

# Transportation from Heathrow Airport to Southampton

There are 3 main ways to travel from Heathrow to Southampton:

1. National Express Coaches (bus)
2. Train
3. Taxi

## *National Express Coaches (from Heathrow to Southampton)*

**Frequency:** Every 1-2 hours

**Journey Time:** A little over 2 hours

**Fare:** Single £17-18 (\$26 – \$28), Return £27-28 (\$40 - \$42)

Things to Know:

- At Heathrow and Gatwick airports, it usually takes about 45 to 75 minutes to get through customs and baggage reclaim.
- On busy cruise days from Southampton when up to 4 ships may disembark at the same time, the **buses may be sold out well in advance. We recommend you buy your tickets as soon as you know your travel details.**
- You can use your ticket on later schedules if your flight is late and you miss the bus as a result. This is subject to seat availability on the following bus.
- Your ticket guarantees you a seat, but does not reserve any particular place, so you can sit on any vacant seat when you board the coach.
- The luggage allowance: two cases per person in the hold, neither of which should weigh more than 20kg (44 lbs). In the cabin, you can take a small item of luggage like a handbag or laptop that you can put under a seat or keep on your lap.
- **IMPORTANT:** When you book National Express online, select Southampton Coach Station as your destination. The coaches leave from terminals 1, 3, 4, and 5.
- Upon arrival at the Southampton Coach Station, you are within walking distance to both the Grand Harbour Hotel (about 10-12 minutes) and the Port of Southampton (about 20-25 minutes). However, depending upon luggage and time constraints, you might prefer to take a taxi.

<http://www.nationalexpress.com/home.aspx>

## *Trains to Southampton*

**From Heathrow Airport:** When purchasing tickets online, please select FROM “Heathrow Rail [All Stations]” and TO “Southampton Central [SOU].” Pay attention to which terminal your train is leaving from; it will be more convenient to match it to the terminal that your plane arrives into.

**Frequency:** Around every half hour from various terminals

**Journey time:** 2 – 2.5 hours

**Fare:** Single £30 - £70 (\$45 - \$106), Return £45 - £90 (\$68 - \$136)

**If you are traveling from Gatwick Airport:** When purchasing tickets online, please select FROM “Gatwick Airport [GTW]” and TO “Southampton Central [SOU].”

**Frequency:** Around every half hour

**Journey time:** 1.5 – 2 hours

**Fare:** Single £10 - £33 (\$15 - \$50), Return £25 - £70 (\$38 - \$106)

**If you are already in London:** Trains leave regularly for Southampton from Waterloo Station in London (every 15-30 minutes). When purchasing tickets online, please select FROM “London Waterloo [WAT] and TO “Southampton Central [SOU].”

Things to know:

- At Heathrow and Gatwick airports, it usually takes about 45 to 75 minutes to get through customs and baggage reclaim.
- Customers may take up to 3 items of personal luggage free of charge; this includes two large items (such as suitcases or backpacks) and one item of smaller hand luggage (such as a briefcase).
- Upon arrival at Southampton Central Railway Station, you are within walking distance of the Grand Harbour hotel (10 – 12 minutes) or if you prefer, taxis are available at the station. If heading straight to the port, we recommend you take a taxi.

Visit the national rail website at <http://www.nationalrail.co.uk/default.aspx> to purchase train tickets online from Heathrow or Gatwick airports to Southampton.

### *Taxis from Heathrow to Southampton*

#### **From Heathrow Airport:**

Sedan: £149 (\$226)

Minivan: £189 (\$287)

Large Minivan: £199 (\$302)

<http://www.adlg.co.uk/heathrow.htm>

- Please note that all airport pick ups add an extra £5.00 (includes meet and greet, car parking cost, and 45 minutes waiting time).

#### **From Gatwick Airport:**

Sedan: £159 (\$242)

Minivan: £209 (\$318)

Large Minivan: £219 (\$333)

<http://www.adlg.co.uk/gatwick.htm>

- Please note that all airport pick ups add an extra £8.00 (includes meet and greet, car parking cost, and 40 minutes waiting time).