

By Air

When booking your flights we recommend flying into Birmingham Airport (BHX)* as this is the easiest route to Gloucester.

However if this is not possible then Bristol Airport (BRS) or London Heathrow (LHR), London Gatwick (LGW) and London Stansted (STN) all offer good services to Gloucester.

Tickets for onward travel are readily available.

**There is a free shuttle service (Air-Rail link) connecting Birmingham Airport and Train Station located on the first floor. You can buy the train ticket to Gloucester at the train station.*

By Coach (Bus)¹ (National Express)

Travelling by coach is the preferred option as it is usually the cheapest and easiest option; there will often be additional special offers if booking in advance.²

Travel from Birmingham and Bristol Airport to Gloucester by bus both cost around £15 and take about 2 ½ hours. Travel from London based airports can vary from 2 ½ to 5 hours and should cost around £25.

There are good connecting services with coach services available from almost all major UK airports however some may require a change midway.

¹There is often a limit of two 23kg bags per person on coaches and there is an additional charge for any additional baggage.

²Visit the National Express website for more information: www.nationalexpress.co.uk

Onward Travel by Rail¹ (National Rail)

In the UK, travelling by rail is a sometimes quicker but often more expensive option though if you book in advance it may be possible to get a good deal.

Birmingham² and Bristol Airports: Journey time to Gloucester is around one to two hours. Single tickets from Bristol (including connecting bus service) start at £15 and single tickets from Birmingham start from £22.

Travel from London based airports² (LHR, LGW, STN) can take from three to five hours to reach Gloucester and prices start from around £25 single. You may have to travel on a bus for part of this journey.

¹Visit the National Rail website for more information: www.nationalrail.co.uk

²These routes may involve changing trains.

Arriving at Redcliffe from Gloucester Coach and Rail Stations

Gloucester coach and rail stations are situated together in the city centre and are around 20 minute walk from Redcliffe College.

The quickest and easiest way is by taxi, prices will but will usually start from around £5. You can pre-book your taxi by calling A2B Taxi's on (+44) 01452 222 222 and by telling them you want to go to Redcliffe College in Cathedral Close.

To walk to Redcliffe College:

- From the train station turn right onto Bruton Way (from the coach/bus station turn left).
- Head towards the junction with London Road (traffic lights). Turn left onto Northgate Street.
- Walk up until you reach St John's Lane on your right, and head underneath the canopy to the right of the Osteopath's, to Cathedral Walk.
- Turn left in front of the Cathedral and the Redcliffe Office is in the far corner at the opposite side of the Quad.

Arriving at your accommodation

If you are not coming straight to the College, but rather are going to your accommodation first, please contact Marge Ingram, Hospitality and Accommodation Manager (mingram@redcliffe.ac.uk)

If Redcliffe has arranged accommodation on your behalf, Marge will then give you details of who will be meeting you and where.

If you have arranged your own accommodation, please let us know where you are staying and your expected time of arrival. You are responsible for finding your own way to your accommodation – see the information about taxis above.

Other information

The OSCAR website, www.oscar.org.uk, has a host of useful information including addresses for accommodation in London, contacts for renting a car from Christian organisations and travel and transport in general.

As a rule we do not arrange to pick-up students from airports, but if you find that all your plans have fallen through when you arrive please call us on 01452 308097 (available Monday to Friday 9:00-5:30pm) and we can see what we can do to help you.

Finally, it is important that you let us know when you are intending to arrive in the UK, at which airport, and whether you will be travelling by coach or rail. We can then be ready and waiting to give you a warm welcome and a cup of tea!