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Travelling to Plymouth

By Car:

Plymouth lies immediately to the south of the A38 trunk road into Cornwall, which skirts the northern edge of the city. Leave the A38 at the A374 exit and keep following the "City Centre" signs and then "Sea Front". Follow signs to "The Hoe". The MBA is "The Old Aquarium" building next to the Royal Citadel at the east corner of The Hoe (big green area with lighthouse) overlooking the sea. If using SatNav our postcode is PL1 2PB.

By Rail:

There are good rail connections between Plymouth and the rest of the U.K. For timetables, phone National Rail Enquiries on 08457 48 49 50 or browse the following web-site: www.thetrainline.com. If you pre-book tickets online, you *must* use the same card to pick up the tickets in a machine at the train station with which you purchased the tickets.

From the station follow pedestrian signs for the City Centre, and then The Hoe. The walk takes about 20 minutes and is partly uphill. A taxi from the station would cost you about £5-£6. Locally, the MBA is known as "The Old Aquarium" on Citadel Hill. If you want to pre-book a taxi phone 01752 222 222 or for a 'big black taxi' phone 01752 60 60 60.

By Bus:

There are bus services between Plymouth and London, connecting with major airports, as well as services to and from other parts of the country. Buses arrive in Plymouth at Bretonside Bus station; about 15 minutes walk from the MBA. For timetable and price info, have a look at www.nationalexpress.co.uk. Alternatively, you may wish to try www.megabus.com.

By Air:

If you are arriving at **Heathrow**, there is a frequent bus service between all terminals and Reading railway station, which is on the direct line from London to Plymouth. There is also the **Heathrow Express** to Paddington railway station in London where there are direct trains leaving for Plymouth <http://www.heathrowexpress.com>. A cheaper option to Heathrow Express is Heathrow Connect <https://www.heathrowconnect.com>.

If arriving at **Gatwick**, there is a train service from Gatwick to Reading to connect with the Plymouth line, or you can travel via London. This involves taking a train from Gatwick to London arriving at Victoria Station and then travelling by the Underground (Circle Line) from Victoria to Paddington main line station for trains to Plymouth. There are also bus services from Victoria Station to Plymouth (National Express). Alternatively, you can catch the National Express bus service directly from either Heathrow and Gatwick. There is also a connecting bus service if you fly into **Stansted**.

There is a train service from **Stansted** to Liverpool Station, London, from where you can catch the Circle Line Underground to Paddington Station for direct trains to Plymouth.

Alternatively, you can fly to **Exeter Airport** or **Bristol Airport**. Exeter is only an hour's drive or train journey away from Plymouth. Trains from Exeter depart from *Exeter St David's* train station. Bristol is about 2 hour's journey away.

By Sea:

Brittany Ferries operate services from Roscoff and Santander to Plymouth. For information on timetables etc visit www.brittanyferries.co.uk.