

Travel by Rail

Southeastern

Southeastern services connect towns and cities across Kent and East Sussex to London and the coast (see map page 13) carrying over 400,000 passengers everyday. The services are set to be transformed in 2009 when Southeastern begins using the new high-speed line, HS1. Journey times between key Kent locations (such as Ashford, Canterbury, Folkestone and Dover) and London will be cut dramatically.

Journey times to London from 2009

Stratford International	7 mins
Ebbsfleet International	17 mins
Ashford International	37 mins (saving 46 mins)
Canterbury West	Just over 1 hr (saving 41 mins)
Folkestone Central	Just over 1 hr (saving 35 mins)
Dover	1 hour 14 mins (saving 38 mins)

Southeastern is the major train operator in Kent, for information on timetables and fares see www.southeasternrailway.co.uk or www.nationalrail.co.uk

Eurostar

Eurostar relocated its London hub to the beautifully restored St Pancras International in November 2007. Journey times between London and the Continent have been reduced to just 2 hours and 15 minutes to Paris and 1 hour 51 minutes to Brussels as Eurostar speeds along the new high-speed line, HS1.

King's Cross St Pancras has six underground lines and is located in London's Zone one – ideal for reaching The City, West End and other central attractions. The second section of the line under construction will provide high-speed rail for Kent's domestic services in 2009.

International Services from London

17 trains a day to Paris:	
journey time:	2hr 15m
10 trains a day to Brussels:	
journey time;	1hr 51m
9 trains a day to Lille:	
journey time	1hr 20m

Ashford International Station

Ashford International rail station saves business travellers in Kent from making the journey to London to use the Eurostar, allowing customers to reach Lille and Disneyland Resort Paris in less than two hours.

Facilities at Ashford International

- A bar, café, currency exchange and convenience store
- Eurostar ticket office and self-service ticket collection machines
- Cash machines (before check-in only)
- Business Lounge
- Wireless internet access

Getting to Ashford International

By train: Southeastern Trains serves Ashford.

By car: Less than 10 minutes from Junction 10 of the M20 (A20), easily reached from the M25. Secure parking facilities - wheelchair users qualify for a 50% reduction on parking fees.

By coach: New coach drop-off point next to the main entrance.

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