

Travel Guide

Polkadot Academy

How to use:

You will find three types of information regarding your trip to the Polkadot Academy, in Cambridge:

1. Travelling to Cambridge from all London airports
2. Travelling to Cambridge from London main train stations (Kings Cross, St. Pancras)
3. Getting to your accommodation once you've arrived in Cambridge (either Turing Locke or Corpus Christi College)

Useful links (public transport):

[National Rail Services](#)

[National Express Coaches](#)

Useful applications during your trip:

[Omio](#) (available real-time travel options for all means of transport)

[Citymapper](#) (map with great travel recommendations, works offline and in other cities too!)

[Rome2Rio](#) (thousands of multi-modal routes to easily get you from A to B)

Uber for [Android](#) and [iOS](#)

AIRPORTS

From all London airports you have several options to choose from:

From Heathrow:

1. Take a [National Express](#) coach from Heathrow **direct to Cambridge**. This will take you to Cambridge [city centre](#).
2. Take the [Heathrow Express](#) to London Paddington, then take the [London Underground](#) ("tube") to London Kings Cross. You will need a Circle Line or Hammersmith and City train going Eastbound. From London Kings Cross, take a train to Cambridge.
Hint: The Heathrow Express is quicker into central London than taking the tube all the way, but does involve more changes.

3. Take the [London Underground](#) ("tube") from Heathrow to London Kings Cross. You will need a Piccadilly line train going Eastbound. From London Kings Cross, take a train to Cambridge.

From Stansted:

1. Stansted Airport is the closest airport to Cambridge with a **direct train**. Stansted Train Station is only a 2-5 minute walk from the airport, easily accessible. You can take any [trains](#) to Cambridge operated by Greater Anglia and CrossCountry.
2. Take a [National Express](#) coach from Stansted **direct to Cambridge**. Every coach leaves directly from the airport several times a day.

From Gatwick:

1. Take a [National Express](#) coach from Gatwick to Cambridge. You will need to change at Stansted Airport / Heathrow Airport - from there the coach will take you direct to [Cambridge city centre](#).
2. Take the [train](#) to London Victoria, then take the [London Underground](#) ("tube") to London Kings Cross. You will need a Victoria Line or train going Northbound. From London Kings Cross, take the [train](#) to Cambridge.
3. Take the [train](#) to London St Pancras, cross the road to London King's Cross and take the train to Cambridge.

From Luton:

1. Go to the Airport Bus Station (5 min walk from the airport) and take any bus lines (most likely 888 towards Vauxhall) to the Luton Airport Parkway Rail Station. Take a [train](#) to London St .Pancras, cross the road to London King's Cross and take the train to Cambridge.
2. Take line 100 bus from the Airport Bus Station to Hitchin station where you can take the train to Cambridge.
3. Take a [National Express](#) coach from the airport. You will need to change at Stansted Airport - from there the coach will take you direct to [Cambridge city centre](#).

TRAIN STATIONS

Kings Cross: it takes approximately 1 hour to get to Cambridge from Kings Cross train station. As there are around 100 trains/day to Cambridge, it is fairly easy to pick one once you've arrived. Please check the most suitable one prior to your trip [here](#).

London St. Pancras International: it takes approximately 1-1,5 hours from St.Pancras to get to Cambridge, most of the trains are direct ones, but there are also lines where you need to change. There are around 30 trains/day heading to Cambridge from St Pancras, we recommend checking the most suitable one prior to your trip [here](#).

Hints:

- There are fewer trains on Sundays and buses may replace trains if there is scheduled construction work. Please use the links provided above to check timetables.
- Bear in mind that we are currently witnessing random changes, delays and cancellations in the aviation industry. Thus we highly recommend booking tickets with flex rates that can be easily adjusted to your departure time in case of any changes.
- National Express cheap tickets are not changeable or refundable
- You can also buy your ticket on spot at the station - it might cost more but it is also risk-free.

Approximate costs:

Bus:

Heathrow - Cambridge from £17

Luton - Cambridge from £20

Gatwick - Cambridge from £25 to £60

Stansted- Cambridge from £5.5

London Underground: different fares according to zones and times [can be found here](#)

Train

Kings Cross - Cambridge from £19.50

St. Pancras - Cambridge from £17.10

Welcome to Cambridge!

Guide to get to your accommodation:

Corpus Christi College

Trumpington Street, Cambridge, CB2 1RH

From the train station: The main station is approximately 1,5 km away from the College (20 min walk). You can also access it by bus - once at the bus stop of the train station (turn left when you walk out from the railway station), several buses are heading to the city centre (like PR4, A, 3, 1.) You will need to get off either of the following stops:

- Drummer Street
- Emmanuel Street
- St Andrew's Street.

You can also take the 'U' [Universal Bus](#) from the station to the city centre, fairly close to the College. You should take off at 'Cambridge City Centre'.

Turing Locke

47 Eddington Ave, Cambridge CB3 1SE

From the train station: it would take approximately 30 min to get to the Turing Locke by bus. You can hop on the university 'U' Universal Bus which provides services from the station to Eddington.

From Turing Locke to the University: you can use the 'U' Universal bus again that is running every 15 min from Monday to Friday (less frequent during weekends).

Of course you can always use Uber or taxi, there is a taxi rank outside the train station.

Costs:

- Universal Bus standard journey fare is £2.2 (discounts are available with University Student/Staff card)
- Local bus services: single journey tickets from £1 to £3

Extra hints:

Get access to real time-bus information while in Cambridge: you can create your own panel of tailored information about all stops and routes you use frequently by creating a smartpanel. For more information, visit the [Smart Cambridge website](#).