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Preparing for Exeter: Planning your travel

Meet the Transition and Integration Team

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Over 20 years experience welcoming and working
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Meet the International Student Support Team



- Advising students before, during and after their studies
- Trained immigration advisers
- Experts on the Student visa route
- Free service!



Preparing for Exeter webinars



Topic	Dates
Planning your travel to our campuses	11 and 18 June
Q&A's for parents and carers of students	21 and 27 June
Getting to know your campus (Exeter)	9 and 22 July
Getting to know your campus (Penryn)	8 and 22 July
What's it like to study at University of Exeter	6 and 13 August
Travelling and what to pack	23 and 29 August
Your first week and tips for settling in	3 and 9 September

Click here to book onto a webinar

<https://www.exeter.ac.uk/students/international/accessourservice/onlineevents/>

Travelling to Exeter and Penryn



University Airport Collection Service

Dates	Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 September 2024
Where	Heathrow Airport, Terminal 5
Time	Exeter: 9am, 10.30am, 12 noon, 1.30pm and 2pm both days Penryn: 11am both days
Cost	£50 per seat
Who	Everyone, including family members. No babies. No shared seats.
Destination	Direct transfer to Exeter and Penryn main campuses with free onward transport available to your accommodation (if locally based).
Tickets	Bookings taken first come, first served. Booking open early July 2024 www.exeter.ac.uk/internationalstudents/newstudents/airportcollectionservice

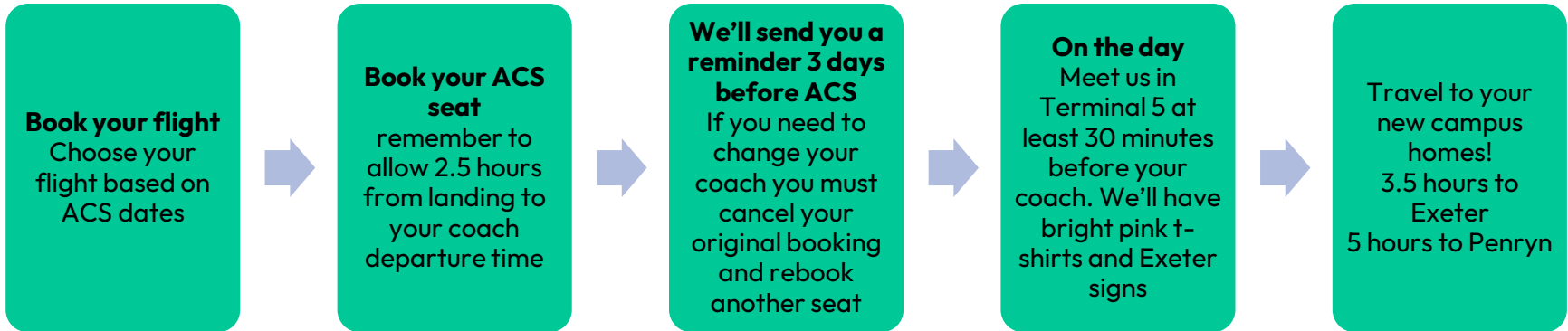


University Airport Collection Service

Approximate cost £50

Travelling time 3.5 hours, 5 hours Penryn

More information: [International Students' Guide](#)



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Travelling By Train: Exeter

Approximate cost £100 (all train tickets and taxi fare)
Travelling time 3 hours
More information: [International Students' Guide](#)



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Travelling By Coach: Exeter

Approximate cost £50 (tickets and taxi fare)

Travelling time 5 hours

More information: [International Students' Guide](#)



Heathrow Airport

From airport terminal find the National express coach stop (Terminal 5: stops 13-16, Terminal 2 and 3: central bus station)



National Express
Board the National Express to Exeter Sidwell Street (City Centre)



Taxi

Call a taxi from the coach station (Apple Taxi's 01392 666666) to your accommodation or key collection point



Get your key and move in!



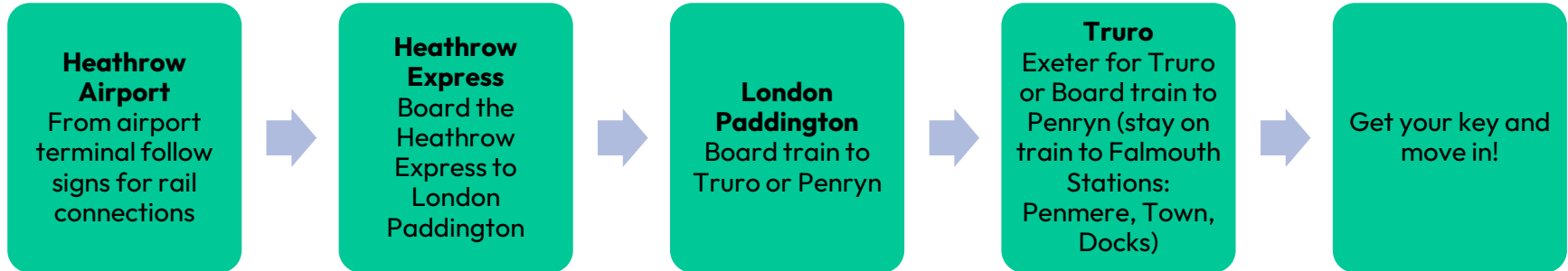
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Travelling By Train: Cornwall

Approximate cost £210 (all train tickets and taxi fare)

Travelling time 7 hours

More information: [International Students' Guide](#)



Travelling By Coach: Cornwall

Approximate cost £60 (tickets and taxi fare)

Travelling time 9 hours

More information: [International Students' Guide](#)



Heathrow Airport

From airport terminal find the National express coach stop (Terminal 5: stops 13-16, Terminal 2 and 3: central bus station)



National Express

Board the National Express to Truro, Penryn or Falmouth (research your required stop)



Taxi

Call a taxi from the coach station to your accommodation/key collection point. Coach station staff can help with this.



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Private Taxi hire: both campuses

- Extremely expensive:
starting at £250 to Exeter for a single saloon car, 3 pieces of luggage
£350 for a people carrier, 2 people with 5 standard suitcases between them.
starting at £400 to Penryn for a single saloon car, 3 pieces of luggage
£550 for a people carrier, 2 people with 5 standard suitcases between them.
- DO NOT take a black taxi cab direct from Heathrow. ONLY use pre booked private taxis.
- May charge you extra waiting time if your flight delayed or if you are held up at customs/baggage.





What to pack: Hand luggage

- Passport
- Cash card/credit card
- Some UK currency
- Mobile phone, laptop, chargers/cables
- Folder of printed important documents (offer letter, visa documents, medical documents, Exeter accommodation info, important telephone numbers)
- Prescription medication
- A warm jumper/scarf/umbrella
- Water, small snacks for your first night (if arriving late)



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What to pack: Suitcase

Considerations:

- How much will your airline allow you to bring?
- How much can you carry yourself?

- Please make sure your suitcase is travel worthy!

University accommodation

Read university [accommodation moving in information](#) and [New Arrivals Guide](#)



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What to pack: self catered accommodation

Self Catered: Bring

- Photocopies of your important documents
- Warm clothes
- Wet weather clothes (ie. coat, shoes)
- A smart outfit (formal dinner, interview)
- First night toiletries
- UK plug adaptors, extra charging equipment

Uni has a Re-use Scheme where you can buy kitchen ware for a fraction of the price!



Self Catered: Buy on arrival?

- Bedding (duvet, sheets, pillow etc)
- Towels, toiletries, coathangers
- Extension leads
- Kitchen stuff: plate, bowl, mug, cutlery, Pots, pans, cutlery ([Uni Kit Out](#)? 10% discount with EXETER10)
- Food storage containers, cling film
- Food!
- Cleaning products and cloths
- Laundry basket/laundry powder or detergent
- Toilet roll
- Rice cooker?

What to pack: catered accommodation

Catered: Bring

- Photocopies of your important documents
- Warm clothes
- Wet weather clothes (ie. coat, shoes)
- A smart outfit (formal dinner, interview)
- First night toiletries
- UK plug adaptors, extra charging equipment

Catered: Buy on arrival?

- Bedding (duvet, sheets, pillow etc)
- Towels, toiletries, coathangers
- Extension leads
- ~~Kitchen stuff: plate, bowl, mug, cutlery, Pots, pans, cutlery (Uni Kit Out? 10% discount with EXETER10)~~
- ~~Food storage containers, cling film~~
- ~~Food!~~
- Cleaning products and cloths
- Laundry basket/laundry powder or detergent
- Toilet roll
- ~~Rice-cooker?~~



Where to buy things in Exeter

Home wares (bedding, kitchen equipment)

- Ikea (trips to local Ikea in International Welcome Programme or catch the bus)
- Larger budget stores supermarkets in Exeter city – Sainsbury's, Wilco, Primark
- More expensive stores – John Lewis

Food/cleaning products

- Food – Sainsburys, Tesco local, Co-op, specialist international supermarkets
- Cleaning products – May be cheaper at Wilco, Poundland

Where to buy things (continued)

Clothing (general)

- Expensive – John Lewis
- Mid range – Zara, Next, Marks and Spencer,
- Budget – H&M, Primark, larger supermarkets, charity shops
- Outdoor gear specialists – Millets, Blacks, JD Sports

Electronics

- SIM cards – get your free UK SIM card from us! You will need a UK SIM card for Health Centre, Uber etc
most mobile companies on High Street, larger supermarkets.
- Other electronics – larger supermarkets, John Lewis



Welcome Week

16 – 22 September 2024

- **Academic induction sessions:**
meet your tutors and your classmates
- **International Welcome Programme:**
campus and city tours, workshops, social events with our International Student Ambassadors there to answer all your questions
- **Social events:**
over 700 social events with our student led societies and sports teams to join in. Something for everyone.



Supporting your university life

- **Intercultural Cafe:**
meet new friends at our free weekly cafes
- **Global Chums:**
6 week mentoring programme to help settle in
- **Cultural Events on campus:**
Diwali, Christmas, Spring Festival, Ramadan,
Cultural Festival. We're here celebrating it all with
you!
- **Your International News:**
Our monthly newsletter just for you



Resources

- Planning your travel webpages: www.exeter.ac.uk/students/international/newstudents/planningyourtraveltouniversity
- International Students Guide 2024: www.exeter.ac.uk/students/international/newstudents/beforeyouarrive
- Before you arrive website: www.exeter.ac.uk/students/international/newstudents/beforeyouarrive
- Airport Collection Service: www.exeter.ac.uk/students/international/newstudents/airportcollectionservice
- Heathrow Express: www.heathrowexpress.com
- Trainline: www.thetrainline.com
- National Express: www.nationalexpress.com/en



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