



INTERNATIONAL ENTERPRISE PROMOTION CONVENTION

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Travel Information – Issue 3

Harrogate is in Yorkshire situated about 250 miles from London - almost midway between London and Edinburgh and between Liverpool and Hull. It is easily accessible via road, rail, bus and air with regular connections from all over UK and Europe.

1. ROAD

Harrogate Town Centre is just 7 miles (11km) west of the A1(M) London-Edinburgh motorway at Junction 47. Take the A59 west near Knaresborough and enter Harrogate Town Centre on the A661 Wetherby Road. Then follow brown direction signs for Harrogate International Centre.

Harrogate is about 19 miles (30km) north of the M62 motorway. From M62 Junction 29 take the M1 north until it joins the A1(M) and then proceed northwards past Wetherby to Junction 47 and take the A59 west as above.

For local traffic, Harrogate is near the crossroads of the A61 between Leeds and Ripon and the A59 between York and Skipton.

The Harrogate International Centre is on Kings Road, just 250m east off the A61 Ripon Road at the bottom of Parliament Street, (Post Code HG1 5LA).

Maps of Harrogate Town and District are displayed on the Convention web site.

2. RAIL

By rail, Harrogate is located midway between Leeds and York, with regular commuter train services on the local line between York, Harrogate and Leeds operated by **Northern Rail**. This service has good connections with Inter City trains from across the UK at both Leeds and York.

There are two trains an hour between Harrogate and Leeds plus one an hour between Harrogate and York during most of the day, with extra services at peak times. Both journeys are about 30 minutes.

National Express (www.nationalexpresseastcoast.com) operate half-hourly train services from London Kings Cross to both Leeds and York during most of the day with a journey time of about 2 hours. National Express also operate regular services from Aberdeen, Edinburgh, Glasgow and Inverness to York. There are usually two trains an hour between Edinburgh and York.

Eurostar (www.eurostar.com) services from Brussels and Paris terminate at St Pancras which is adjacent to London Kings Cross Station.

Cross Country (www.crosscountrytrains.co.uk) trains run from the South West and South Coast of England and South Wales through the Midlands to Leeds and York and then onward to the North East and Scotland. There are usually two trains an hour between Birmingham and Leeds or York

Transpennine Express (www.tpexpress.co.uk) trains run from Liverpool and Manchester via Leeds and York to Newcastle and other towns across the North East and Yorkshire. Manchester Airport to Leeds is about 80 minutes. Change in Leeds City Station on to the Northern Line as above.

International visitors planning to use the trains to tour around the UK are recommended to purchase a **BRITRAIL** (www.britrail.com) pass before leaving your own country. Alternatively select and book advance purchase tickets for specified trains at **National Rail Enquiries** (www.nationalrail.co.uk) or telephone when in the UK 08457 48 49 50.

Transport for London (www.tfl.gov.uk) provides comprehensive information on all routes across the Greater London area – including bus, trains and underground services.

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3. BUS

Harrogate is well-served from many areas of the UK by the National Express Coach service. Visit www.nationalexpress.com for full details of direct services and connections via Leeds.

A regular Bus Service runs from Leeds Bus Station to Harrogate - the **No. 36 Bus Route** (www.the36.co.uk) - which is served by a distinctive double-decker bus with leather seats that travels between Leeds and Harrogate throughout the day. The nearest bus stop to the Harrogate International Centre is in Cheltenham Crescent, just after passing the new Exhibition Hall.

There is also an Express Bus Service between York and Harrogate the X54 service. Visit www.harrogateanddistrict.co.uk for timetables.

Local Bus Services 2a & 2b from the Bus Station to Bilton goes past the HIC every 15 minutes with a 5 minutes journey for £1.00. See www.harrogateanddistrict.co.uk.

For detailed journey planning by public transport visit www.transportdirect.info

4. TAXIS

Harrogate Train and Bus stations are situated next to each other in the town centre. The Convention venue, the Harrogate International Centre, is situated about a 5 minute walk away - mostly downhill to Kings Road!

Taxis are usually waiting outside the Rail Station and there are also several local Private Hire Taxi firms that you can contact for local journeys including:

Blue Line Cars Ltd Tel: 01423 530830 www.bluelinetaxis.co.uk

Central Radio Cars Tel: 01423 505050 www.centralradiocars.co.uk

Mainline Taxis Tel: 01423 555555 www.mainlinetaxis.co.uk

5. AIR - Europe

Harrogate is near to **Leeds Bradford International Airport** (Airport Code LBA) which has scheduled services from over 65 cities in the UK and Europe. During the winter months direct services are expected from the following cities:

UK: [Aberdeen](#), [Belfast City](#), [Belfast International](#), [Bristol](#), [Exeter](#), [Edinburgh](#), [Glasgow](#), [Isle Of Man](#), [Jersey](#), [London Gatwick](#), [Newquay](#), [Plymouth](#), [Southampton](#)

EUROPE: [Alicante](#), [Amsterdam](#), [Barcelona](#), [Brussels](#), [Copenhagen](#), [Dublin](#), [Düsseldorf](#), [Faro](#), [Geneva](#), [Girona](#), [Gran Canaria](#), [Islamabad](#), [Innsbruck](#), [Lanzarote](#), [Malaga](#), [Malta](#), [Murcia](#), [Paris](#), [Prague](#), [Salzburg](#), [Tenerife](#). In addition there are numerous charter flights operating on a seasonal basis - check the [Airport web site](#) (www.leedsbradfordairport.co.uk) for current details.

6. AIR - International

International delegates should also consider flying through the following hub airports which have either air connections to Leeds Bradford or rail connections to Harrogate:

Amsterdam Schiphol (www.schiphol.nl) - take **KLM** (www.klm.com) or **Jet2** (www.jet2.com) scheduled services direct to Leeds Bradford Airport.

London Gatwick (www.gatwickairport.com) - take **Flybe** (www.flybe.com) scheduled service direct to Leeds Bradford Airport.

London Heathrow (www.heathrowairport.com) - take the **London Underground** (www.tfl.gov.uk/tube) Piccadilly Line to Kings Cross St Pancras and then the **National Express** train services to Leeds or York as above then **Northern Rail** (www.northernrail.org) to Harrogate.

Manchester International (www.manchesterairport.co.uk) - take **Transpennine Express** rail service from the Airport to Leeds City Station and then the **Northern Rail** service to Harrogate as above.

7. AIRPORT to Harrogate

Leeds Bradford Airport is just a 20 minute road journey from Harrogate which can be reached by Taxi for a fare of around £25 each way or the **767 Airport Express Bus Service** (www.bus2jet.com), which runs 12 times a day connecting the airport to Harrogate Town Centre Bus Station for a single fare of about £4.50 or £7.00 return. The nearest stop to the HIC is Cheltenham Crescent.