

IEEE ICC 2015 Travel Instructions from London Airports and the “Eurostar” Terminus

This document gives precise instructions for travel from various London airports to the venue, hence the hotels nearby. It is highly recommended that you use the “Journey Planner” at the following link to obtain instructions prior to your travel, based on your anticipated arrival time:

<http://www.tfl.gov.uk/plan-a-journey/>. However, if you don’t have access to that, you may use the following instructions.

First things first: **We suggest you obtain an Oyster Card at the earliest opportunity.** You can obtain an Oyster Card at any manned London Underground station (requires payment of a refundable deposit). The Oyster Card will drastically reduce the cost of travel on London’s transport (Underground, Buses, DLR, and Overground—but not national rail journeys). You can alternatively arrange for an Oyster Card to be shipped to your address in advance of the event, using the following link: <http://www.tfl.gov.uk/travel-information/visiting-london/visitor-oyster-card>.

1) Arriving at Heathrow Airport (journey time approx. 1 hour 15 minutes)

1. Follow signs to the London Underground station. We suggest that you obtain an Oyster Card here.
2. Take the Piccadilly Line and get off the train at Green Park station.
3. Change on to the Jubilee Line towards Stratford, and get off the train at Canning Town station.
4. Take the DLR from Canning Town station towards Beckton, and get off the train either at Prince Regent station or Custom House station. It is noted that the conference venue is closest to Prince Regent station, however, many of the conference hotels (although not all!) are closer to Custom House station.

Note that there are options for travelling in to London via Heathrow Express. However, we would like to inform you that the Heathrow Express is: (i) expensive, and (ii) terminates at a main line station on the wrong side of Central London, meaning that you will not save much time compared with taking the London Underground/DLR all the way from Heathrow.

2) Arriving at Gatwick Airport (journey time approx. 1 hour, depending on option taken)

There are many good transport options, so we recommend using the Journey Planner mentioned above and planning a particular route based on your anticipated arrival time. Alternatively, one favoured option is as follows.

1. Walk to the Gatwick Airport train station, and take a Thameslink train to London Bridge station.
2. Transfer to the London Underground, and obtain an Oyster Card here. Take a Jubilee Line train towards Stratford. Get off the train at Canning Town station.
3. Take the DLR from Canning Town station towards Beckton, and get off the train either at Prince Regent station or Custom House station. It is noted that the conference venue is closest to Prince Regent station, however, many of the conference hotels (although not all!) are closer to Custom House station.

If you are instead planning to travel in to Victoria station, we would recommend against using the “Gatwick Express”. This is because it is: (i) expensive, and (ii) only saves some 5-10 minutes compared with local trains. We would recommend taking a Southern Train instead.

3) Arriving at Stansted Airport (journey time approx. 1 hour 20 minutes)

There are various good transport options, so we recommend using the Journey Planner mentioned above and planning a particular route based on your anticipated arrival time. Alternatively, one favoured option is as follows.

Walk to the Stansted Airport train station.

1. Take a Greater Anglia train to London Liverpool Street station.
2. Transfer to the London Underground and obtain an Oyster Card. Take a Central Line train towards either Epping, Hainault or Loughton. Get off the train at Stratford station.
3. Take a Jubilee Line train towards Stanmore or Wembley Park. Get off the train at Canning Town station.
4. Take the DLR from Canning Town station towards Beckton, and get off the train either at Prince Regent station or Custom House station. It is noted that the conference venue is closest to Prince Regent station, however, many of the conference hotels (although not all!) are closer to Custom House station.

4) Arriving at London City Airport (journey time approx. 15-20 minutes)

Walk to the DLR station.

1. Take the DLR westbound and get off at Canning Town station.
2. Take the DLR from Canning Town station towards Beckton, and get off the train either at Prince Regent station or Custom House station. It is noted that the conference venue is closest to Prince Regent station, however, many of the conference hotels (although not all!) are closer to Custom House station.

5) Arriving at Luton Airport (journey time uncertain)

1. Suggest to take easyBus to London Liverpool Street station. Tickets can be purchased online here: <http://www.easybus.co.uk/en/>. Tickets can also be purchased at Luton Airport.
2. Walk to the Underground station. Obtain an Oyster Card. Then follow Step 2 onwards under "Arriving at Stansted Airport".

6) Arriving on Eurostar at St Pancras International from continental Europe (journey time approx. 35 minutes)

Note, we understand that if you are purchasing your Eurostar ticket from continental Europe, there is an option for including transfers to any London station within your purchase. This may enable you to use a SouthEastern HS1 train to travel from St Pancras International to Stratford International (from where you can connect to the DLR/Stratford station, then go to Canning Town via the Jubilee Line or DLR, and then follow step 3 below). The HS1 takes 5 minutes (so, is mainly dependent on the time of the next departure).

Walk to the London Underground station.

1. Buy an Oyster Card here. Take a Northern Line train southbound. Get off the train at London Bridge station.
2. Take a Jubilee Line train towards Stratford. Get off the train at Canning Town station.
3. Take the DLR from Canning Town station towards Beckton, and get off the train either at Prince Regent station or Custom House station. It is noted that the conference venue is closest to Prince Regent station, however, many of the conference hotels (although not all!) are closer to Custom House station.