

Stansted Airport

[Stansted Airport](#), (STN) much like **Heathrow** and **Gatwick**, began life as a small airfield. RAF Stansted Mountfichet opened in 1943. The RAF and the US Army Air Forces used the RAF base during WWII as a bomber airfield and maintenance dept.

Stansted is now an international airport in Uttlesford, Essex. It lies 48 km northeast of central London and 1.5 km from the Hertfordshire border.

Commercial operations began here in 1966 when it was placed under BAA control. Holiday charter operators seeking to escape the higher costs of flying from Heathrow and Gatwick began to operate from it. BAA and the British government had always intended to develop Stansted into London's third airport to relieve congestion at Heathrow and Gatwick.

The airport is a base for several major low-cost carriers and is the largest base for [Ryanair](#) – serving over 100 destinations. It's home to twelve airlines in total.

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After Heathrow, Gatwick and Manchester, Stansted is the UK's fourth busiest airport.

Interestingly, the runway at Stansted is also used by private companies such as the Harrod's Aviation terminal which handles private jets and some state visits.

The airport has one main passenger terminal near the village of Stansted Mountfichet – here you can visit [Mountfichet Castle and Norman village](#).

The departure gates are situated in three passenger satellites. One is connected to the main terminal by an air-bridge and the other two are accessed by the Stansted Airport Transit System people mover – a fully automated people moving system.

The terminal building was designed by Norman Foster associates – the world-famous architect also responsible for Swindon's [iconic and listed Spectrum building](#).

Facilities

As you'd expect from a busy, modern airport, Stansted has a wide range of facilities for the comfort of the passengers travelling to and from it.

A new airport lounge opened in the spring of 2015. Called the Escape Lounge it's situated off the main departure lounge. It's not airline specific so any passengers, business or leisure, can pre-book and pre-pay to use it. Here you can enjoy peaceful surroundings, complimentary meals and drinks and unlimited Wi-Fi. Further information on that here: <http://www.stansted-airport-guide.co.uk/business-facilities.html>

Further information on all facilities and services at Stansted can be found in the airport guide: <http://www.stansted-airport-guide.co.uk>

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