Travelling to the ExCeL Centre via public transport

Helpful apps:

For trains into London from the Airport – National Rail


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To pay for travel on the London Underground and DLR Network - Oyster and Apple Pay

PLEASE NOTE – Contactless bank card payment is also acceptable across the London Underground and DLR Network

- Apple Pay (iPhone only) - https://support.apple.com/en-gb/guide/iphone/iph9b7f53382/ios

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For directions across London via ANY transport - Citymapper


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For directions and live service updates on the London Underground and DLR – Tube Map


Closest train station to the ExCeL Centre: Custom House for ExCeL (DLR)

Please be aware that transport services across London will be much busier during rush hour (07:30AM – 09:00AM / 17:00 – 19:00 local time)

Taxi services are widely available from most London airports but can be very expensive.

From London Heathrow Airport

Option 1 – Heathrow Express

- Take the Heathrow Express train service to London Paddington station. From Paddington you can pay for travel using your contactless bank card or by purchasing an Oyster card from any available ticket machine or the Oyster card app.
- From Paddington, the best route through London is via the London Underground network.
- Go to the Bakerloo line platform and travel two stops southbound to Baker Street station.
- Once at Baker Street, take the Jubilee line southbound for ten stops until you reach Canning Town Station.
- From Canning Town, change to the Docklands Light Railway (DLR) and travel two stops southbound to Custom House for ExCeL (please ensure you take the service that terminates at Beckton).
Option 2 – London Underground

Taking the Underground directly means you can pay for travel using your contactless bank card, Apple Pay, or by purchasing an Oyster card from any available ticket machine or the Oyster card app.

- Take the London Underground from Heathrow (Piccadilly line) westbound into central London and change to the Central line at Holborn station.
- From Holborn, travel eastbound on the central line for 3 stops until you reach Bank station.
- Once at Bank, take the Docklands Light Railway (DLR) 7 stops to Canning Town station.
- Change at Canning Town to the DLR service that terminates at Beckton and travel two stops southbound to Custom House for ExCeL.

From London City Airport

For this journey you can pay for travel using your contactless bank card, Apple Pay, or by purchasing an Oyster card from any available ticket machine or the Oyster card app.

- Take the Docklands Light Railway (DLR) 3 stops northbound to Canning Town.
- From Canning Town, travel two stops southbound to Custom House for ExCeL (please ensure you take the service that terminates at Beckton).

From London Gatwick Airport

- Take the Gatwick Express train northbound to London Victoria station.
  From Victoria you can pay for travel using your contactless bank card, Apple Pay, or by purchasing an Oyster card from any available ticket machine or the Oyster card app.
- From Victoria, the best route through London is via the London Underground network.
- Go to the Circle/District Line platform and travel two stops eastbound to Westminster station.
- Once at Westminster, take the Jubilee line eastbound for 7 stops until you reach Canning Town station.
- From Canning Town, change to the Docklands Light Railway (DLR) service and travel two stops southbound to Custom House for ExCeL (please ensure you take the service that terminates at Beckton).

From London Stansted Airport

- Take the Stansted Express train to London Liverpool Street station.
  From Liverpool Street you can pay for travel using your contactless bank card, Apple Pay, or by purchasing an Oyster card from any available ticket machine or the Oyster card app.
- At Liverpool Street, take any National Rail or TfL train from platform 11-18 and travel 1 stop to Stratford station.
- From Stratford
  EITHER
  - Change to the Jubilee Line on the London Underground and travel two stops southbound to Canning Town Station.
  OR
  - Change to the Docklands Light Railway at Stratford and travel 5 stops southbound to Canning Town (ensure you take the service which terminates at either Woolwich Arsenal or Beckton).
- From Canning Town, take the DLR 2 stops eastbound towards Beckton, to Custom House for ExCeL.
**From London Southend Airport**

- From Southend Airport station take the Abellio Greater Anglia train 8 stops westbound to London Liverpool Street Station.  
  *From Liverpool Street you can pay for travel using your contactless bank card, Apple Pay or by purchasing an Oyster card from any available ticket machine or the Oyster card app.*
- At Liverpool Street, take any National Rail or TFL train from platform 11-18 and travel 1 stop to Stratford station.
- From Stratford
  - Either
  - Change to the Jubilee Line on the London Underground and travel two stops southbound to Canning Town Station.
  - OR
  - Change to the Docklands Light Railway at Stratford and travel 5 stops southbound to Canning Town (ensure you take the service which terminates at either Woolwich Arsenal or Beckton).
- From Canning Town, take the DLR 2 stops eastbound towards Beckton, to Custom House for ExCeL.

**From London Luton Airport**

- Take the bus from the airport to Luton Airport Parkway and take any train travelling to London St Pancras International.  
  *From St Pancras you can pay for travel using your contactless bank card, Apple Pay, or by purchasing an Oyster card from any available ticket machine or the Oyster card app.*
- From St Pancras, the best route through London is via the London Underground network.
- From King’s Cross St Pancras Underground station take the Hammersmith and City Line 10 stops westbound to West Ham.
- From West Ham take the Jubilee line 1 stop westbound to Canning Town.
- At Canning Town change to the Docklands Light Railway (DLR) and travel 2 stops eastbound to Custom House for ExCeL (ensure you are on the train that terminates at Beckton).

**From King’s Cross Station**

- Walk to the adjoining King’s Cross St Pancras Underground station and take the Hammersmith and City Line 10 stops westbound to West Ham.
- From West Ham take the Jubilee line 1 stop westbound to Canning Town.
- At Canning Town change to the Docklands Light Railway (DLR) and travel 2 stops eastbound to Custom House for ExCeL (ensure you are on the train that terminates at Beckton).