

**Welcome Pack**

**Birmingham International Dance Festival 2022**

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**BIRMINGHAM  
INTERNATIONAL  
DANCE FESTIVAL**

Hello and welcome to Birmingham International Dance Festival 2022!

This is a pack containing all you should need to know during your time with us for the festival. However, if there is anything you are unsure of, please feel free to ask as it's what we are here for.

## What's Included?

**Welcome pack** contains all the information you should need on where you are working, including practicalities such as health and safety, your accommodation, directions/maps, and useful contacts.

**Artist guidelines** we want all artists and companies to feel safe and comfortable whilst performing at Birmingham International Dance Festival and have put necessary procedures and precautions in place to make sure this is possible. **Please read this section carefully and note that guidelines are subject to change at any point with national Government guidelines.**

Thanks for taking the time to read through this and we hope you enjoy your time with us!

## Arrival

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### Airport Arrivals

To make your travel from Birmingham Airport (BHX) to Birmingham New Street straight forward we would recommend you take the train. Birmingham Airport is directly connected to Birmingham International train station by a free Air-Rail Link system which takes 2 minutes to get to the station. Air-rail pictured below.



From Birmingham International Station there are a number of regular trains that stop at Birmingham New Street which is on average 10-20 minute journey. You can find these trains leaving Birmingham International roughly every 10 minutes.

## **Car**

**Birmingham Clean Air Zone** launched on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2021, charges will be applied daily. A non-compliant vehicle driving within the Zone will pay once per day, and may drive without limit on that day. To find out more and to check if charges apply to your vehicle please visit: [Drive in a clean air zone - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/driving-in-a-clean-air-zone) and enter your registration details.

## **Uber**

If travelling by car/uber the journey is roughly 11 miles taking 20 minutes. Ubers are readily available from the station heading into Birmingham city centre.

## **TOA Taxis**

TOA Taxis are our recommended local taxi service.  
These taxis are able to take cash or card as payment.  
Number // 0121 427 8888  
Website // [www.toataxis.co.uk](http://www.toataxis.co.uk)

## Key DanceXchange Contact Information

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## Addresses for Key Sites

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### **Centenary Square**

Birmingham

B1 1HQ

### **Victoria Square**

Birmingham

B1 1BD

### **Chamberlain Square**

Birmingham

B3 3AX

### **Birmingham Hippodrome**

Hurst Street

Southside

Birmingham

B5 4TB

### **MAC (Midlands Arts Centre)**

Cannon Hill Park

Birmingham

B12 9QH

### **Handsworth Park**

Holly Road

Handsworth

Birmingham

B20 2BY

## **Practicalities // DanceXchange**

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There are some things you need to know about your time with us. We will go through most of this when you arrive but just in case we miss anything or you have any questions, here's the information you need to know.

### **Passports**

Due to Home Office regulations, please ensure that you have uploaded passport information to Eventotron to prove your right to work. If not uploaded, we need to see and take copied of all non-UK residents' passports. Please make sure you have these ready at your company get in at your performance venue.

### **Personal Items**

DanceXchange cannot accept any liability for damage to, loss or theft of personal property on its premises. We strongly advise you not to leave money or valuables unattended at any time.

### **Accidents and First Aid**

Please report any accidents to a member of staff and we can then, if necessary, locate a First Aid trained member of the team to assist. If you require plasters, ice packs and so on please ask a member of staff who will be happy to help.

### **Fire Evacuation Procedure**

It is important to familiarise yourself with the fire escape routes and alarm points. Please do not leave anything, including props and costumes, in corridors or other escape routes.

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The Festival wants to ensure we keep all company members and staff on site safe. We request every person take a Lateral Flow Test every 48 hours whilst with us at the Festival and on site. These tests will be provided by the Festival once you arrive to site.

All COVID-19 travel restrictions have ended in the UK, which means you will not need any COVID test or COVID paperwork to enter into the UK. However, please check if travel restrictions apply in your own country on your return.

## Accessibility

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Our wonderful team of staff, Front of House assistants and volunteers are available for assistance during your visit to the Festival. We are happy to chat with you ahead of your visit to make you feel comfortable and at home during your time with us.

We work from the Social Model of Disability, which, by focusing on the disabling barriers imposed by society, embraces all physical, sensory and invisible impairments, learning disability, mental health, neurodivergent and fatigue conditions. Some of our core staff members have attended Disability Awareness training but we always have more to learn, so please talk to us about your individual requirements so we can discuss how we can accommodate them.

Quiet spaces are available and all our Festival spaces both indoor and outdoor are wheelchair accessible, disability & assistance dog friendly.

### Events & Performances

As part of our commitment to ensuring we deliver an inclusive and accessible Festival, we offer a range of access provisions and assisted performances.

BSL interpretation, captioning and audio description are available for some of our indoor and outdoor events. We also have a number of highly visual shows which contain few or no words and are particularly enjoyable without the aid of hearing. For an extensive list of these shows as well as which accommodate which requirements, please see the access tab on our website.

<https://bidf.co.uk/access/>

All of our indoor theatre shows are taking place in the Patrick Studio inside Birmingham Hippodrome. They are similarly committed to access and so for more information and assistance on visiting the Hippodrome please see the access page on their website.

<https://www.birminghamhippodrome.com/plan-your-visit/access/>

If you have any specific requirements we aren't already aware of, please contact [access@dx.dance](mailto:access@dx.dance)

## Performance Schedule

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### Meeting Point / Arrival Location

Upon arrival at each venue a member of the BIDE team will greet you and provide you with a lateral flow test. Each company member will need to take one of these every 48 hours during their time at the festival. Once checked they will take you to your allocated dressing room/holding space.

Please arrive no later than **1 hour** prior to your performance time. And ensure you arrive promptly for your allocated technical rehearsal.

### Tech Rehearsal Information

If not already arranged please contact the relevant producer, but please note not all sites are able to accommodate this.

### Holding Spaces

#### Weekend 1:

Rooms at the **ICC** are available from Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June to Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June.

Please arrive to Centenary Square outdoor site and a member of the festival team will take you to a holding room.

#### ICC

Broad Street  
Birmingham  
B1 2EA

#### Weekend 2:

**Jurys Inn Conference Room** is available from Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June to Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June for performers in the city centre.

Please refer to Jurys Inn site information including address and contact number on page 11 of this pack.

#### Weekend 3:

Due to the nature of the site, indoor spacing is limited. However, we have a small holding space called **Sons of Rest**. Please refer to Handsworth Park address on page 4 of this pack.

Please arrive to Handsworth Park site and a member of the festival team will take you to the holding room.

## Accommodation

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### PENTAHOTEL

Pentahotel is located less than a mile away from Birmingham City Centre, just a 10-minute walk from Birmingham New Street Station, 2 miles from junction 6 of the motorway and just 6 miles from Birmingham Airport. Pentahotel is only a 10-minute walk from DanceXchange and the Bullring Shopping Centre.

#### Key Information:

- En-suite Bathroom
- Free Wi-Fi
- Flat Screen TV with Freeview
- Air Con
- Tea and Coffee Facilities
- Hairdryer
- Iron and Ironing Board
- Room Service Available
- Check in 15.00
- Check out 12.00

#### Parking:

Pentahotel offers a limited number of onsite parking spaces at £4 p/h or £16 for 24 hours.

There are several car parks located within walking distance of Pentahotel including [NCP Birmingham Horsefair](#) (B1 1DW) at £8.95 for 24 hours, and [NCP Birmingham New Street](#) (B5 4AN) at £28.95 for 24 hours.

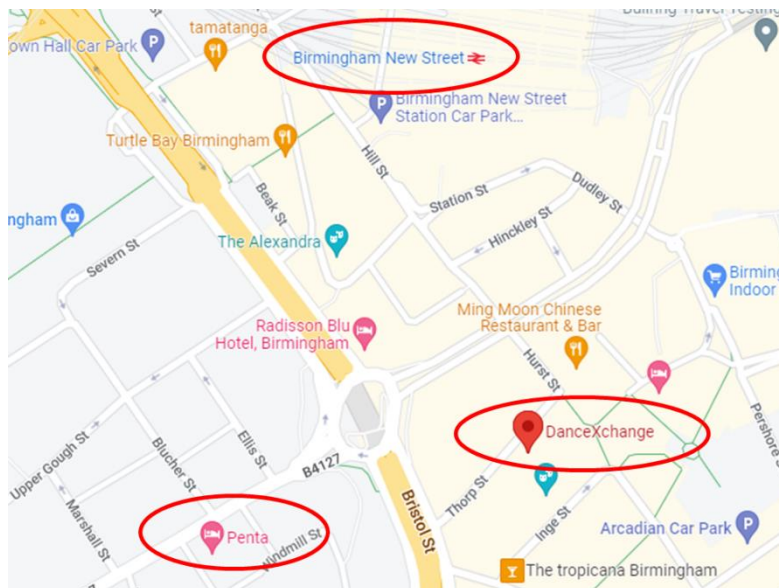
**Address:** Pentahotel, Ernest Street/Holloway Head, Birmingham, B1 1NS

**Contact:** +44 (0) 121 622 8800

**Website:** [www.pentahotels.com](http://www.pentahotels.com)

## Maps & Directions:

TOA Taxi Birmingham: 0121 427 8888



### From New Street Station to Pentahotel –

Leave the train station via the Southside exit, continue straight onto Hill Street. (**Accessible route:** turn right at the top of the stairs, continue round to the ramp and follow this down or take the lift down, turn left onto Hill Street). At the end of the road turn right onto Smallbrook Queensway (Holiday Inn should be on your right). Continue on Smallbrook Queensway (you will come to the Radisson Blu Hotel on your right), cross over Suffolk Street Queensway, turn left after crossing and then head right towards Holloway Head. Cross over the road and turn right, Pentahotel should be on your left.



## From Pentahotel to Hippodrome –

**Address:** Birmingham Hippodrome Theatre, Hurst Street, Southside, Birmingham, B5 4TB

### **By Car: (From Pentahotel)**

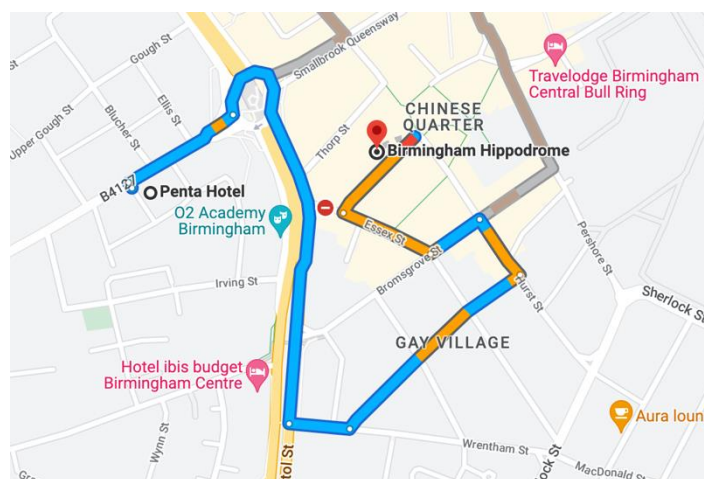
Exit Pentahotel and turn right onto Holloway Head/B3127. At the roundabout take the 3<sup>rd</sup> exit onto Bristol Street/A38. Follow the road straight and take the 3<sup>rd</sup> left onto Wrentham Street, then take the 2<sup>nd</sup> left onto Kent Street. Once on Kent Street take the 3<sup>rd</sup> left onto Hurst Street, the next left onto Bromsgrove Street, the next right onto Essex Street and the next and final turning onto Inge Street on your right. The Hippodrome is situated on this street on your left.

Birmingham Hippodrome is about a 5-minute drive from Pentahotel.

### **Parking:**

Birmingham Hippodrome does not have its own car park although they can recommend The Arcadian Car Park, which is multi-storey. The address for this is 41 Bromsgrove Street, Birmingham, B5 6NU. They offer a Flat Rate for theatregoers which is £6 when parking between 5pm and 7.30pm. This rate is valid until 11.30pm the same night. To get this rate, please pay when you arrive. The car park now uses vehicle registration recognition when you leave.

There is also additional pay & display parking available on Thorp Street (1 minute walk away from Hippodrome) and Hurst Street (4-minute walk away). For Thorp Street Car Park: Opening Times Mon-Sun 7am-12:00am up to 1 hour at £2.00, up to 2 hours at £4:00, up to 12 hours at £6.00 and up to 24 hours £12.50. For Hurst Street Car Park: Opening Times Mon-Sun up to 1 hour at £1.00, up to 2 hours at £2.00, up to 3 hours at £3.00, up to 4 hours at £4.00, up to 12 hours at £4.50 and up to 24 hours at £6.00.



### **By Bus:**

Bus no 823 or 23 Platinum/24 Platinum runs from Stop HH2 every 5 minutes on Ernest Street outside of the hotel. The bus journey takes 2 minutes and stops a 2-minute walk from the Hippodrome at Smallbrook Queensway (Stop NS5).

## From Pentahotel to Handsworth Park –

**Address:** Handsworth Park, Holly Road, Handsworth, B20 2BY

### **By Car: (From Pentahotel)**

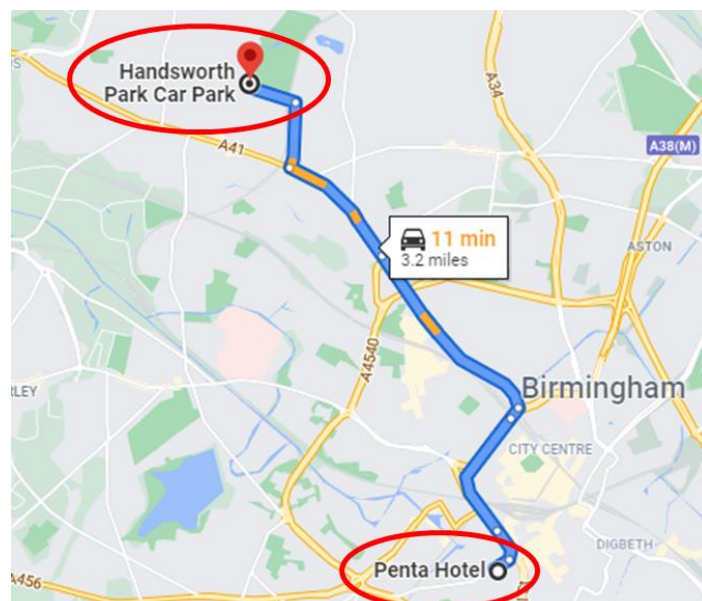
Exit Pentahotel and turn right onto Holloway Head/B3127. At the roundabout take the 1<sup>st</sup> exit onto Suffolk Street Queensway, take the slip road on the right onto Suffolk Street Queensway/A38 continue to follow road for 0.7mi. Use the left lane to turn slightly left onto Great Charles Street Queensway/A4400. Turn left onto Old Snow Hill/B4100 and continue for 1mi, continue onto Soho hill/A41 for 0.6mi. Turn right on Whitehall Road, when you reach the end of the road turn left onto Holly Road, Handsworth Park & Car Park will be on your right.

Handsworth Park is roughly a 10-minute drive from Pentahotel.

### **Parking:**

Free parking is available at Handsworth Car Park (B20 2BY) opening times are Mon-Fri 7am-7pm, Sat 8am-3pm, Sun 7am-4pm.

Pay & Display parking is available at [Baker Street Car Park](#) (B21 9LP) located just a 10 minute walk from Handsworth Park. Opening times Mon-Sat 24 hours, Sun 8am-6pm up to 2 hours at £1.10, up to 4 hours at £2.30, up to 24 hours at £4.50 – Sunday charges, up to 2 hours at £1, up to 10 hours at £2.



### **By Bus:**

From the City Centre bus no 16 run regularly from Upper Dean Street (Stop MK3) just a 10 minute walk from Pentahotel. The bus journey takes around 17 minutes and stops just a 10-minute walk from Handsworth park, alight the bus at Handsworth Park Gates (13 stops).

Alternatively, bus no 101 runs regularly from Colmore Row (Stop SH3) located just a 15-minute journey from Pentahotel. The bus journey takes around 23 minutes and stops right outside Handsworth Park on Grove Lane, alight the bus at Handsworth Park (25 stops).

## Accommodation

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### JURYS INN

Jurys Inn is located near the International Convention Centre and Birmingham Arena less than half an hour from Birmingham Airport and just a 15-minute walk from Birmingham New Street Station. Jurys Inn is around a 20-minute walk to DanceXchange and the Bullring Shopping Centre.

#### Key Information:

- En-suite Bathroom
- Free Wi-Fi
- Flat Screen TV with Freeview
- Air Con
- Hair Dryer
- Tea and Coffee Facilities
- Room Service Facilities
- Check in 16.00
- Check out 12.00

**Parking:** Parking is available at the hotel's onsite car park, which has 200 parking spaces. The cost per 24 hours is £16.50.

The nearest public car park is a 4 minute walk away at [Q-Park Brindleyplace](#) (B1 2JF) which offers 24 hour parking at £20.

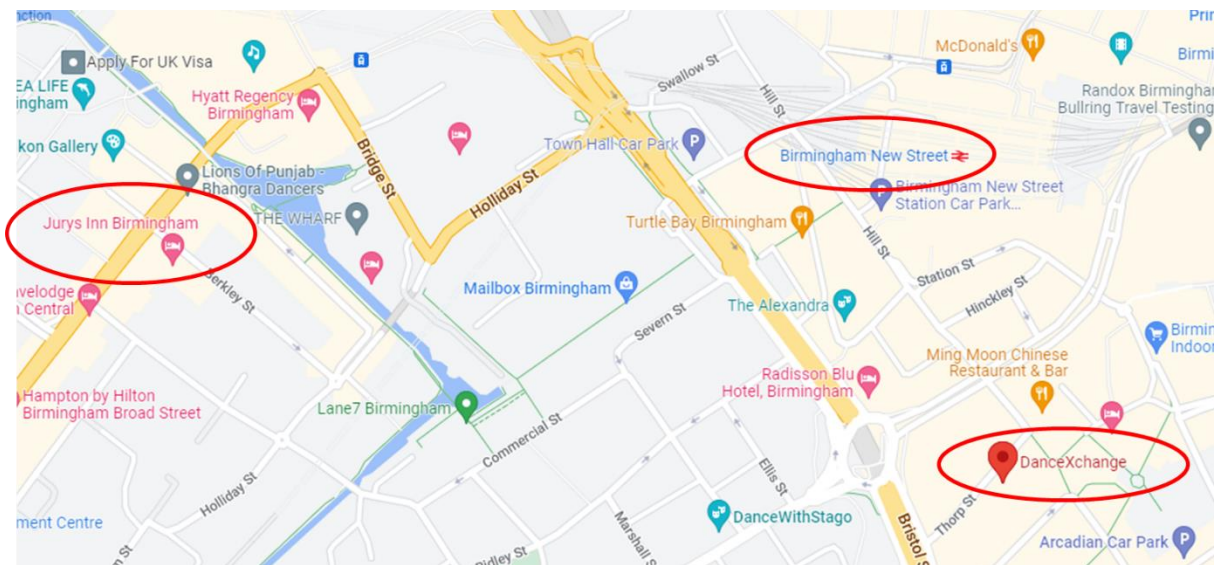
**Address:** Jurys Inn Birmingham, 245 Broad Street, Birmingham, B1 2HQ

**Contact:** +44 (0) 121 606 9000

**Website:** [www.jurysinns.com/hotels/birmingham](http://www.jurysinns.com/hotels/birmingham)

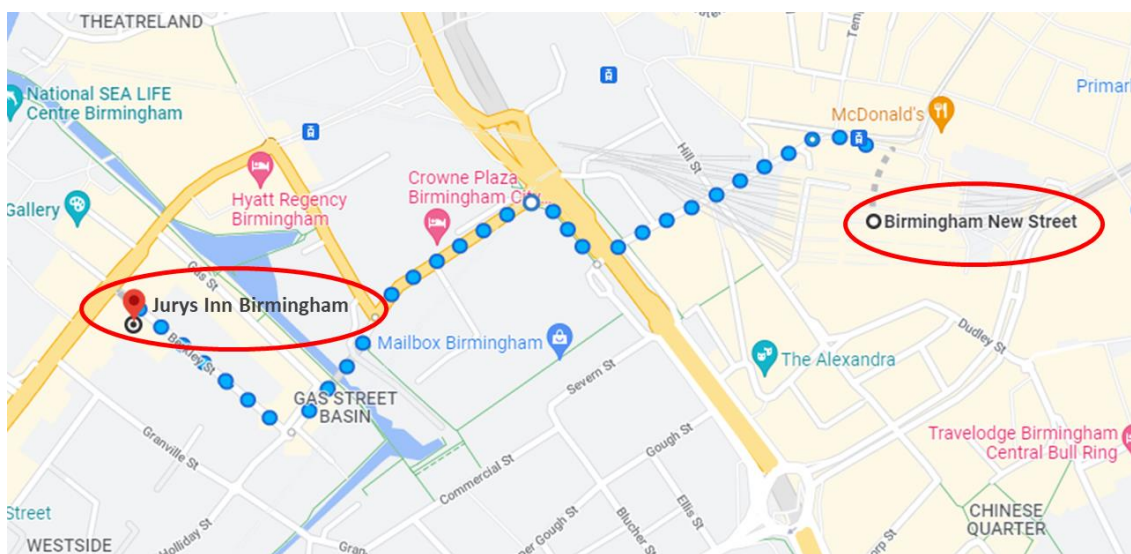
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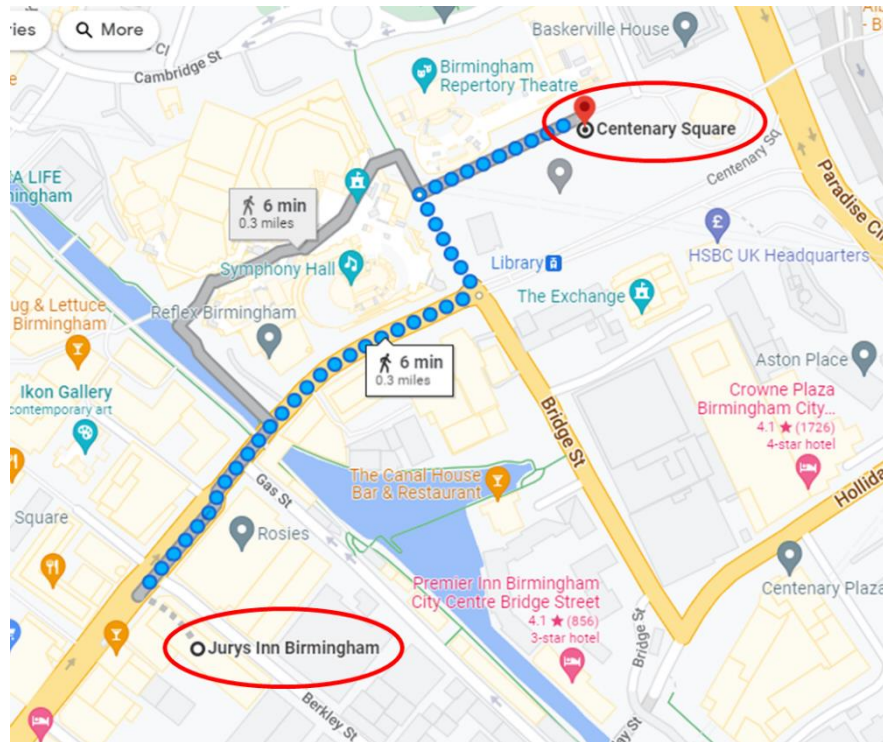
### From New Street to Jurys Inn –

Leave the train station via the Stephenson Street exit. Turn left onto Stephenson Street and continue left onto Navigation Street. You will reach a bridge with a sign that reads 'Mailbox', walk under the bridge and then turn right, when you come to the road turn left onto Holliday Street. Continue on Holliday Street until you reach a small roundabout, turn right at the roundabout onto Berkley Street (CBSO Centre should be on your left), when you reach the end of the road Jurys Inn entrance will be on your left.



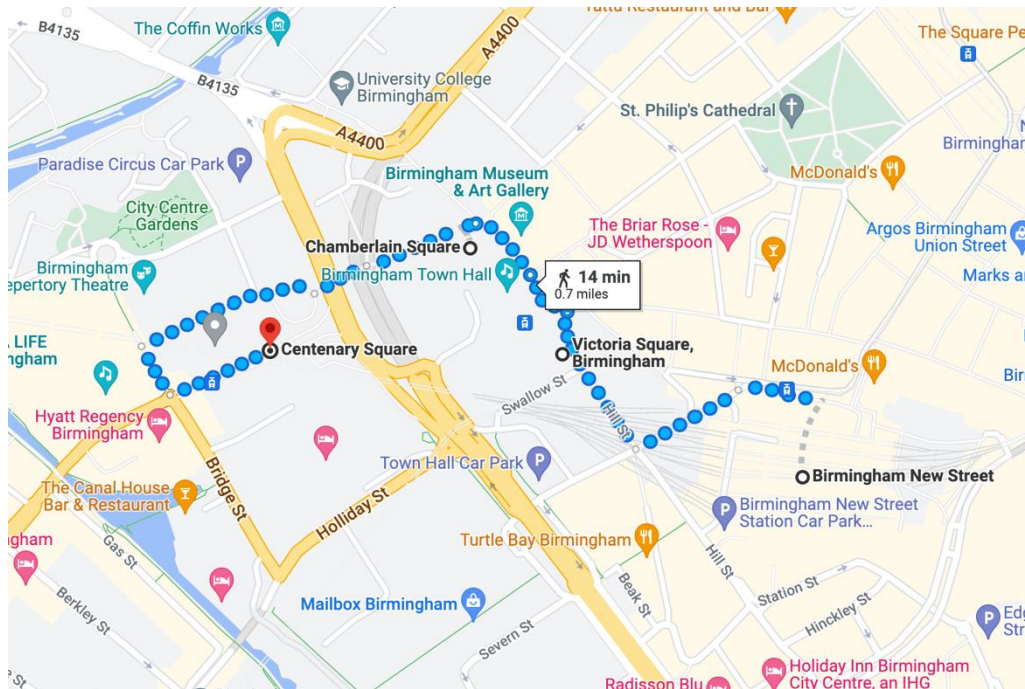
## From Jurys Inn to Centenary Square –

Exit Jurys Inn and turn right onto Broad Street, continue until you reach the ICC which will be on your left. Walk in front of the ICC and turn right, Centenary Square is in front of The Birmingham REP.



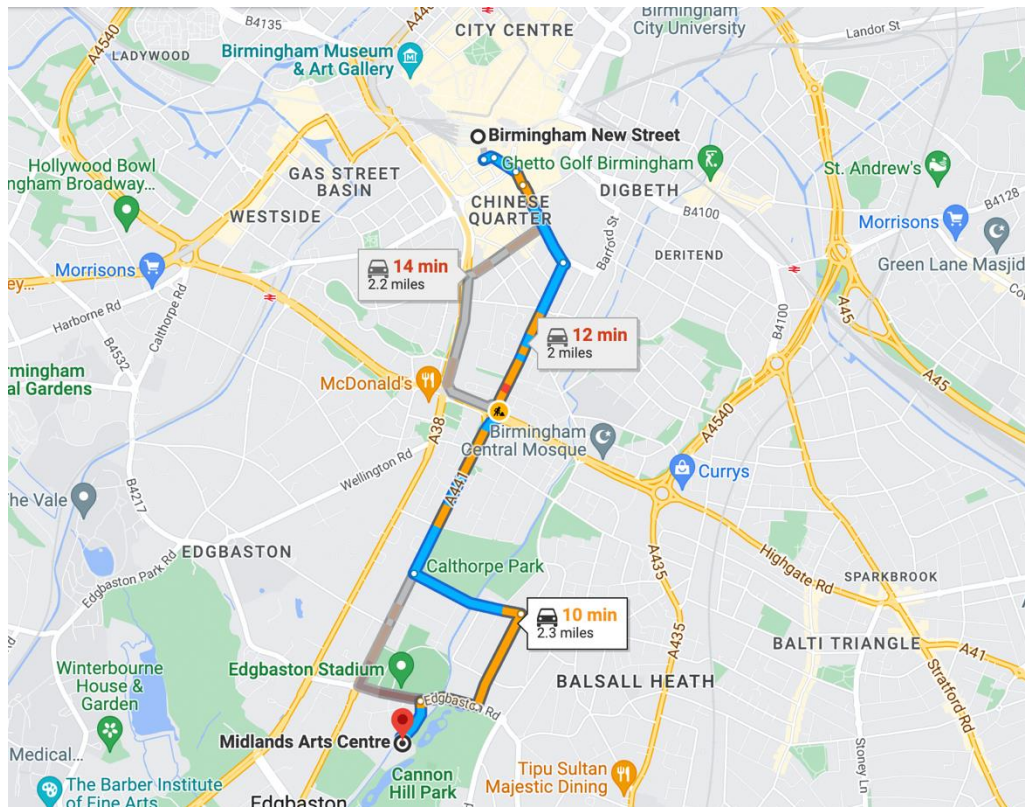
## Map of City Centre locations: Victoria Square, Chamberlain Square & Centenary Square

From New Street Station to Centenary Square is roughly a 15-minute journey where you can pass Victoria Square and Chamberlain Square.



## From the City Centre/New Street to the MAC


From New Street Station to the Mac is a 10-15 minute drive. Bus options are available.




## Cafes, Bars & Restaurants


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We hope you enjoy your time in Birmingham – if you are looking for somewhere to eat or drink, here's a list of places that we love. There are also several shops and eateries at Grand Central located above New Street Station.

 Wheelchair Accessible

[Albert's Schloss](#) (Paradise Circus, Chamberlain Square, B3 3AX) 


*Albert's Schloss celebrates the beloved Prince's values every day and all night long. Influenced by our travels across Alpine Europe; expect roaring fires, raucous performances and tankards of Europe's finest bier.*

[Cherry Reds](#) (John Bright Street, B1 1BN) 

*Cherry Reds is an independent bar providing a range of food and drinks including freshly blended milkshakes as well as freshly ground coffee. We keep our café food simple, cooked to order, and with options for all diets.*

[Cosy Club](#) (Bennetts Hill, B2 5SN) 

*Cosy Club celebrates the joys of relaxed dining, drinking, and lounging in a fabulous, welcoming setting!*

[Dishoom](#) (Chamberlain Square, B3 3AX) 

*From Bombay with love. Our cafes are open for breakfast, lunch & dinner. Walk-ins always welcome.*

[Franco Manca](#) (Bennetts Hill, B2 5QJ) 

*Franco Manca's dough is made fresh on site, their specials change daily and their prices start at just £5.95. Vegan & gluten free options are also available.*

[La Galleria](#) (Ethel Street, B2 4BG)


*An extensive menu of Italian specialties & made-to-order pizzas in a traditional setting.*

[Medicine Bakery](#) (New Street, B2 4DU)


*Medicine is an artisan bakery, café and gallery. We bake a unique mix of hand-crafted artisan breads, sandwiches, cakes and pastries and fresh coffee.*

[Purecraft Bar & Kitchen](#) (Waterloo Street, B2 5TJ) 

*Many real ales on tap and 75+ bottled beers amid modern industrial surrounds, plus hearty fare.*

[Rosa's Thai Café](#) (Paradise Circus, Chamberlain Square, B3 3HJ) 


*We serve fresh, homemade Thai food seven days a week, so if you're looking for a quick work lunch, or a break from your day out. Rosa's Thai Birmingham sits at the very heart of Paradise Development.*

[Rudy's Neapolitan Pizza](#) (Bennetts Hill, B2 5RS) 

*For Rudy's it's all about the pizza. Their dough is made on site every day, takes 24 hours to double ferment and just 60 seconds to cook. It is soft, light and floppy... so fold for strength or tuck in with a knife and fork. Enjoy.*

[Theatrix](#) (Colmore Row, B3 3AP) 

*Theatrix is a brand-new bar, restaurant, and entertainment venue. Expect a relaxed atmosphere by day, to wind down and see the venue come to life at night with spectacular entertainment.*

[Yorks Café](#) (Stephenson Street, B2 4BH) 

*Photographically sound brunches. Direct trade Birmingham roasted coffee. Non cliché Alcohol. Quick alternative lunches.*

[Morridge](#) (Temple Row, B2 5HG) \*Accessibility unknown\*

*Expertly prepared monmouth coffee, delicious oat-based breakfasts, as well as fresh homemade soup, sandwiches and treats.*

## Local Shops

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There are a number of small shops you can find in the city centre.

**Tesco Express** - Caxton Gate, New St, Birmingham B2 5AE

There is a big Tesco as you exit Birmingham New Street Station onto Stephenson Street. Walking straight ahead, passing Archie's and The Shakespeare pub on your left and Starbucks on your right you will see the Tesco Express right in front of you.

**Sainsbury's Local** - 10 Brindley Place, Birmingham B1 2JB

This Sainsbury's local is right opposite Jurys Inn Hotel, located on Broad Street. If Jurys Inn is on your left, this Sainsbury's will be just ahead on your right.

### Corner shops

There is one corner shop **Sandhu Newsagent & Off Licence** right next to Handsworth park on Holly Road (on the side of the park with the play area). It is on the corner of Holly Road and Thornhill Road.

There are a number of corner shops available on Soho Road about a 15-minute walk away from the park.

## Social Media

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To keep the public informed, interested and intrigued in all BIDs activity and to help create a real festival buzz, we encourage you to use the hashtag **#BIDF22** to link us to any festival activity you may be doing (e.g. behind the scenes, performances etc.) so we can like and share it, as well as to create a catalogue of festival action.

If you'd like to tag us in your posts, our social media accounts are:

**Instagram**    @dancexchange\_    @bhamdancefest

**Facebook**    DanceXchange    Birmingham International Dance Festival

**Twitter**    @dancexchange    @BhamDanceFest

View the festival programme here - [www.bidf.co.uk](http://www.bidf.co.uk)

## Useful Contacts

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### **NHS Direct**

Call 111 for medical non-emergencies

First Port of call – offers medical advice over the phone and will refer you to the nearest local doctor, dentist, hospital, or pharmacy for further assistance.

### **NHS Walk-in Centre // 0121 255 4500**

Medical advice without the need for an appointment

66 High Street, Birmingham, B4 7TA

### **EMERGENCY HEALTHCARE:**

#### **Emergency Services // 999**

Queen Elizabeth Hospital // 0121 371 2600

Accident & Emergency Department – Mindelsohn Way, Selly Oak, Birmingham, B15 2TH

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### **ALTERNATIVE THERAPY**

#### **CHIROPODY**

##### **Footworks // 0121 633 3008**

Chiropody and podiatry clinic

Burlington Court, 18 Lower Temple Steet, Birmingham, B2 4JD

*Footworkschiropody.co.uk*

#### **OSTEOPATH/PHYSIOTHERAPY/SPORTS MASSAGE**

##### **The Guildhall Practice // 0121 441 2626**

Cornwall Buildings, 45 Newhall Street, Birmingham, B3 3RJ

*Theguildhallpractice.co.uk*

**Have a safe journey and we look forward to welcoming you to DanceXchange  
and Birmingham International Dance Festival!**