Venue Guide - ARES 2019

14th International Conference on Availability, Reliability and Security

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Canterbury, UK

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Venue Overview

Conference Venue

ARES 2019 and all collocated events will take place in the buildings of the University of Kent.

The venue is located north of the Canterbury City with its beautiful cathedral and gardens.

The Canterbury campus has excellent transport links. It is easily accessible via the motorway network, rail links and local bus services.

On foot from Canterbury West, turn left out of the station and walk to the end of the road. Just after the 'Goods Shed' market on your left, take the footpath on the left and take the subway under the railway line. The University is signposted on blue signs from here.

The Unibus runs every 8-15 minutes and the Triangle bus 4X runs every 30 minutes from Canterbury bus station. Both services stop at the campus.

The London airports are at around two hours driving distance from Canterbury.

The City Center is also nearby to explore.
World Heritage Site
The centre point of any visit to Canterbury is the Cathedral (1). It dates back to 597AD when St Augustine became the first Archbishop establishing his seat in Canterbury. This stunning cathedral has been part of England’s great history, most notably the martyrdom of Archbishop Thomas Becket. The ruins of St Augustine’s Abbey (2) include the remains of the monastery where St Augustine’s monks lived and worshipped. St Augustine first worshipped with his followers in St Martins Church (3), England’s oldest working Parish Church. These three sites are recognised as an UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Historic Buildings
Canterbury is home to Greyfriars Chapel, (4) Britain’s oldest Franciscan building which spans the River Stour. See and explore the ruins of the Norman Castle (5) and view the Westgate Towers (6) which have stood over the road to London for six centuries. Eastbridge Hospital (20) was founded following the murder of St Thomas Becket to provide accommodation for poor pilgrims visiting his tomb. The building includes the early 13th century painting of Christ in Glory.

Medieval Adventure
Let The Canterbury Tales (7) whisk you back to 14th century England as you join Geoffrey Chaucer and his colourful characters on their pilgrimage from London to Canterbury Cathedral. This audio guide gives you an accurate recreation of medieval life.

River Tours
Discover interesting facts and hidden gems of the City while you sit back and relax with a river boat tour. Ideal for all ages, trips along the Stour can be taken with Canterbury Historic River Tours (8), Canterbury Punting (9) or Westgate Punts (10). (These tours do not operate in winter.)

Walking Tours
The city is also perfect to discover on foot. A 90-minute tour with one of our experienced Canterbury Tourist Guides is available most days. Tours commence from the Buttermarket. (11) As the night draws in, meet the ghost hunter for a 75-minute Ghost Tour of the spooky side of Canterbury. (Friday and Saturday evenings only.) (12)

Museums
Canterbury Roman Museum (14) provides a fascinating and family-friendly insight into Roman Canterbury. Built around the remains of an original Roman town house with mosaics and under-floor heating, the museum includes significant Roman finds and a timeline tracking the journey back in time from present day Canterbury to the original Roman street level. See how the Roman town was built, stroll through the marketplace, handle replica dishes in the Roman dining room and discover amazing objects including a rare Iron Age Soldier’s Helmet and a hoard of hidden treasure. The Beaney House of Art & Knowledge (15) is an Art Gallery, Museum and Library situated in the heart of historic Canterbury. This stunning Victorian building includes state-of-the-art exhibition spaces, permanent collections and a varied programme of events for all ages. The Beaney is also home to Canterbury’s Visitor Information Centre and a café. Themed galleries offer a stunning visual experience with displays ranging from Old Master Paintings to local portraits. Temporary exhibitions are a highlight.

Shopping
The bustling Whitefriars (17) shopping centre in the heart of Canterbury has many high street names selling the latest fashions and big-brand designs. But there is also a large range of other shops and independent retailers along the old cobbled streets of the city.

Gardens
Relax and enjoy the beauty of one of the city’s gardens. Just metres from the shopping centre is Dane John Gardens (18) providing views of the city from the top of the historic mound. Alternatively you can absorb the tranquillity and stroll around the delightful Westgate Gardens (19) or the smaller Franciscan Garden which stands Greyfriars Chapel. (4)

A Short Journey
A few miles outside of the city centre are Howletts Wild Animal Park, Wildwood and Durdlestone Park which provide a great day out for all the family. See map for directions.

Attractions mentioned above have differing opening times dependent on time of year.

For further details and event listings go to www.canterbury.co.uk or visit Canterbury Visitor Information (located in The Beaney on the ground floor) or call them on 01227 862 162.
Address of the ARES 2019 Conference Venue

University of Kent
Giles Ln, Canterbury CT2 7NZ
United Kingdom

How to get to Canterbury

By Bus:
National Express runs a regular service from London Victoria coach station to Canterbury bus station. The fares range from £6.00 to £8.30 and can be booked [here](#).

By Train:
There are frequent, high speed train services to Canterbury from St Pancras International. There are also direct services from London Victoria, London Charing Cross, Ebbsfleet International and Ashford International.

The University is just a 10 minute walk (see below) or a short bus or taxi ride direct from Canterbury East and Canterbury West railway stations.

You can plan your journey [here](#).
How to get from the railway station to the city center

From Canterbury East

The City Center is within walking distance from both Canterbury East and Canterbury West railway stations. It can be reached from the East station within 8 minutes or from the West station within 11 minutes.
How to get from the City Center to the Conference Venue

- About 4 minute walk to Westgate Towers,
- then take either UNI1 or UNI2 line from Westgate Towers for 9 minutes until station “Science Building”,
- then walk for 6 minutes to reach University of Kent