Getting to Guilford House from Heathrow Airport

Guilford House Address

Guilford House
74-76 Guilford Street
London WC1N 1DF

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Below is a quick guide to help you find the best option. Please read on for more details.

**Black Cab**
Will have yellow ‘For Hire’ signs and do not need to be pre-booked. The fare will NOT be fixed. This is the most convenient but most expensive option. Sharing is the best option as they can take up to 5 passengers depending on the amount of luggage you have (realistically, a black cab will take two people carrying two suitcases each). Due to the expense this is NOT recommended. However, if you do wish to take one, follow the signs for ‘Taxis’ in the Arrivals Lounge.

**Private Hire/Minicab**
You MUST pre-book (see numbers below). Any private hire/minicab that is not pre-booked is illegal and unsafe. This option is convenient and cheaper than a Black Cab. Fares are fixed but will usually need to be paid in cash. Some companies charge extra for additional luggage beyond one bag.

**Hotel By Bus**
Excellent value if you are travelling from the airport by yourself, but a minicab might be cheaper if you are travelling with friends. The coach will drop off other passengers en route and there is an extra charge for each piece additional piece of luggage.

**Underground**
The cheapest option, but probably only recommended if you are travelling light and are able to move your luggage easily without assistance. Trains from Heathrow airport are on the Piccadilly line and go direct to Russell Square station, which is a short walk from the residence (see map below).

If you require urgent assistance at the airport please call freephone (from a payphone) 0800 316 0469 and select Option #2.
**Recommended Options**

**Parker Car Service: Airport Shuttle**

Park Car Services run a shuttle service for 1-3 people between any London address and Heathrow airport. This is possibly the cheapest option if you are travelling alone and do not wish to take public transportation. A single journey costs £14.50, which includes a luggage allowance of 1 suitcase and 1 piece of hand luggage (please be aware that sports equipment, heavy and bulky or excess luggage may be refused by the driver if not arranged with the company before departure). The shuttle may pick up other passengers along the route so be sure to allow time for this when booking your pick-up time slot. [http://www.parkercarservice.co.uk/static/airport_shuttle/](http://www.parkercarservice.co.uk/static/airport_shuttle/)

The closest hotel to the Guilford Street residence is the President Hotel (at Russell Square end of Guilford Street) and Royal National Hotel for Woburn Place (Opposite side of the road). Alternatively you may wish to phone the company directly and ask if they will drop you off directly at the residence.

**Travelling by Minicab/ Shared Taxi**

Private Hire/Minicabs cost around £35 - £50 from London airports and will always need to be paid in cash. Be aware that some companies charge extra for large amounts of luggage and if your flight is delayed you may be charged a waiting fee and parking charge. The following taxi companies have been used by previous students, and MUST be pre-booked to take you to a London airport:

- **Just Airports** 011-44-20-8900-1666 [www.justairports.com](http://www.justairports.com)
- **Expressways** 011-44-845-612-1212 [www.expressways.co.uk](http://www.expressways.co.uk)
- **Airport Express** 011-44-20-8599-1212 [www.airportexpresscars.com](http://www.airportexpresscars.com)
- **Meadway Cars** 011-44-20-8458-5555 [www.meadway.com](http://www.meadway.com)

If you are approached by anyone at the airport asking if you want a taxi, DO NOT take up the offer. Touting for taxi business is illegal and the drivers are often uninsured or not licensed to take passengers. If you have not followed our advice and pre-booked a taxi (and you do not wish to take public transport to the residence), you will need to take a black taxi from one of the ranks outside the Terminal.

**London Underground**

The Piccadilly Line runs direct to **Russell Square** from all Heathrow terminals. A single journey will cost £6.00. The first train from Heathrow (Terminals 1,2,3). Check for engineering works before you travel.

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**Walking Directions from Russell Square**

**For Guilford House:** Upon exiting the station, turn left and take the first left and head south down Herbrand Street. At the end of the street turn left again and head east along Guilford Street. Guilford House will be on your left.
Alternative Options

Heathrow Express

The Heathrow Express runs direct, high-speed trains to Paddington Station. The journey will take 15 minutes to Paddington station in central London from Heathrow Central (Terminals 1,2,3) and 21 minutes from Terminal 5. If you are travelling to Terminal 4 you will need to take the free shuttle train from Terminal 1,2,3 after arriving at Heathrow Central (total journey time 27-32 minutes).

Tickets cost £21.50 single (one way) when bought online. You can get a 25% discount on the full price ticket with an ISIC card (you must purchase at the ticket office). If you don’t have an ISIC card be sure to buy online or at the kiosk before you travel at [http://www.heathrowexpress.com](http://www.heathrowexpress.com) as the onboard price is £26.50!

From Paddington we recommend taking a black cab direct to Guilford House, or take the Circle, Hammersmith & City line Underground trains (from platform 16) to Russell Square and walk to the residence following the map and directions above.

National Rail

A train service (Heathrow Connect) also travels to Paddington and is a cheaper option than the Heathrow Express, but takes longer as it stops at local stations along the way. The cost of a single ticket is £10.10 and it takes 28 minutes (Terminals 1,2,3) and includes a free transfer if you arrive at terminal 4 or 5. To book tickets online, visit [https://www.heathrowconnect.com](https://www.heathrowconnect.com)

From Paddington we recommend taking a black taxi to Guilford House or take an Underground train to Russell Square.

Coach

National Express runs a coach service from Heathrow Terminals 1, 2, and 3 to Victoria Coach Station (NOT the rail & bus station). If booking online at [www.nationalexpress.com](http://www.nationalexpress.com) the cost for a single (one-way) ticket is from £6.00–£8.00 (including booking fee). The journey takes around 50 minutes. There are free transfers from Terminals 4 and 5 to get to the coach departure point.

From Victoria Coach Station we recommend taking a black cab directly to Guilford House.