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Travel and Accommodation suggestions
*for visitors to workshops and other events at the Department of Applied
Social Science, University of Stirling*

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Travel:

If arriving by train, alight at Stirling rail station, requiring a bus or taxi link to the University campus (approx 45 minutes walk). Alternatively, Bridge of Allan rail station is marginally closer to campus and is a more pleasant walk (approx 35 minutes), but has fewer bus links and no taxi rank. There is information on bus links to campus on the University website (http://www.external.stir.ac.uk/visitor_info/about/getting_here/). Most busses go to Stirling city centre, but there is a direct hourly bus from Edinburgh city centre to Stirling University (see <http://www.citylink.co.uk/timetables.php>).

There are reasonably fast rail links between Stirling and many UK destinations, ordinarily changing at Glasgow or Edinburgh; Stirling even has a couple of direct trains to London, including an overnight Sleeper. It is wise to beware that there can be large variations in the price of rail tickets and the conditions attached to them, for the same journey; in general it is advisable to book in advance (e.g. [Transportdirect](#); what [others think](#)).

If flying, Edinburgh airport is geographically closest, but the standard public transport routes from Edinburgh, Glasgow International and Glasgow Prestwick airports are in all cases approximately 2 hours, approximately £12 single. From Prestwick: Train from Prestwick airport to Glasgow Central rail station; walk from Glasgow Central to Glasgow Queen Street rail station; train from Glasgow Queen Street rail station to Stirling/Bridge of Allan rail station. From Glasgow International: bus 500 to Glasgow Queen Street rail station, then as above. From Edinburgh: (i) bus 100 to Haymarket [west Edinburgh] or Waverley [central Edinburgh] rail stations, direct train from Haymarket or Waverley to Stirling {recommended route for new visitors}; (ii) bus 35 to near Edinburgh Park rail station; walk from near Edinburgh Park rail station to Edinburgh Park rail station (5mins); direct train from Edinburgh Park rail station to Stirling rail station {shorter and cheaper than (i) but only recommended for confident travellers}; (iii) bus 100 to Maybury Junction [west outskirts of Edinburgh]; transfer to Citylink bus 909 from Maybury direct to Stirling University {beware that the 909 is an hourly bus service, operates weekdays only, check timetable in advance}. Finally, for Edinburgh airport, it may be cost effective, especially for groups, to book a taxi to travel directly to Stirling Univ., est. £50 if booked in advance, taking est. 45 minutes (e.g. <http://www.stirling.co.uk/localservices/taxi.htm>).

Parking on Stirling University campus is free to visitors, but entrance must be via the University main entrance to receive a visitor parking permit. Parking can be difficult during semester, the main car parks are sometimes completely full between approx 1000-1600hrs.

Further information on travel to Stirling:

http://www.external.stir.ac.uk/visitor_info/about/getting_here/
<http://www.cs.stir.ac.uk/~kjt/general/travel.html>

The postcode for the University of Stirling is FK9 4LA.

Accommodation:

Tourism is a major industry in Stirling and there are numerous accommodation options available in the vicinity of Stirling University. One hotel is available on campus (see below). Student accommodation on campus is only available outside semester and requires advance booking (http://www.external.stir.ac.uk/visitor_info/short_breaks/accommodation.php). Hotel and Bed and Breakfast accommodation is available throughout the region, but options within the village of Bridge of Allan, and in the Causewayhead district of Stirling, are most convenient, as they are within a 10 to 25 minute walk of Stirling University campus. For accommodation in other districts of Stirling, it will usually be necessary to get a bus to and from campus – services are around every 10 minutes, current cost £2.00 for a single fare.

In the first instance we list below the following accommodation (on the basis of positive reports from previous visitors), though there are many other options:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Location / description</i>	<i>Approx cost</i>
Hotels:		
Stirling Management Centre 01786 451782 http://www.smc.stir.ac.uk/content/	University Campus (good quality conference facilities)	£70 per night
The Adamo Hotel, Bridge of Allan, 01786 833268 http://www.adamohotels.com/	Bridge of Allan (30min walk or bus/taxi to campus)	£90 per night
Portcullis Hotel 01786 446103 www.theportcullishotel.com	Stirling town centre (attractive, old-fashioned pub / hotel; requires taxi/bus to campus)	£70 per night
Golden Lion Hotel 01786 475351 www.thegoldenlionstirling.com/	Stirling town centre (attractive, old-fashioned large hotel; requires taxi/bus to campus)	£70 per night
Bed and Breakfast:		
Inverallan Lodge 01786 832791 http://www.inverallanlodge.co.uk/	Bridge of Allan (15 min walk)	£40 per night
15 Kenilworth Road 01786 831054 http://www.kilronan.co.uk/	Bridge of Allan (20 min walk)	£40 per night

For cheap accommodation, several youth / backpacker hostels are based in Stirling (e.g. <http://www.syha.org.uk/>; www.willywallacehostel.com/). Also there are a great many alternative Bed and Breakfast establishments than those listed above (cheapest rates will be approx. £20 per night) – search online following links below.

Further information on accommodation:

<http://www.instirling.com/>

<http://www.stirling-tourism.co.uk/>

<http://www.cs.stir.ac.uk/~kjt/general/travel.html>