

Most important things to do beforehand:

1. Buy open-return train ticket from Coventry to London Euston (instructions below)
2. Fill in the Google Form: <https://forms.gle/wytzL5rBv5MXq6EY6>

Trip Description

As promised, we're going to MCM Comic Con in London on Saturday 23rd October! ~~As mentioned last week, if you want to join us, please purchase the ticket from here if you haven't already: <https://www.showelix.com/event/mcm-comic-con-london-2021/listing>. Please note as Saturday general tickets are already sold-out, you will have to buy the slightly more expensive Saturday priority tickets instead.~~

Unfortunately all tickets for Saturday are now sold-out on the official website :(

Trip Logistics:

1. Meet up on campus at the piazza (outside Rootes grocery store/SU building) at 06:45 am
2. Take the 12X bus that arrives at the university interchange at 07:15 to Coventry station
3. Take 07:48 train from Coventry Station to London Euston station, arriving at 09:25
4. We will then take the London Underground
 - a. Northern Line from Euston Station to Bank
 - b. DLR Line from Bank to Shadwell (towards Woolwich Arsenal or Lewisham)
 - c. DLR Line from Shadwell to Prince Regent Station (towards Beckton)
5. Walk to ExCeL Centre (where MCM Comic Con is held!), arriving hopefully around 10:30-10:40

The return trip will be very similar/the reverse of the above. To make sure we do not miss the last train back to Coventry though, we will need to meet-up at 18:00 ish and leave ExCeL no later than 19:00 so that there is sufficient time to get through the swarms of people that will also be leaving via the London Underground. The latest time we will get back to Coventry is estimated to be 00:13, but this can be made significantly earlier depending on if we can make it for one of the earlier trains back to Coventry.

Do not worry at all if you do not know the way as we will be travelling as a large group - we will do our best to make sure no one gets lost and to be of help if anything does unfortunately go wrong. To help us do this, **I have made a Google Form – please fill this in if you are coming so we can account for you:** <https://forms.gle/wytzL5rBv5MXq6EY6>

All aspects of the trip are drop-in/drop-out, so if you want to join/leave us at any time when we're going or leaving the venue, that is ok; let us know if you do so. Similarly, if you want to leave ExCel centre and visit London for lunch etc. you are free to do this and this has been done before. Furthermore, please **make sure you have sufficient water with you** as it can get quite stuffy and **consider bringing food** if you're not leaving ExCel Centre the whole time as food is expensive there and there's long queues.

Transport Costs of the trip:

Firstly, you will need £4 cash or contactless to pay for the bus to and from Coventry Station.

Secondly, you will need to buy a train ticket from Coventry Station to London Euston station - please do this in advance

1. Go to a website that sells train tickets like <https://www.thetrainline.com/>
2. Fill in the search info as shown here (remember to add your railcard if you have one!):

The screenshot shows the thetrainline.com search interface. At the top, the 'From' field is set to 'Coventry' and the 'To' field is set to 'London Euston'. Below these fields is a 'Via / Avoid' section with a pin icon. Underneath, there are four radio button options: 'One Way', 'Return', 'Open Return' (which is selected), and 'Seasons'. Below the radio buttons, there are two main sections: 'OUT' and 'RETURN'. The 'OUT' section has two columns: 'Today' and 'Tomorrow'. The 'Today' column shows a date of '23-Oct-21' with a dropdown arrow, a 'Leaving at' field with a dropdown arrow, and a time of '07' with a dropdown arrow. The 'Tomorrow' column shows a time of '45' with a dropdown arrow. The 'RETURN' section has two columns: 'Same day' and 'Next day'. The 'Same day' column shows a 'Leaving at' field with a dropdown arrow and a time of '00' with a dropdown arrow. The 'Next day' column shows a time of '00' with a dropdown arrow. Below these sections, there is a field for the number of passengers, currently set to '1 adult (16+)', with a dropdown arrow and the text 'Add railcards' below it. At the bottom, there is a large green button with the text 'Get times & tickets' and a right-pointing arrow.

From Coventry

To London Euston

Via / Avoid

One Way Return Open Return Seasons

OUT RETURN

Today Tomorrow Same day Next day

23-Oct-21

Leaving at

07 45

00 00

1 adult (16+)

Add railcards

Get times & tickets >

3. Click Off-Peak Return for the 7:48 train (£21.05 for those with a railcard):

OUT
Sat 23 Oct 2021
Coventry (CCV) to London Euston (EUS)

< Earlier Later >

CCV	CCV	CCV	CCV
07:48	07:51	08:31	08:48
↓	↓	↓	↓
EUS	EUS	EUS	EUS
09:25	08:57	09:36	10:25
1h 37m	1h 6m	1h 5m	1h 37m
0 changes	0 changes	0 changes	0 changes

Cheapest

Off-Peak Return Any off-peak train. Return within 1 month.	£31.90	☒	☐
Off-Peak Day Travelcard	£36.50	☐	☐

Best fares for your journey:
[+ / - 3 days](#) £7.00

TOTAL
£31.90
1 Adult

Continue >

Quick buy ticket

5.5 kg CO₂

OUT Sat 23 Oct
Coventry to London Euston
1h 37m, 0 changes

Lastly, you will need a contactless card or Oyster card to access the London Underground and DLR services - an Oyster card can be purchased for £5 from ticket machines upon arrival and will then need to be topped up.

Any further questions or things you need to tell us, please get in touch with one of the exec team! I will also be doing a **short talk regarding the trip after the Tuesday showing on 19th October** where I can answer questions.

See everyone then!
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