## Getting to Aintree for the Grand National needn't be a night-mare

Given the recent announcement of a wave of planned strikes across rail providers over this year's Grand National, race-goers will be searching for alternative routes to the main event at Aintree.

While hopes are high for a resolution to the disputes, travel search engine gopili has provided transport options across coach, train and plane to help racing enthusiasts overcome any hurdles and book their journeys to Liverpool as cheaply as possible, ensuring those hoping to have a flutter on their favourite on $8^{\text {th }}$ April will not be disrupted, even if their trains are.

Whether looking for an alternate route or simply looking to save a bit of extra cash for the horses, these travel solutions ensure travellers won't be hanging around furlong...

## Rail strike affected routes

## Southern Rail

If you're travelling from the South East and are affected by Southern Rail strikes on $8^{\text {th }}$ April, either take a direct coach or for the cheapest option go via London/Manchester using these alternative routes:

| Outbound City | Route | Destination | Cost from | Mode of <br> Transport |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Brighton | Via London | Liverpool | $£ 12.20$ | Train \& coach |
| Portsmouth | Via Manchester | Liverpool | $£ 45$ | Two coaches |
| Southampton | Via London | Liverpool | $£ 8$ | Two coaches |

## Arriva Trains North

If your journey takes you across the North, coaches might be the best solution to avoid the rail disputes:

| Outbound City | Route | Destination | Cost from | Mode of Transport |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Blackpool | Direct | Aintree racecourse | £34.50 | Coach |
| Bradford | Direct | Aintree racecourse | £33 | Coach |
| Leeds | Direct | Liverpool | £6.90 | Coach |
| Manchester | Direct | Aintree racecourse | £22.50 | Coach |
| Preston | Direct | Aintree racecourse | £30.50 | Coach |
| Sheffield | Direct | Aintree racecourse | £34.50 | Coach |
| Stoke-on-Trent | Direct | Aintree racecourse | £34.50 | Coach |
| Sunderland | Direct | Liverpool | £8.50 | Coach |

## Money saving tips

Even if your journey is unaffected by the rail strikes, there are still savings to be made by taking a coach:

| Outbound City | Route | Destination | Cost from | Mode of <br> Transport |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Birmingham | Direct | Aintree <br> racecourse | $£ 34.50$ | Coach |
| Bristol | Direct | Liverpool | $£ 12.50$ | Coach |
| Edinburgh | Direct | Liverpool | $£ 24.20$ | Coach |
| Glasgow | Direct | Liverpool | $£ 26$ | Coach |
| Leicester | Direct | Aintree <br> racecourse | $£ 41.50$ | Coach |
| London | Direct | Liverpool <br> Newcastle | Direct | Liverpool |
| Nottingham | Direct | Aintree <br> racecourse | $£ 41.50$ | Coach |

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## Notes to editors

All routes and costs available via https://www.gopili.co.uk and are correct at the time of release. All costs are inclusive of booking fees.

## About gopili

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