

BAL Inquiry - Notes on fares and cost comparisons: Bristol with other airports

Taxi use is much higher at Manchester and Birmingham:

	Bristol	Manchester	Birmingham
Taxi costs – [Bristol: <i>Arrow/others</i>]	£38/£25	£30	£30 (<i>black cab</i>)
Taxi – modal share (Table 6.3 CAA Survey 2019)	10%	28%	28%
Journey distance – city centre to airport	8 miles	10 miles	9 miles

Taxi use at BAL is the lowest in the UK – due probably to the monopoly situation with Arrow Taxis.

Travel to the airport by private car is much higher at Bristol than Birmingham and Manchester:

Table 6.3: Comparison of 2019 CAA Survey Mode Share Data (Main Mode)

Mode	Airport Main Mode Share					
	Bristol	Cardiff	Birmingham	Manchester	Luton	Stansted
Car	68.3%	72.2%	50.3%	50.9%	39.8%	37.5%
Taxi/ Minicab/ Uber	9.8%	16.4%	28.2%	28.1%	16.4%	9.8%
Bus/ Coach	18.8%	8.2%	2.3%	2.7%	22.3%	19.1%
Rail	3.0%	3.1%	18.4%	17.1%	21.2%	33.2%
Tube/ Metro/ Subway/ Tram	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.9%	0.1%	0.2%
Other	0.1%	0.0%	0.9%	0.2%	0.3%	0.2%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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Table 9.3: Coach Fares

Coach Service	Origin/ Destination	Off-Peak Fare (Return)	Peak Fare (Return)	Distance from BAL
Falcon	Plymouth	£15.40	£22.25	109 miles
	Bridgwater	£8.31	£8.31	25 miles
404	Exeter	£8.31	£11.00	67 miles
	Heathrow	£17.96	£30.68	..N/A...
216	Cardiff or Newport	£7.20	£9.13	35/49 miles

Fare from Bristol City Centre to Airport £8 single or £13 return: journey distance 8 miles

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Car Parking costs

Table 9.2: Parking Costs Summary (Indicative)

Duration	Bristol Airport Car Parks*					
	Short Stay	Silver Zone	Long Stay	MSCP	Meet & Greet	Premier
3 days	£50.99	-	£37.99	£42.99	£53.99	-
Per week	£71.99	£48.99	£60.99	£60.99	£75.99	£84.99
Additional (per day)	£15.00	£10.00	£15.00	£15.00	£15.00	£15.00

Bus return fare for 2.3 people is £29.90 – 2.3 average car occupancy in peak season (CD 2.11 para3.12)

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Bus travel will also include extra cost and time of getting to central Bus station or Bristol Temple Meads. Additional inconvenience of handling luggage may be a disincentive and actual barrier for older travellers.

Public Transport Costs to the Local Airport from the City Centre Compared

	Bus – single and return	Bus – journey time	Train – single and return	Train – journey time	Distance from City Centre
Bristol	£8/£13	40 mins	-----	-----	8 miles
Manchester	£3.50/£7	1 hour	£3.20/£6.40	18 – 23 mins	10 miles
Birmingham	£4/£8	20 mins ¹	£4.00/£8.00	9 – 19 mins	9 miles

¹ Stagecoach. A cheaper service takes 45mins.