Manchester Airport

Manchester Airport, with three terminals and two runways, adds a further boost to Manchester's connectivity. Transporting over 22 million passengers each year, it connects travellers with more worldwide destinations than any other UK airport including destinations as diverse as Abu Dhabi and Antigua, Chicago and Corfu.

The airport's transport hub is known as 'The Station' which links air travel with bus, coach and train connections. Built around the airport's railway station, the hub offers shops and food outlets.

Getting to the airport

By train: There are up to six trains an hour between Manchester Airport and Manchester Piccadilly with journey times as short as 15 minutes. Direct services are provided from the airport's transport hub, The Station, to Sheffield, York, Leeds, Huddersfield, Bolton, Preston, Blackpool and The Lake District operated by Northern Rail and Transpennine Express. www.tpexpress.co.uk | www.northernrail.org

By car: The airport can be accessed from junction five of the M56 – enter the postcode M90 1QX for in-car sat-nav.
By bus: A 24-hour bus service operates to and from the airport.
Car parking: Long and short stay as well as valet and premier options. Pre-booking is available online.

Manchester Airport is part of Manchester Airport Group which is jointly owned by the ten local authorities in Greater Manchester.

Useful numbers:
Taxi ranks: 0161 489 2313 (there is one outside each terminal)
National Express: 08705 80 80 80
www.nationalexpress.com
Manchester Aiport: 08712 710 711
www.manchesterairport.co.uk

"Did you know? Manchester Airport generates £600m a year for the region and £1.7b nationally."

Getting around

Getting around Manchester City Centre by tram or bus could not be easier.

Metroshuttle, the largest free city centre bus network in the UK, runs on three circular routes. The low-floor shuttle buses are easy to spot around town as they run every five to ten minutes on the colour-coded routes – orange, green and purple.

All the services run from 7am to 7pm, Monday to Saturday. The orange and green services also operate from 7am to 6pm on Sundays.

Metroshuttle links all the main shopping and business areas with the city centre's key bus, train and tram stations and dozens of car parks.

Metrolink trams can also be used to travel between eight city centre stops – including Manchester Piccadilly and Victoria train stations. If you have caught a train from a station in Greater Manchester to the city centre you can use your ticket to travel on any Metrolink service between Manchester Victoria and G-Mex for free. Tel. 0161 205 2000 | www.metrolink.co.uk

Planning your journey at www.gmpte.com

The website has a North West Journey Planner and a link to National Rail Enquiries. There is also a comprehensive library of bus timetable leaflets, a 'local bus stop finder' and details of the latest service changes.

For more advice about travelling in and around Manchester, call Traveline on 0871 200 2233. Lines are open from 7am to 8pm, Monday to Friday, and from 8am to 8pm at weekends. (Calls from BT landlines cost 10p a minute. Mobile and landline networks may charge more.) Textphone users should call 0870 241 2216.