



# Doctors Academy Educational Courses and Events

Travelling to  
Manchester

# Getting to Manchester

Located in the northwest of England, Manchester is a highly accessible city with an excellent travel and transport infrastructure. Benefiting from connections with a number of significant motorways, the city is easily reached by road, either by private car or by one of the many bus or coach routes serving it. Trains connect with Manchester from an extensive number of UK destinations including regular services to and from the capital. Travelling by rail is the fastest option for connecting with the city centre from the airport.

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## By car

The M6 is the main motorway providing access to Manchester if you are travelling from destinations north of the city, such as Scotland and Carlisle. From London and the south, the M1 is the main route to the north, while from Norwich and destinations east, you can take the A47 and the A1 to Nottingham before joining the M1 and following signs for Manchester. Finally, from Liverpool and destinations west of Manchester, take the M56 motorway, following the signs for Manchester.

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## By rail

Manchester Piccadilly is the main train station serving the city centre, although limited services are also available from Victoria Station, located on the opposite side of the city. From Piccadilly, connections are available to a large number of UK cities, with regular services to and from London Euston throughout the day. Virgin Rail operates the Euston to Piccadilly service and the journey time is 2 hours, 40 minutes, with some weekend services taking longer. Rail services also run between Manchester Airport and Piccadilly Station, with up to six trains per hour during the day (four on Sundays). Journey time between the airport and Piccadilly is 15 to 20 minutes.

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## By bus

Manchester's main bus station is situated in the heart of the city at Piccadilly, adjacent to the gardens. Bus services operate between the station and a vast number of destinations in the Manchester and Greater Manchester areas. Additionally, the coach station situated on Chorlton street, just a few minutes walk from the bus station, is served by National Express coaches and several regional operators who provide nationwide and regional connections. National Express operates a night service between Manchester and London, with a journey time of 6 hours.

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## By air

Manchester International Airport is located south of the city and is a busy facility providing connections with a vast number of national, European and transatlantic destinations. Transport options between the airport and the city are plentiful and include trains, buses and taxis. The airport has a number of on-site car hire dealerships for those wishing to arrange their own transportation.

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## Manchester International Airport

Manchester International Airport is one of the busiest airports in Britain, providing an essential gateway into and out of the north of England. There are three terminals, which are housed in a single building and are connected by a moving walkway, known as the Skylink. All three terminals provide both domestic and international services, with no particular distinction between them other than the airlines that operate from each terminal. There are regular flights to London throughout the day with a number of carriers as well as extensive connections with EU destinations. Asia, Australasia, Africa and the Americas are also well served by regular flights. Extensive passenger facilities can be found in all three terminals and include ATMs and bureaux de change.

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## Transportation from Manchester International Airport

Trains run up to six times every hour between the airport and Manchester Piccadilly Station and connect in under 20 minutes. Meanwhile, buses start in the early morning and conclude late at night, with most services operating every 30 minutes. Bus services are provided by Stagecoach Manchester, Trent and Arriva North West, and they connect with the city centre as well as a variety of destinations in the Greater Manchester area.

Taxi ranks can be found outside the Arrivals areas of all three terminals. Taxi journeys are charged by meter. Taxi drivers in England rarely speak foreign languages, so foreign passengers should keep a phrase book handy if their English is not fluent.





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