

How to get to St Andrews from the airport:

The nearest airport with international flights is Edinburgh Airport (code: EDI). It is possible to arrive from the Glasgow airport, but this is less advisable because, with one exception there are more transfers and the journey an hour more than the trip from Edinburgh. See the information about bus X24 below for this exception, which would involve a journey of three and a half hours.

The journey from Edinburgh Airport to St Andrews by bus by train is approximately 2 hours.

According to the information provided by "Google Maps", the last possible departure from the airport on the night of July 2, Sunday, will be at 8:38pm, and this longer trip is the one described below. Those who arrive very late on Sunday will have to wait until 5:49am on July 3 to depart my mass transit for St Andrews.

Typically, one chooses between two types of travel:

Option # 1) Take bus 747 from the airport (departs every half hour and the journey takes half an hour) to a bus station called "Halbeath Park & Ride". Here you change to long-distance busses (hour and a half journey) with number X24 or X59 bound for St Andrews. The bus you choose will depend on when you arrive at "Halbeath", and how the schedules line up. This option costs less than the train, but if there is traffic there may be delays.

Option # 2) Take the tram from the airport (10 minutes) to a train station called "Edinburgh Gateway". Then change to a train (Between 70 and 80 minutes) that stops at the Leuchars train station. From this station you change to the bus (10 minute journey) for St Andrews. The duration of the trip can vary if you have to wait for the train and then the bus. On Sunday during the day these buses to St Andrews go every 20 minutes, but in the evening the schedule changes to a bus every 30 minutes. There is no night bus.

Also at the airport there is the option to take the "Airlink 100" bus to go to the "Haymarket" station and then change to the train for Leuchars. In addition, this trip to Haymarket can be done by tram. The disadvantage of going by train from Haymarket to Leuchars (then changing to the bus for St Andrews) is that it adds more distance and time to the trip compared to if you had boarded the train at "Edinburgh Gateway". This last station is closest to Leuchars and St Andrews, among the three main stations of Edinburgh. The third, "Edinburgh Waverly", is for those who are already in the center of the city and is the one that is farthest away from Leuchars and St Andrews. "Haymarket" lies in between "Edinburgh Gateway" and "Waverly" and is not too far from the city center. "Edinburgh Gateway", the closest to Leuchars and St Andrews, is closer to the airport and so it is best to get there by tram from the airport.

BUS SCHEDULES:

The bus schedule for getting to the "Halbeath Park & Ride" from the Airport, to later make a change for a St Andrews bus, can be found at the link below:

https://tiskon-maps-stagecoachbus.s3.amazonaws.com/Timetables/East%20Scotland/Fife/ESCOT_Fife_747.pdf

From Halbeath Park & Ride you must change to bus X24 or X59 (depending on when you arrive in Halbeath). The schedules are below:

(IMPORTANT! When you take the bus, whether X24 or X59, it is important to find out that you are heading towards St Andrews. You can always ask To the driver if you are going to St Andrews to avoid confusion.)

X24 Schedule:

<https://www.stagecoachbus.com/timetable-pdf?ServiceId=XHDX024.0>

(Note: if one comes from Glasgow airport, this long-distance X24 bus is the same. Oddly enough, there is a bus to St Andrews from Glasgow airport, which is much further away than Edinburgh, while you have to change at least once if you come from Edinburgh Airport)

X59 Schedule:

<https://www.stagecoachbus.com/timetable-pdf?ServiceId=XHDX024.0>

(Note: if you are staying beforehand in the centre of Edinburgh, you can take this bus directly to St Andrews.) In fact, the only way to come directly to St Andrews from Edinburgh without changing is to start in the city centre and take this bus. Way, as you get from the airport, you have to make the change in "Halbeath Park & Ride".)

TRAIN SCHEDULE:

Below is the link for Leuchars resort:

http://www.nationalrail.co.uk/stations_destinations/LEU.aspx

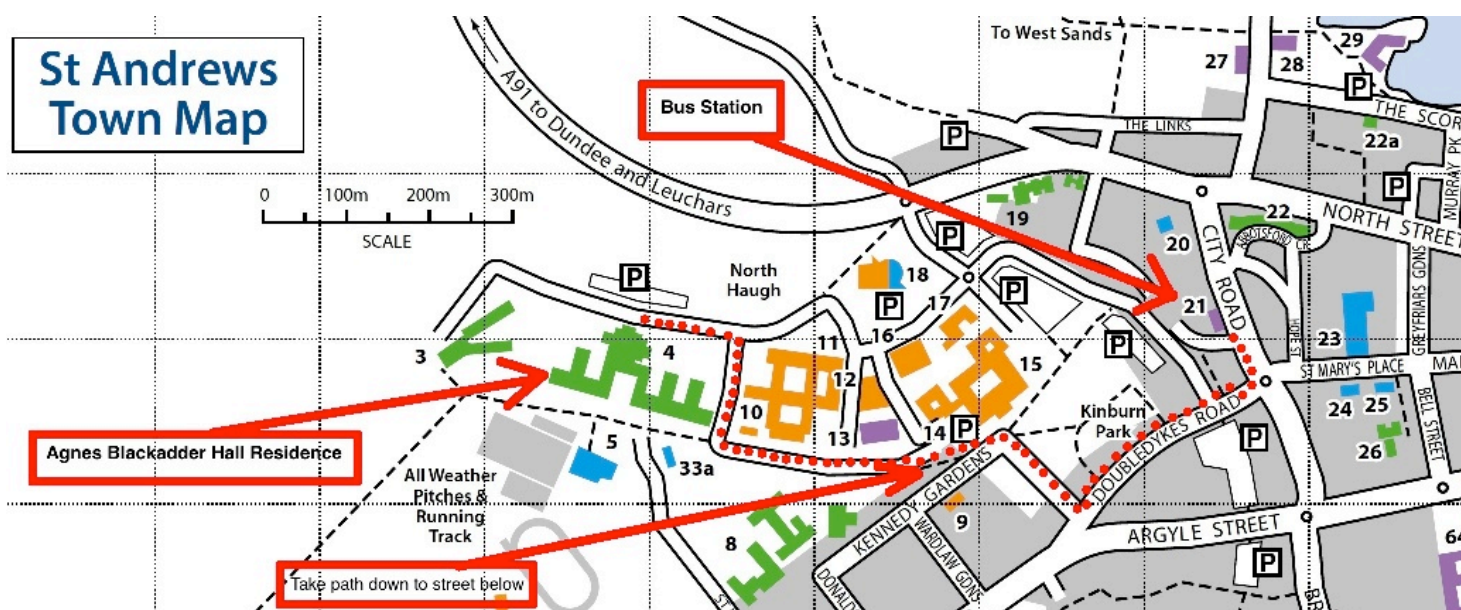
At the bottom of this page is the link for "Journey Planner".

<http://ojp.nationalrail.co.uk/service/planjourney/search>

The station code is either "EGY" ("Edinburgh Gateway") or "HYM" ("Haymarket"), or possibly "EDB" ("Edinburgh [Waverly]" center). The method of getting to from the airport to the train station in Edinburgh (either "EGY", "HYM", or "EDB") depends on the options (tram or bus) described above.

Reminder: When you arrive in Leuchars, you need to travel by bus for 10 minutes to get to St Andrews. This short bus ride costs 3 pounds. A taxi ride from Leuchars to St Andrews costs between 15 and 18 pounds.

How to get to Agnes Blackadder Hall from the St Andrews bus Station:

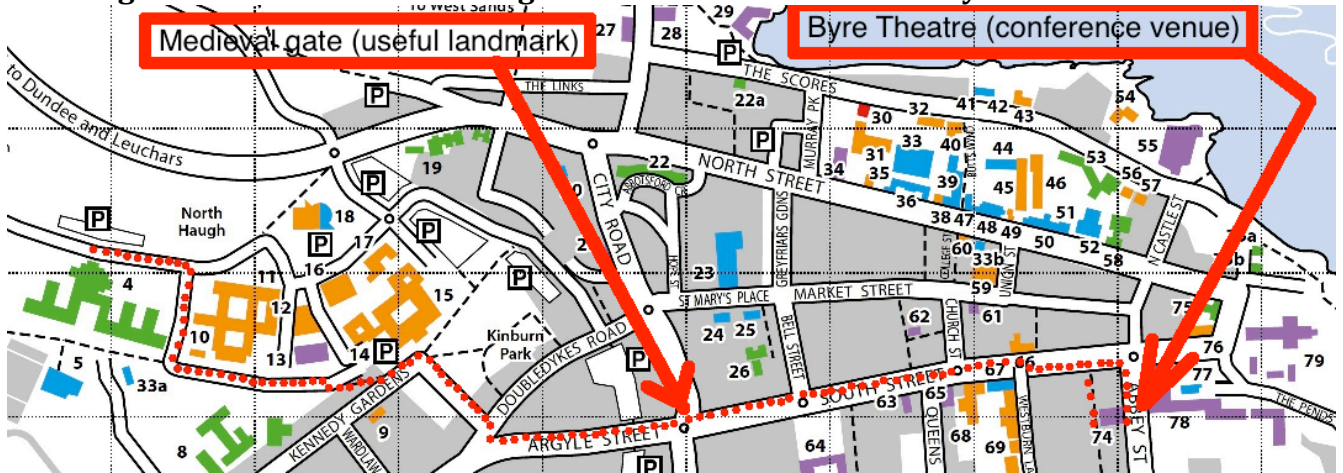


Step-by-step directions for getting to Agnes Blackadder Hall from the bus station:

- 1) From the bus station, cross the street where the entrance for the buses is. Do not cross "City Road". That is, do * not * cross where the traffic light is.
- 2) From the corner of that street (with vehicles entrance) and "City Road" (see map) walk to the roundabout, staying on the right side of the street.
- 3) From the roundabout, turn right and follow Doubledykes Road, crossing another street and passing by entrances to "Kinburn Park" (see map).
- 4) Just after walking by the park on "Doubledykes Road", turn right into Kennedy Gardens Street (see map).
- 5) Go down "Kennedy Gardens" street until it turns to the left, at which point you will see several buildings of the university down the hill to the right.
- 6) From here you have to walk a little further and go down a path (see the arrow on the map) to get to the street (without name) below.
- 7) Follow this street that runs between university buildings on the right, downhill and old houses on the left, uphill, until the street turns to the right.
- 8) Turning right and walking downhill, you will see the Agnes Blackadder Hall residence on the left.
- 9) To get to the entrance of the residence hall, you turn left after hitting the end of the road downhill, continuing until you see the parking on one side of the street and the residence with its entrance on the other side.

The telephone number for Agnes Blackadder Hall is: +44 1334 46 7000

How to get from the Residence of Agnes Blackadder Hall to the "Byre Theatre" venue



Going up from the residence and returning to Doubledykes Road, instead of following Doubledykes, cross the street towards Argyle Street, which changes its name to South Street after passing through the medieval gate (see map). Then, follow South Street to the last crossing-roundabout before the cathedral. There are two entrances to the Byre Theatre". The main one is on Abbey St, which you get to by turning right and walking downhill from that last crossing-intersection. The less visible entrance is on South Street itself, an entryway by a sign reading in a "St Andrews Partnership", which leads to an alley that then leads to The Byre. As shown on the map above, one route ends in the middle of the block where the entranceway is, and another ends at the main entrance on Abbey St.



Main entrance to the Byre Theater (Abbey St)



Less visible entrance to the place (South St)

Are you looking for a good whiskey?:

Most bars in Scotland will have a good selection of whiskey and the staff, usually have good advice and information regarding what to drink. If you'd like try out a "dram" whiskey in St Andrews, ask advice on what to drink according to one's tastes, or explore new whiskey regions, try the Keys Bar on South Street which has over 100 whiskeys to choose from. If you'd like to buy a bottle of whiskey that may be hard to find, perhaps not sold at the airport, visit the Luvians bottle shop on South Street. Sometimes Luvians, similar to the shop at the Edinburgh airport, offers some whiskeys to try. The staff there are real experts who can answer the most basic or the most specific question from someone looking for something particular.

Tourist attractions:

The tourism map that is included with the the program explains all the St Andrews has to offer. The main attractions of St Andrews are the ruins of the cathedral, the castle, and the ancient gulf field. The Old Course is one of the oldest in the world, and people are known to have played golf on the same "links" (high ground along the beach) since the 15th century. The origins of The Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews date back to the mid-eighteenth century. The ruins of the cathedral include its towers and another (of Stain Rule [Regulus]), and also offer a spectacular view of the sea. The castle (entrance fee required) offers this view, but you can also enjoy it free by walking down the cliffside street called The Scores, which runs from the cathedral to the old golf course. On this route, there is a way to walk down to the small, rocky beach near the castle. Another picturesque walk takes you down from the cathedral ruins to the small harbour, crossing the small bridge and following the path that runs parallel to the East Sands beach. To really get close to the sea, and feel surrounded by it, one can go walk out along the sea wall that extends from the harbour. Upon visiting St Andrews, many ask: Where's the main campus? The University buildings are spread throughout the town, as shown on the campus map included with the programme. The most picturesque area is St Salvator's Quad, whose entrance is found by St Salvator's chapel and church tower (the one with a big red clockface), found on North Street. Another nice quadrangle to visit is St Mary's College, whose difficult-to-spot entrance is on South Street, close to the conference venue.