

# Travelling to Birmingham Conservatoire

## ROAD

### **From M6 South or North-West**

Leave the M6 at Junction 6 and follow the A38(M). Follow signs to 'City centre, Bromsgrove, (A38)'. Do not take any left exit. Go over 1 flyover and through **just 1** Queensway tunnel (sign posted 'Bromsgrove and Queen Elizabeth Hospital'). Leave this tunnel indicating left but stay in the right hand lane of the slip road. Birmingham Conservatoire is located on the Paradise Circus island.

*Follow directions below for parking and/or loading & unloading.*

### **Parking**

Car parking at the Conservatoire is very limited and we regret we cannot offer parking spaces to visitors. However, there are several NCP car parks located close by, including two located on Cambridge Street. To access these car parks, at the Paradise Circus island, immediately after you pass the exit for the A456 (Broad Street), move into the left lane and take the first left into Cambridge Street.

### **Loading & Unloading**

To access the Conservatoire's car park (for loading and unloading only), pass under the bridge and turn right as if to access the Copthorne Hotel, and then right again into the underground road. Follow the road around to the left to gain access to the Conservatoire's car park, which is at the end of the road. A goods lift is available.

### **From M5 South-West**

Leave the M5 at Junction 3 and travel towards Birmingham City Centre along the A456 (Hagley Road) for 5 miles to the Five Ways island. This is easily distinguishable as it is surrounded by large office blocks and a Tesco store. Keep in the outside lane and go under the island into Broad Street using the underpass. Drive along Broad Street (the International Convention Centre will be on your left) to the Paradise Circus island. Birmingham Conservatoire is located on the island.

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*Alternatively, follow directions above loading / unloading.*

### **From M40 Oxford and South**

Arrive on the M42 and travel west towards the M5. Travel north on the M5 leaving at Junction 3. (Follow appropriate directions 'From M5 South-West')

### **From M42 East Midlands**

Join the M6 heading towards Birmingham Central and leave the M6 at Junction 6. (Follow appropriate directions 'From M6 South or North-West')

## RAIL

Birmingham Conservatoire is situated five minutes' walk from **Birmingham New Street Station**, where there are regular rail connections to all parts of the country. Trains arrive every half hour from London Euston; the journey time is approximately 100 minutes.

Leave New Street Station via the alternative exits located at the extreme 'b' end of each platform (platforms 1 & 12 excluded), sign-posted 'Exit to Victoria Square'. (*Please note: Visitors requiring a lift and/or those travelling late at night must use the main exits.*) Exit via the glass doors onto Navigation Street, cross at the pedestrian crossing and carry straight up the hill (Pinfold Street) towards the clock tower. When you reach the base of the clock, the Conservatoire will be directly across the square to your left, adjacent to Central Library and Town Hall.

Should the Exit to Victoria Square (Navigation Street) exit be closed when you arrive, leave the station via the Pallasades Shopping Centre exit to New Street. At the end of the pedestrian ramp, turn left and walk up New Street to Victoria Square. Cross the Square diagonally and you will arrive in Chamberlain Square where Birmingham Central Library, Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery and the Conservatoire are located. The Conservatoire is adjacent to Central Library and opposite the Museum.

The Conservatoire is 10 minutes' walk from **Birmingham Snow Hill Rail & Metro Station**. The rail station offer regular connections from London Marylebone (via Warwick and Banbury), Stratford-upon-Avon, Kidderminster and other local destinations. The Midland Metro light rail system serves local destinations en route to Wolverhampton.

Leave Snow Hill Station via the main exits onto Colmore Row. Turn right onto Colmore Row and follow it to the end (Victoria Square). Cross the Square, following the Council House around to the right until you enter Chamberlain Square. Birmingham Conservatoire is located directly across Chamberlain Square, adjacent to Central Library and Town Hall.

## AIR

Birmingham International Airport is well served by both bus and rail links, as well as by black cab taxis. The airport is approximately 30 minutes from the city centre by road, or 10 minutes by rail (arriving into Birmingham New Street Station).

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### DISABLED ACCESS – ROAD

*Please phone in advance of your visit to arrange for access.*

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