

Travel, Accommodation and Food & drink recommendations in and around Exeter

The main campus of the University of Exeter where all the conference activities will be taking place is called the **Streatham Campus**, and is located in central Exeter itself, about 10 minutes' walk from the main station (**Exeter St David's**), and about 20 minutes' walk into the centre of town.

Here is the link to the University page which describes how to access the Streatham campus by road, rail, and air:

<http://www.exeter.ac.uk/visit/directions/streatham/>

By air

Exeter airport

Direct flights operate into Exeter from Paris, Dublin, Amsterdam, Geneva and airports in the United Kingdom including Aberdeen, Belfast, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Guernsey, Jersey, Leeds/Bradford, London, Manchester, Newcastle, Norwich and St Marys.

Further information is available from [Exeter International Airport website](#).

If arriving by air to **London Heathrow**, the easiest route is via Heathrow Express to London Paddington, and then a train direct to Exeter (2-2.5hrs). If arriving by air to **London Gatwick**, the easiest route is via London Victoria (Gatwick Express, or overland train), and then a circle line Tube (Underground) train from London Victoria to London Paddington, then the direct train to Exeter as above.

By rail

Exeter has two railway stations - Exeter St David's (main station) and Central. Exeter St David's Station is approximately 10 minutes' walk from the Streatham Campus and taxis are available. The average journey time from London Paddington is 2 hours 30 minutes to Exeter. See [Streatham Campus map](#) for the walking route.

Use [National Rail Enquiries](#) to plan your route. For passenger information telephone 08457 484950.

By taxi

[Apple Taxis Exeter](#) (01392 666666) have a dedicated taxi rank on campus. Apple Taxis have offices at both Exeter St David's rail station and Exeter International Airport

Exeter is not yet served by Uber, however it does have Ola taxis which are much like Uber. If you download the app, you can register to pay automatically and book taxis to arrive immediately. They currently have a small fleet, so Apple Taxis is more reliable, but Ola are useful in case you need a taxi very quickly.

The campus itself is on a hill (and Holland Hall accommodation at the top of that hill), and so we would recommend taking a bus or a taxi from the station up onto the campus if you have heavy

luggage or any special mobility needs. Taxis are readily available from the station and will cost around £4 to Holland Hall; buses cost around £1.20. The D bus circles campus and serves the centre of town very regularly including weekends and holidays. It will cost about £1.20 to get to and from campus. The D bus can be caught at a number of places around the centre of campus and the town. Here is a link to the bus timetable:

<https://www.stagecoachbus.com/routes/south-west/d/university-of-exeter-digby/xdad000.o>



Accommodation:

The campus accommodation can be booked directly via the ICLS online store at registration (<http://iclsweb.org/congress/2019-congress/>) and you need to register for single or double occupancy which have slightly different rates. All rooms in Holland Hall have double beds, and all have an ensuite (private) bathroom. Holland Hall has a lift, and a service desk which is staffed, and where you can buy common items you may need. All rooms will have towels and sheets provided, and toiletries.

Other suggestions for hotels and accommodation in Exeter are as follows:

CHAMPAGNE BUDGET (SOME OF THESE COME CHEAPER FOR MULTIPLE NIGHTS AND TRY THEM ON BOOKING SITES LIKE EXPEDIA OR BOOKING.COM)

SOUTHERNHAY HOUSE HOTEL – GLAM GLAM GLAM. NOTHING MORE TO SAY HERE.

HÔTEL DU VIN – DITTO, BUT LESS SUBTLE GLAM AND MORE ROOMS. POOL/SPA

MERCURE EXETER SOUTHGATE (WITH EXETER BOOK DÉCOR!) – NOT TO BE MISSED IF YOU WANT TO SEE HOW A HOTEL MANAGES TO INCORPORATE A TENTH CENTURY MANUSCRIPT INTO ITS CARPET DESIGN AND SHOWER PANELS... POOL AND SPA

MERCURE EXETER ROUGEMONT – SAME CHAIN AS THE SOUTHGATE BUT NO POOL. MORE CENTRAL EXETER LOCATION, MORE TRAFFIC, LESS GLAM.

HOUSE WINE/WATER BUDGET

QUEEN'S COURT HOTEL – EXCELLENT AND VERY NEAR CAMPUS. GOOD RESTAURANT ALSO AT WHICH HAVE WINED AND DINED MANY AN INTERVIEW CANDIDATE.

JURY'S INN – CHAIN AND CENTRAL – SOME MAIN ROADS NEAR IT, BUT FRIENDLY AND CLEAN, AND GOOD VALUE

PREMIER INN – AS ABOVE, TWO OPTIONS, I WOULD CHOOSE THE ONE AWAY FROM THE STATION

CAMPUS ACCOMMODATION (!) – HOLLAND HALL HAS STUNNING VIEWS FROM ITS TOP ROOMS OVER THE DEVON COUNTRYSIDE

AIR BNB – SOME GREAT BARGAINS

B&BS – RECOMMEND THOSE NEAR THE CLOCK TOWER FOR EASY ACCESS TO THE CAMPUS

WHITE HART HOTEL - 15TH CENTURY COACHING INN WHICH DOES GOOD FOOD ALSO. PRETTY PLAIN ROOMS BUT USUALLY CHEAP. CENTRAL LOCATION.

NB. IF YOU CAN, PLEASE AVOID THE GREAT WESTERN HOTEL NEXT TO EXETER ST DAVID'S TRAIN STATION. IT MAY LOOK LIKE A GOOD OPTION BUT IT ISN'T, BELIEVE ME!

FOOD AND DRINK IN AND AROUND EXETER:*

CHAMPAGNE BUDGET

LYMPSTONE MANOR – IN LYMPSTONE, NOT EXETER, BUT ACCESSIBLE BY REGULAR TRAIN

GIDLEIGH PARK – NEAR CHAGFORD ON DARTMOOR. BE PREPARED TO SELL A KIDNEY, BUT HAVE A RARE FEAST.

HOUSE WINE BUDGET (WITH A COUPLE OF PRICIER OPTIONS LISTED FIRST)

SOUTHERNHAY HOUSE HOTEL – AS ABOVE, GORGEOUS GEORGIAN HOTEL, COCKTAIL BAR AND RESTAURANT. DELICIOUS FOOD AND WARM AMBIANCE.

HÔTEL DU VIN – ON THE SITE OF THE OLD EYE INFIRMARY. WONDERFUL FOR DINNER OR JUST TO SIT OUT IN ITS NUMEROUS BAR AREAS OR GARDEN FOR DRINKS. FAVOURITE WITH OUR GRADUANDS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

RENDEZVOUS – LOVELY CELLAR LEVEL RESTAURANT WITH BEAMS AND A GREAT WINE SELECTION – STEEP STEPS

THE CONSERVATORY – SMALL CHIC AND STYLISH RESTAURANT DOWN IN THE CENTRE OF TOWN

HARRY'S RESTAURANT – LOVELY FRIENDLY PLACE ON THE WAY DOWN BETWEEN CAMPUS AND TOWN

CÔTE – FRENCH BRASSERIE ON CATHEDRAL GREEN OPPOSITE THE CATHEDRAL – ASK TO BE SEATED UPSTAIRS

ZIZZI – ITALIAN CHAIN ON GANDY STREET, ONLY SURVIVING MEDIEVAL STREET IN EXETER

COMPTOIR LIBANAIS – LOVE EATING LEBANESE FOOD IN BRIGHT (TAKE SUNGLASSES) AND LIVELY SURROUNDINGS? THEN THIS GREAT CHAIN RESTAURANT IS FOR YOU.

PHO – NEW VIETNAMESE CHAIN: FAB FOR VEGGIES AND PRETTY DELICIOUS FOR NON-VEGGIES

BEST INDIAN RESTAURANT IN EXETER A HOTLY DISPUTED TITLE, BUT WE LIKE **THE REAL INDIA** ON SOUTH STREET, AND **THE GANDHI** ON NEW NORTH ROAD AT THE CLOCK TOWER IS CLOSE TO CAMPUS AND DECENT. ALSO A FACULTY HANGOUT!

LAS IGUANAS – LATIN AMERICAN CHAIN WITH EVERYTHING YOU WOULD EXPECT, IN A LOVELY OLD BUILDING NEAR THE ROYAL ALBERT MEMORIAL MUSEUM.

ASK/PIZZA EXPRESS – ITALIAN CHAIN RESTAURANTS ON CATHEDRAL YARD

AL FARID – ATMOSPHERIC NON-CHAIN MOROCCAN RESTAURANT ON CATHEDRAL YARD

CAFÉ ROUGE – A RELIABLE AND DELICIOUS FRENCH CHAIN SERVING GREAT CLASSIC DISHES

CARLUCCIOS – ITALIAN CHAIN RESTAURANT WITH A GREAT DELICATESSEN SECTION

*THERE ARE MANY LOVELY PLACES TO EAT OUTSIDE EXETER WHICH I HAVEN'T INCLUDED HERE BUT PLEASE DO GET YOURSELF TO THE SEASIDE OR ESTUARY AT SOME POINT – EXMOUTH IS VERY MUCH RECOMMENDED WITH ITS LOVELY LONG SANDY BEACH, AND TOPSHAM WHICH IS ON THE ESTUARY AND IS INCREDIBLY LOVELY WITH PLENTY OF CHIC SHOPPING INCLUDING A FABULOUS RAMBLING THREE STOREY ANTIQUES & BRIC A BRAC CENTRE ON THE ESTUARY. LYMPTON IS A BEAUTIFUL SEASIDE VILLAGE, ALSO DAWLISH AND SIDMOUTH, OR THE APTLY NAMED 'BEER'. MANY OF THESE CHARMING VILLAGES ARE A VERY SHORT TRAIN RIDE FROM EXETER. EXMOUTH, ON THE COAST, HAS SOME WONDERFUL FISH RESTAURANTS. I LOVE 'ROCKFISH' IN EXMOUTH WHICH SERVES THE CATCH OF THE DAY. VINEYARDS TO VISIT ARE PEBBLEBED IN TOPSHAM AND SHARPHAM VINEYARD NEAR TOTNES.

WATER BUDGET

DINOSAUR CAFÉ – DELICIOUS FAMILY-RUN TURKISH FOOD CLOSE TO CAMPUS. A FACULTY FAVOURITE. TRY THE MIXED SALAD.

PLENTY OF SANDWICH/COFFEE OUTLETS ON CAMPUS AND IN TOWN:

THE EXPLODING BAKERY ON QUEEN STREET NEAR CAMPUS IS REALLY GOOD FOR SOUPS AND BREADS.

THE BOSTON TEA PARTY ON QUEEN STREET IS A FACULTY AND STUDENT FAVOURITE WITH HUGE UPSTAIRS TO CHAT OR HANG OUT ON THE FREE WIFI. GREAT BREAKFASTS AND LUNCHES.

CHANDOS DELI NEAR THE ROMAN WALL IN PRINCESSHAY HAS DELICIOUS ARTISANAL SANDWICHES AND GREAT COFFEE.

DEVON COFFEE ON QUEEN STREET IS THE ANTIDOTE TO STARBUCKS/COSTA/CAFÉ NERO. A LOVELY INDEPENDENT COFFEE SHOP AND ALSO SERVES GREAT BREAKFAST.

CAMPUS OUTLETS:

PRÊT A MANGER ON CAMPUS IS A CUT ABOVE THE REGULAR SANDWICH SHOP, AND YOU CAN ALSO TRY THE CAFÉ AT REED HALL FOR NICE QUICK LUNCHES, OR COSTA COFFEE IN THE FORUM. THERE'S ALSO A GOOD CAFÉ IN THE BUSINESS SCHOOL, XFI BUILDING.

ATMOSPHERIC PUBS/INNS:

THE HOURGLASS – TUCKED AWAY THIS IS A LITTLE GEM, AND HUGELY POPULAR. THEIR FOOD IS SPECTACULAR. BOOKING ADVISED!

IF IT'S SUNNY, TRY A CYCLE RIDE OR GET A FRIEND (OR TAXI DRIVER) TO DROP YOU AT THE DOUBLE LOCKS PUB BY THE RIVER. BEAUTIFUL LARGE GROUNDS AND TRULY IDYLIC ON A SUMMER'S DAY.

TRY THE SALUTATION INN IN BEAUTIFUL TOPSHAM WHICH IS A TEN MINUTE TRAIN RIDE FROM EXETER. TOPSHAM IS A LOVELY PLACE TO VISIT.

CITY GATE HOTEL PUB/INN ON THE IRON BRIDGE IN EXETER HAS A FABULOUS GARDEN

THE IMPERIAL ON NEW NORTH ROAD OPPOSITE THE ENTRANCE TO CAMPUS IS THE STANDARD UNIVERSITY PUB. BOASTING A LARGE SITE AND THE ORIGINAL ORANGERY DATING FROM THE EARLY 1900S. GOOD HONEST PUB FARE AND COUNTLESS BUCKETS OF PROSECCO HAVE BEEN CONSUMED HERE SINCE THE DAWN OF TIME (EMMA'S ARRIVAL AT EXETER).

GIN BARS/DRINKING ESTABLISHMENTS:

CROCKETTS GIN BAR – HARD TO FIND, NOT TO BE MISSED. THIS UNOBTRUSIVE LITTLE GEM IS TUCKED BETWEEN GANDY STREET AND QUEEN STREET.

THE OLD FIREHOUSE – POPULAR WITH STUDENTS, VAST, AND GOOD FOOD AS WELL AS GOOD DRINK...

DR INKS CURIOSITIES – COCKTAIL BAR ON THE BEAUTIFUL QUAYSIDE BY THE WATER IN EXETER