
- It is cheaper to book your own ticket from [www.nationalexpress.com](http://www.nationalexpress.com) - you pay this with your credit card.
- Clients with an open return ticket should reserve their return journey as soon as possible at the TIS Office.
- Amendments to tickets cost £5.

## National Express Coach Timetable 2012 to March 2013.

This timetable is valid until March 2013, but please check the downloads page of our website for any changes: [www.tisenglish.co.uk/downloads](http://www.tisenglish.co.uk/downloads). The 2012/2013 will be almost identical.

London Victoria Station (LV) - Gatwick (LGW) - Stansted - Heathrow (LHR) - Torquay								Torquay - Heathrow - Gatwick - Stansted - London Victoria Station							
Service Number	501	501	501	501	501	501	404	Service Number	404	501	501	501	501	501	501
	Daily	Daily	Daily	Daily	Daily	Daily	Daily		Daily	Daily	Daily	Daily	Daily	Daily	Daily
London Victoria	07.45	10.30	12.30	14.30	16.30	19.00	23.00	Torquay Bus Station	00.15	05.35b	07.10b	09.35	11.35	13.45	16.50
LGW Sth Terminal* Change at LHR for Torquay	06.50	09.20	11.35	13.05	15.35	17.40	21.50	LHR Central Bus Station*	05.30	09.55	11.50	14.20	16.15	18.50	21.35
Stansted Airport	06.05	09.10	11.10	13.10	15.10	17.30	20.40	LGW **Sth Terminal	07.20	12.05	13.50	16.05	18.05	20.40	23.55
LHR Central Bus Station	08.40	11.25	13.20	15.20	17.25a	19.50	23.40	Stansted Airport	08.25	13.00	15.00	17.00	19.00	21.00	23.35
Torquay Bus Station	13.30	16.20c	17.40	19.50	21.35a	23.59	04.55	London Victoria	06.20	10.55	12.50	15.20	17.15	19.50	22.20

\*Change at Heathrow for Gatwick. \*\*Arrives 5 or 10 minutes earlier at Gatwick North Terminal. a - service operates 15 minutes later Monday to Friday (excluding bank holidays). b - service operates 15 minutes earlier Monday to Friday (excluding bank holidays). c - arrives 15 minutes earlier from 8th July until 4th September

FARES—London Victoria Coach Station, London Heathrow and London Gatwick Airports. <i>Please note these prices are subject to change.</i>	Single	Standard Return	Open Return
Heathrow Airport to Torquay & London Victoria (Central London) to Torquay	£29.30	£51.20	£56.20
Gatwick Airport to Torquay	£35.70	£56.40	£61.00
Stansted Airport to Torquay	£39.30	£68.20	£73.20
Luton Airport to Torquay	£36.90	£57.50	£61.50

- **GETTING TO YOUR ACCOMMODATION.** *Whatever accommodation you are in, please notify your host family or accommodation provider of your arrival details well in advance to ensure that someone is available to greet you.*

**Homestay** hosts will meet students at the railway or coach station in Torquay **BUT only if they have been notified of the arrival time.** It is absolutely essential that Homestay providers have all arrival details as far in advance as possible. **This is the only way to guarantee that there will be someone at the accommodation.** There are always taxis at both stations although you may have to wait a few minutes.

**Club TIS hotel clients** must notify us as early as possible of their arrival time and will be met at the Coach or Railway Station. Club TIS is not manned 24 hours so if we don't know the arrival time there might not be someone there when clients arrive.

**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.

**ASK US!** Lynne our administration manager knows all that there is to know about travel within the UK. We can advise you and book tickets for you, just email [lynne@tisenglish.co.uk](mailto:lynne@tisenglish.co.uk) with your full flight details. Subject to £11 booking fee.

**USEFUL TRANSPORT WEBSITES:** [www.brittany-ferries.com](http://www.brittany-ferries.com); [www.nationalexpress.com](http://www.nationalexpress.com); [www.exeter-airport.co.uk](http://www.exeter-airport.co.uk); [www.heathrowairport.com](http://www.heathrowairport.com); [www.heathrowexpress.com](http://www.heathrowexpress.com); [www.stanstedexpress.com](http://www.stanstedexpress.com); [www.gatwickexpress.com](http://www.gatwickexpress.com); [www.stanstedairport.com](http://www.stanstedairport.com); [www.plymouthcity.co.uk/airport](http://www.plymouthcity.co.uk/airport); [www.bristolairport.co.uk](http://www.bristolairport.co.uk); [www.eurostar.com](http://www.eurostar.com); [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk);

