Getting to Byron Court and Nido from Heathrow Airport

Byron Court Address

NIDO King's Cross Address

Byron Court 26-34 Mecklenburgh Square London WC1N 2AF

NIDO King's Cross 200 Pentonville Road London N1 9JP

<u>Quick Guide</u>

	Black Cab	Private Hire	Hotel By Bus	Underground
Cost	£70-£100	£35-£50	From £22.50	£5.50
	(per vehicle)	(per vehicle)	(per person)	(per person)
Travel Time	60-90min	60-90min	1-2hrs	90min

Below is a quick guide to help you find the best option. Please read on for more details.

<u>Black Cab</u>

Will have yellow 'For Hire' signs and do not need to be pre-booked. **The fare will NOT be fixed**. This is the most convenient but most expensive option. Sharing is the best option as they can take up to 5 passengers depending on the amount of luggage you have (realistically, a black cab will take two people carrying two suitcases each). **Due to the expense this is NOT recommended**. However, if you do wish to take one, follow the signs for 'Taxis' in the Arrivals Lounge.

Private Hire/Minicab

You MUST pre-book (see numbers below). Any private hire/minicab that is not pre-booked is illegal and unsafe. This option is convenient and cheaper than a Black Cab. Fares are fixed but will usually need to be paid in cash. Some companies charge extra for additional luggage beyond one bag.

Hotel By Bus

Excellent value if you are travelling from the airport by yourself, but a minicab might be cheaper if you are travelling with friends. The coach will drop off other passengers en route and there is an extra charge for each piece additional piece of luggage.

<u>Underground</u>

The cheapest option, but probably only recommended if you are travelling light and are able to move your luggage easily without assistance. Trains from Heathrow airport are on the Piccadilly line and go direct to **King's Cross St. Pancras** station, which is a short walk from the residence (see map below)

If you have any problems on Wednesday 28th August, a member of NYUL Staff (wearing a NYUL T-Shirt) will be present at the Terminal 3 Meeting Point (look for the symbol on the right in the arrival hall) between 7.30am and 1.00pm. They will be able to give you advice and assistance, but will NOT be able to book transport on your behalf.



If you require urgent assistance at the airport please call freephone (from a payphone) 0800 316 0469 and select Option #2.

Recommended Options

Hotel By Bus

Hotel By Bus run midi-coaches between Heathrow airport and London hotels. This is possibly the cheapest option if you are travelling alone and do not wish to take public transportation. A single journey costs $\pounds 22.50$, which includes a luggage allowance of 1 suitcase and 1 piece of hand luggage ($\pounds 5.00$ is charged for additional luggage). The coach will drop off at a maximum of 4 other locations en route.

You can book online at <u>www.hotelbybusheathrow.com</u>. As the service usually drops off at hotels, you will need to nominate the hotel you wish to be dropped off outside when you book. The closest hotel to the Byron Court residence is the Goodenough Club (next door). If you are living at Nido, this should be on their system but make sure you specify Nido King's Cross.

Travelling by Minicab/ Shared Taxi

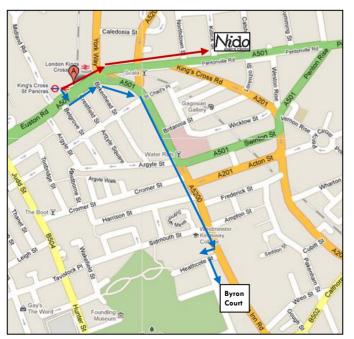
Private Hire/Minicabs cost around $\pounds 35 - \pounds 50$ from London airports and will always need to be paid in cash. Be aware that some companies charge extra for large amounts of luggage and if your flight is delayed you may be charged a waiting fee and parking charge. The following taxi companies have been used by previous students, and MUST be pre-booked to take you to a London airport:

Just Airports	011-44-20-8900-1666	<u>www.justairports.com</u>
Expressways	011-44-845-612-1212	<u>www.expressways.co.uk</u>
Airport Express	011-44-208-599-1212	www.airportexpresscars.com
Meadway Cars	011-44-20-8458-5555	<u>www.meadway.com</u>

If you are approached by anyone at the airport asking if you want a taxi, DO NOT take up the offer. Touting for taxi business is illegal and the drivers are often uninsured or not licensed to take passengers. If you have not followed our advice and pre-booked a taxi (and do not wish to take public transportation), you will need to take a black taxi from one of the ranks outside the Terminal.

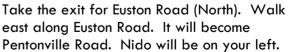
London Underground

The Piccadilly Line runs direct to **King's Cross St. Pancras** from all Heathrow terminals. A single journey will cost ± 5.50 . Check for engineering works before you travel.



Walking Directions from King's Cross St. Pancras

To Nido



To Byron Court 💳

Take the exit for Euston Road (South). Walk east along Euston Road and curve to your right until the road becomes Gray's Inn Road. After a while, take a short right onto Heathcote Street, and then the first left onto Mecklenbergh Square. Byron Court will be on your left.

Heathrow Express

The Heathrow Express runs direct, high-speed trains to Paddington Station. The journey will take 15 minutes to Paddington station in central London from Heathrow Central (Terminals 1,2,3) and 21 minutes from Terminal 5. If you are travelling to Terminal 4 you will need to take the free shuttle train from Terminal 1,2,3 after arriving at Heathrow Central (total journey time 27-32 minutes).

Tickets cost $\pounds 20.00$ single (one way) when bought online. You can get a 25% discount on the full price ticket with an ISIC card (you must purchase at the ticket office). If you don't have an ISIC card be sure to buy online or at the kiosk before you travel at <u>http://www.heathrowexpress.com</u> as the onboard price is $\pounds 25.00!$

From Paddington we recommend taking a black cab direct to Byron Court or Nido, or take the Circle, Hammersmith & City line Underground trains (from platform 16) to King's Cross St. Pancras and walk to the residences following the map and directions above.

<u>National Rail</u>

A train service (Heathrow Connect) also travels to Paddington and is a cheaper option than the Heathrow Express, but takes longer as it stops at local stations along the way. The cost of a single ticket is £9.50 and it takes 25 minutes. To book tickets online, visit <u>https://www.heathrowconnect.com</u>

From Paddington we recommend taking a black taxi to Byron Court or Nido or take the Circle, Hammersmith & City line Underground trains to King's Cross St. Pancras and walk to the residence following the map and directions above.

<u>Coach</u>

National Express runs a coach service from Heathrow Terminals 1, 2, and 3 to Victoria Coach Station (NOT the rail & bus station). If booking online at <u>www.nationalexpress.com</u> the cost for a single (one-way) ticket is from $\pounds 5.00$ - $\pounds 7.00$ (including booking fee). The journey takes around 1 hour. There are free transfers from Terminals 4 and 5 to get to the coach departure point.

From Victoria Coach Station we recommend taking a black cab directly to either Byron Court or Nido, or taking a Victoria line Underground train from Victoria **rail** station (a short walk from Victoria Coach Station) to King's Cross St Pancras and walk to the residence following the map and directions above.