

Accessibility and Travel

Portsmouth is easily accessible through national and international sea, air, rail, and road connections. Travelling around the city is very easy and most sites are in walking distance. We have an efficient public bus service and ample taxi services.

- **Getting Here**

By Sea: Access to Portsmouth by sea is through a series of ferry services

- Daily sailings to and from France: Cherbourg (car ferry or fast catamaran), Caen/Quistreham, Le Havre, St Malo
- Twice weekly service to and from Spain (Bilbao)
- Frequent daily services to and from the Isle of Wight by hovercraft, passenger catamaran, passenger/car ferry

Brittany Ferries - cross channel ferries <http://www.brittany-ferries.co.uk/>

P & O Portsmouth - cross channel ferries <http://www.poportsmouth.com/>

Wightlink - Isle of Wight ferries <http://www.wightlink.co.uk/>

Hovertravel - hovercraft to Isle of Wight <http://www.hovertravel.co.uk/>

By Air: Access to Portsmouth by air is predominantly through three airports.

Heathrow Airport is 1 hour 30 minutes away by road and offers flights from all airlines and a multitude of international destinations. Getting to Portsmouth by rail from Heathrow involves getting the London Underground to London Waterloo and then getting a direct South West train to Portsmouth city centre. There is a direct National Express coach from Heathrow Airport to the Hard Interchange in Portsmouth which is a 15 minute walk from the University of Portsmouth Guildhall campus.

Gatwick Airport is 1 hour 20 minutes away by road. It is the UK's second largest airport serving approximately 200 destinations in 90 countries. There is a direct Southern Trains service from the airport to Portsmouth as well as a direct National Express Coach service.

Southampton Airport is 30 minutes away by road and serves around 40 European destinations. There is a direct South West train service from Southampton Airport Parkway (next to the airport) to Portsmouth City Centre.

Alternatively, airport pick-ups and returns via the local taxi company are available and, at prices ranging from around £40 (Southampton airport) to £150-75 return (London airports) can often be the cheaper form of travel if two or more persons are travelling.

By Rail: Southern Trains run a service from London Victoria to Portsmouth that leaves approximately every hour and takes just over 2 hours to reach the main station for Portsmouth city centre (Portsmouth and Southsea). This service also covers the journey from Gatwick Airport to Portsmouth which takes approximately 1 hour 30 minutes.

South West Trains run a service from London Waterloo to Portsmouth that leaves every 15 minutes during peak-times and takes just over 1 hour 30 minutes to reach Portsmouth city centre.

South West Trains run a service from Southampton Airport Parkway to Portsmouth which leaves approximately every 20 minutes and takes approximately 1 hour to get to Portsmouth city centre.

There are also direct services from Bristol (2hrs), South Wales (3hrs 15mins), Bournemouth, and Brighton.

Portsmouth and Southsea Station (the main station for Portsmouth) is within 10 minutes walking distance from the Business School where the Conference will be located.

By Road: Portsmouth is connected by a motorway network (A3/M27/A36/M275/M27) that makes it easily accessible by road. Some travel times and motorway directions are listed below:

- Central London (2hrs via A3(M))
- M25 London orbital (1hr via A3(M))
- Bristol (2hrs via M27/A36) onwards to South Wales
- Birmingham (3hrs via A34/M40)
- Heathrow Airport (1hr 30 mins by road via A3(M)/M25) for all international connections
- Gatwick Airport (1hr 30 mins by road, 1hr 36 mins by rail) for international connections
- Southampton International Airport (30 mins by road via M275/M27) for regular flights to Paris, Cherbourg, the Channel Islands, Belfast, Glasgow

Driving directions to main campus

Take the M275 into Portsmouth (signed 'Portsmouth West') whether approaching from the east (A3(M)/A27) or the west (M27 Junction 12). NB if approaching from A3(M)/A27 ignore junctions signed to Southsea and Hilsea.

From the end of the M275, follow signs for 'Historic Waterfront/Seafront'. This takes you across three roundabouts to traffic lights by Unicorn Gate (entrance to the naval dockyard). These are the traffic lights at the top of the Guildhall Campus map - the route taken from here depends on your destination.

Coach Services to Portsmouth

There are regular daily direct coach services from London (for countrywide connections), Bristol (for West Country/South Wales), Birmingham (the Midlands and North), Heathrow, Gatwick and other locations. These services all call at The Hard Interchange by Portsmouth Harbour railway station. From here the Guildhall Campus is a short taxi ride or a 15 minute walk away.

National Express has more information. <http://www.nationalexpress.com/>

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Public Buses

Portsmouth and the surrounding areas are well covered by regular bus services. The main bus station is at The Hard Interchange, right on the edge of Portsmouth Harbour, where local and intercity buses operate from.

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