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Justteachers Guide to living in Coventry

The cobbled streets and timber buildings of Coventry's Cathedral Quarter offer an insight into the History of this famous city where the modern architecture of the new cathedral meets the ancient ruins of the old cathedral. The New Cathedral was recently voted Britain's most popular 20th century building and is recognized as an International centre for Reconciliation. Although many of the old buildings were destroyed in the air raids of WWII there are traces of history to be found throughout the city. Coventry is the 8th largest city in the UK. It's a student city that's easy to get to and most importantly for overseas teachers easy to get around, the schools that **justteachers** work with are all very well serviced by the local bus network, couple with an abundance of well priced accommodation both in the City Centre and surrounding suburbs make it an attractive choice for overseas teachers who are looking to experience life in a busy university city. Famous for its place in history as the home of the motor industry, Coventry is situated right at the heart of the country making it an ideal base to visit the UK, with London only 1 15 minutes by train but without the considerable cost of living in the capital.

Recent years have seen the city undergo major regeneration; modern urban spaces now sit seamlessly amongst medieval architecture, while independent shops, pubs and bars complement the well-known brands.

Known as the City of Three Spires, Coventry enjoys a distinguished history but it is also a centre of development and innovation. Massive investment in the City has transformed the area and it is an exciting place to live and work for overseas teachers in England.

Highlights include:

- pavement cafés on cobbled streets in the cathedral quarter
- medieval pubs serving real ale on Spon Street
- bright, modern bars and city-centre living in new urban square Priory Place
- the regenerated Canal Basin right in the centre
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From sport, theatre, shops and comedy to music, food and art, there's something for every teacher in this exciting city.

There can be no better location for experiencing the best that the Midlands has to offer as well as offering an excellent doorway to the rest of the UK and Europe. The local towns of Stratford (home of William Shakespeare), Warwick (including Warwick Castle), Kenilworth and Royal Leamington Spa are within half an hour and the City of Birmingham which has excellent shopping and a vibrant social scene is a stones throw away. The area is serviced by excellent road, rail and flight links with Birmingham International Airport on its doorstep and Coventry's own airport featuring low-cost airlines offering cheap flights to various destinations across Europe. London is 75 minutes away by train and the City is a hub for national motorway links M1, M42, and M6.



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Finding accommodation in Coventry

The following areas are based close to both the schools that **justteachers** work with are well serviced by public transport links both for the schools and also to explore the surrounding areas, we suggest that you look for accommodation in the following locations:

- City Centre - Postcode - CV1 - Coventry C (Coventry City Centre, Gosford Green, Hillfields, Spon End, Coventry University)
- Earlsdon - Postcode - CV5
- Coundon - Postcode - CV6

Below you will find more information and links to:

- General information on living in Coventry
- Accommodation sites
- Local Transport - Train and Bus information
- Health Information - what to do in an emergency
- Coventry Local Council
- Rough Cost to the cost of living in Coventry
- The 10 closest airports to Coventry
- Coventry Taxi Numbers
- Health and Leisure

We hope you find the following links useful.

Visitor Information

www.visitcoventry.co.uk

A useful site from the University of Coventry

www.coventry.ac.uk/City/Pages/WelcometoCoventry.aspx

Letting Agents and Estate Agents



As an overseas teacher who is looking to rent property in Coventry then you'll find all the information you need here on cwhomes.co.uk, the region's number one property portal.

Please click on the above link or go to www.cwhomes.co.uk



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Flat sharing is a popular choice for overseas teachers in Coventry and throughout the UK, they offer well priced shared accommodation throughout all of the above areas.



Please click on the above link or go to www.gumtree.com

[Spare Room](http://www.spareroom.co.uk)

One of the UK's leading flat & house share website.

Please click on the above link or go to www.spareroom.co.uk



Please click on the above link or go to <http://uk.easyroommate.com/>

[FlatmateClick.co.uk](http://www1.flatmateclick.co.uk)

Please click on the above link or go to www1.flatmateclick.co.uk

[Flatshare Flat Share](http://www.clickflatshare.co.uk)

Please click on the above link or go to www.clickflatshare.co.uk



[Find a Property.com](http://www.findaproperty.com)

Please click on the above link or go to www.findaproperty.com



Please click on the above link or go to www.roombuddies.com/



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If you travelling with a family or you want to rent a house or apartment with friends, one of the best sites is rightmove.

Please click on the above link or go to www.rightmove.co.uk/rent-property.html



Please click on the above link or go to www.net-lettings.co.uk

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www.letlink.co.uk/component/option,com_mtree/Itemid,77/task,listcats/cat_id,83/
www.loveitts.co.uk
www.hawkins-online.co.uk
www.brianholt.co.uk
www.connells.co.uk
www.halifax.co.uk
www.newman-online.co.uk
www.shortland-horne.co.uk

Local Transport

For overseas teachers who may not have access to a car, public transport is critical, below are a selection of sites that will provide further information on how to access schools (your dedicated education consultant will always provide you with this information but the more you can become familiar with the local routes, the easy your journey will be) and other areas of interest.

www.thetrainline.com
www.travelcoventry.co.uk
www.centro.org.uk
www.nationalexpress.com
www.megabus.com/uk/

Local Health Care - Emergency Services, Ambulance, Police and Fire Services- Dial 999

As an overseas teacher in England, what if I should need hospital treatment?

Under the current Regulations, any overseas teacher working with **justteachers** is fully exempt from National Health Service (NHS) hospital charges in England. This exemption applies to your spouse, civil partner and children (under the age of 16 or 19 if in further education) if they are living with you in the UK on a permanent basis.



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Please note that to be exempt from NHS hospital charges on this basis you must be in employment at the time you receive treatment. If you are here on a work visa but currently unemployed you will be charged for your treatment, unless you are otherwise exempt from charges.

In common with those ordinarily resident in the UK, anyone who meets the criteria of ordinary residence or is exempt from charges for hospital treatment will have to pay statutory NHS charges, e.g. prescription charges, and will have to go onto waiting lists for treatment where appropriate.

If you have a minor illness or injury you can go to Coventry's NHS Walk-in Centre rather than your GP or A&E. You don't need an appointment - just turn up. You'll be seen by a nurse who can provide treatment for a range of minor injuries and illnesses.

Coventry NHS Walk-in Centre

Stoney Stanton Road

Coventry CV1 4FH

Tel: 024 7624 6789

Opening times are 10.00-20.00 weekdays and 07.00-22.00 weekends and bank holidays 365 days a year.

NHS Direct

NHS Direct is a 24-hour service providing confidential health advice if you're ill and not sure what to do. It offers information on looking after yourself and on different conditions and treatments, and details of local services. Call 0845 4647 or visit www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk

www.nhs.uk

Police - If you require an immediate response call 999.

Contact your local police force to report a non-urgent crime or if you need advice on how to protect your home, personal safety and general crime prevention.

Address: Lloyd House, Colmore Circus Queensway, Birmingham, B4 6NQ Switchboard

Ph: 0845 113 5000

www.west-midlands.police.uk

Local Council

www.coventry.gov.uk



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As an overseas teacher how much will it cost to live in Coventry?

Private accommodation	£250-£550 per month
Bills (Electric/Gas/Water)	£40-80 per month
Food/Housekeeping	£150-£200 per month
TV Licence	£139.50 per year (mandatory with TV)

The following are some average costs:

Mobile/Landline phone	£25 per month
Clothes/Shoes	£40 per month
Leisure/Sport	£25 per month
Books/Stationery	£40 per month
Socialising	£120 per month
Travel/Transport	£30 per month

Here are the 10 nearest airports from Coventry:

Airport name	Address	Telephone	Website	Distance	Map
Coventry Airport	Passenger Terminal, Coventry, CV3 4PB	024 7630 8600	Coventry Airport	3.67 miles	map
Birmingham International Airport	Birmingham, B26 3QJ	08707 335511	Birmingham International Airport	9.60 miles	map
East Midlands International Airport	Castle Donnington, DE74 2SA	0871 919 9000	East Midlands International Airport	29.38 miles	map
Gloucestershire Airport	Cheltenham, GL51 6SR	01452 857700	Gloucestershire Airport	45.40 miles	map
London Luton Airport	Luton, LU2 9LY	01582 405100	London Luton Airport	60.62 miles	map
Manchester Airport	Olympic House, M90 1QX	0161 489 3000	Manchester Airport	72.70 miles	map
Robin Hood Airport	First Avenue, Doncaster, DN9 3RH	0870 833 2210	Robin Hood Airport	77.34 miles	map
London Heathrow Airport	Hounslow, TW6 1SL	0870 000 0123	London Heathrow Airport	79.41 miles	map
London Stansted Airport	Enterprise House, Stansted, CM24 1QW	0870 000 0303	London Stansted Airport	83.61 miles	map
Liverpool John Lennon Airport	Speke Hall Avenue, L24 1YD	0870 129 8484	Liverpool John		



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Taxi Firms in Coventry

- Godiva Taxis 55a Harnall Lane West, Coventry, West Midlands, CV1 4EY 024 76559977
- Sky Taxis 1 Harnall Lane Industrial Estate, Harnall Lane East, Coventry, West Midlands, CV1 5AE 024 76222555
- Trinity Street Taxis Holyhead Chambers, Lower Holyhead Road, Coventry, West Midlands, CV1 3AW 024 76999999
- Lewis Taxis Ltd Aldi Foodstore Ltd, Radford Road, Coventry, West Midlands, CV6 3BU 0.58 miles 024 76598355
- Digicabs Taxis Hanford Close, Coventry, West Midlands, CV6 5DP 024 76681888 Bhellas Ltd Coventry & Warwickshire Taxis & Coaches 38-40 Cromwell Street, Coventry, West Midlands, CV6 5EZ 024 76666333
- Coventry Taxis & Coaches 32-40 Cromwell Street, Coventry, West Midlands, CV6 5EZ 0.86 miles 02476 666158
- Coventry Radio Taxis 32-40 Cromwell Street, Coventry, West Midlands, CV6 5EZ 0.86 miles 024 76664446
- Allens Taxis 12a Britannia Street, Coventry, West Midlands, CV2 4FS 024 76555555
- Central Taxis (Coventry) Ltd 108 Far Gosford Street, Coventry, West Midlands, CV1 5EA 0.90 miles 024 76333333

Gyms & Leisure Centers

Fitness First For Women
Bishop Street, Coventry, CV1 1HW
024 7622 4437
[Map & Directions](#)

Future Fitness
42 Far Gosford Street, Coventry, CV1 5DW
024 7622 9269
[Map & Directions](#)

Coventry Sports
Fairfax Street, Coventry, CV1 5RY
024 7683 1485
[Map & Directions](#)

Showboat
The Burges, Coventry, CV1 1HN
024 7622 4403
[Map & Directions](#)

Coventry Skydome Arena
Croft Road, Coventry, CV1 3AZ
024 7663 0693
[Map & Directions](#)

Healthworks Fitness Studio
Western Road, Stratford Upon Avon, CV37 0AH



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01789 266633

[Map & Directions](#)

The Fitness Centre
Corporation Street,
Nuneaton, CV11 5AH
024 7637 0818

[Map & Directions](#)

Jaguar Sports & Social Club
Browns Lane, Coventry, CV5 9DR
024 7640 7005

[Map & Directions](#)

Gabriellas Health Studio
16a Crampers Field, Coventry, CV6 1HP
024 7659 4601

[Map & Directions](#)

Palm Springs
3 Westmede Centre, Coventry, CV5 9AF
024 7667 8877

► [Map & Directions](#)

If you have any feedback or would like to contribute to the **justteachers** guide to Coventry, please email me with any questions regarding working as a teacher in the UK:

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I hope you have found this guide informative, **justteachers** look forward to working with you in the UK and making sure you have an unforgettable experience teaching in England.

Kind Regards

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