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## Getting Around

Ashford is perfectly placed to offer a choice of transport links for residents, visitors and commuters.

To see Ashford's location view our [Ashford's Strategic Location Map](#).

### RAIL

The [High Speed 1 \( HS1\) rail link](#) connects Ashford with London in just 37 minutes, cutting travel time in half. There are now two trains every hour, every day, all day, keeping Ashford well connected to the capital's businesses and leisure attractions.

Ashford International Station is readily accessible from both the M20 by road and from most of Kent and East Sussex via 5 rail lines which converge at Ashford.

[Eurostar](#) daily passenger services connect to Paris in just two hours, Lille in 57 minutes and Brussels in less than 90 minutes. There are also daily services to Disneyland® Resort Paris as and weekly services to Avignon during the summer and the French Alps during the winter.

Freight and passenger traffic passes through the [Eurotunnel](#) departure point at nearby Folkestone, taking just 35 minutes to Calais.

## ROAD

Road links connect Ashford with most European cities within a day. Two major motorways, the M20 and M2, provide easy access to continental Europe and beyond through the [Channel Tunnel](#).

With a recently completed £7 million investment providing significant improvements to Junction 10 of the M20; the remodelling of the Ring Road and plans for further capacity improvements at Junction 9 of the M20 and nearby Drivers Roundabout and a Park and Ride scheme, Ashford will directly benefit from improved access in and around the town centre.

## AIR

Ashford offers ready access to London's two main airports - [Heathrow](#) and [Gatwick](#) - within 90 minutes. [London Ashford Airport](#) (Lydd) and [Kent International Airport](#) (Manston) are both improving their excellent facilities by investing in phased multi-million pound redevelopment programmes.

## SEA

[The Port of Dover](#) is within easy reach of Ashford – some 25 minutes away. The world's busiest roll-on, roll-off ferry terminal, it handles up to 2.3 million freight vehicles per year.

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