

Archaeology and Linguistics in the Andes

Practical Information for Participants

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Dates and Times for Arrival and Departure

The two-day **Cambridge symposium** will be held from 9am to 5pm on Friday 12th and Saturday 13th September, with a 'formal' conference dinner on the Friday evening around 8pm (dress need not be formal!). Participants whose time schedule is tight may therefore arrive as late as 9am on the Friday, if they wish, and will be able to leave from 5pm on the Saturday.

The one-day **London symposium** is from 9am to 5.30pm on Monday 15th September. Again, participants whose time schedule is tight can limit themselves to attendance at these times.

Nonetheless, **accommodation** for international participants at the Cambridge symposium is provided for the three nights of Thursday 11th, Friday 12th and Saturday 13th, and for the London symposium for the nights of Sunday 14th and Monday 15th. We have also organised a number of other events around the symposia proper which we would heartily encourage you to attend (see Social Events and Tours below).

Arrival

On the day you arrive in Cambridge, international participants can check in to your accommodation from 2pm (earlier only if your room was unoccupied previously). So whichever route you come by, you are **best advised** to choose a journey **arriving in the UK not too early in the morning**, to avoid arriving in Cambridge too early to check in. This applies particularly to participants arriving on the usual overnight flights from the USA. For more on arriving in Cambridge see [below](#).

Departure

While the formal symposium events at Cambridge will end about 5pm on Saturday 13th September, and in London at 5.30pm on the Monday 15th, both of these are rather late for most international departures, so we expect most international delegates will prefer to return home the following day.

Be aware that if you are leaving for a flight home on Sunday morning from any of the London airports, there may not be *train* services early enough from Cambridge to your airport (since they start running later on Sundays), though direct *coach* services from Cambridge to the airports do run round the clock. So again, you are **best advised** to choose a flight home **departing the UK around midday or later**, if possible, so that you can travel from Cambridge to your airport more comfortably by train, rather than having to take a very early coach.

Social Events and Tours

In Cambridge, our **welcome events** start from 5.30pm on Thursday 11th: a wine reception in the Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology, and then an informal dinner at a local 'gastro-pub', from about 7.30pm. En route which we shall walk through the grounds of Emmanuel College (of which John Harvard was an alumnus). On the Friday evening is our symposium dinner at Corpus Christi college, and on Saturday evening those who wish can again join us for an informal restaurant dinner.

For those staying on for the London Symposium, Sunday 14th is a free day if you wish, though you also have the option of joining us from 10am on the Sunday morning for us a **walking tour around Cambridge**, including the traditional punt on the River Cam (weather permitting). In the afternoon we hope to

propose a trip to the archaeological site of [Sutton Hoo](#), at the end of which we'll drop you off at the hotel we've booked for you in London, near the British Museum.

Choosing How To Get Here: From North America

Of the various airports serving London (collective code LON), by far the nearest and most convenient for Cambridge is London Stansted (STN). This way you can avoid passing through London altogether: direct trains from the airport railway station take only 30 minutes to Cambridge.

However, while Stansted is fairly well-served by European flights, the only direct flights from the USA are with American Airlines from New York (JFK), with two flights a day in each direction. If those flights are convenient for you, this will likely be your best solution: for more details on these recommended flights, see the next section below.

Otherwise, the two main London airports with flights to the USA are Heathrow (LHR) and Gatwick (LGW), each of which is about 2 to 2½ hours' travel time by train from Cambridge (see below for details).

American Airlines flights from New York (JFK) direct to London Stansted (STN)

- **New York to Cambridge:** Both American Airlines flights are evening departures, arriving the following morning at Stansted, so you'd have to leave JFK on the evening of Wednesday 10th. The first departs at 18h50 and arrives at 07h15 (flight duration 7h25); the second departs at 21h45 and arrives at 09h55 (flight duration 7h10). Both of these would allow you ample time to reach Cambridge, check into your accommodation, and have a few hours to rest, sleep or look around the city before our symposium welcome events from 5.30pm on the Thursday.
- **Cambridge to New York:** Back to JFK from Stansted there are two direct flights on Sunday 14th September, one in the morning departing at 10h15 and arriving in New York at 13h05 (flight duration 7h50); the second at 18h00 arriving in New York at 20h55. The earlier flight would mean a rather early start on the Sunday. The later flight would of course allow you much of the Sunday to see more of Cambridge, though it arrives in JFK rather late if you have onward connections.

For onward travel from Stansted to Cambridge, click on these links for information on [trains](#) and [coaches](#).

Choosing How To Get Here: From Europe

From Paris, Brussels and other locations nearby, **EuroStar** is very likely to be your best option. The trains leave from *Paris Gare du Nord* or *Bruxelles Midi*, and take about 2½ hours to St Pancras International station, which is only a two-minute walk from the neighbouring King's Cross Station, where the fast trains to Cambridge depart from. The whole journey can be completed in 3½ hours.

Fares are also particularly economical if booked well in advance through the [EuroStar website](#), and especially if you use EuroStar's option to buy tickets not just to London but right through to Cambridge, rather than buying them separately when you arrive. For return travel with an overnight Saturday stay for our Symposium, fares for each leg start at £26 plus an extra £6 for Cambridge, i.e. £64 total. If you wish to spend a little time in London, you can break your journey there and take a later train on to Cambridge. (The British Library, for example, is just a two-minute walk from St Pancras station; the British Museum is about 20 minutes away.)

If bought online, your EuroStar tickets can be collected at the ticket machines or ticket desks on departure. Your UK tickets between London and Cambridge are to be collected separately once you arrive at King's Cross, from one of the "Fast Ticket" machines at the station. In each case you'll need to have with you the same bank card that you used to buy online (this time just for identification, you're not charged again). You may also need to enter the ticket code which you are given when you buy online.

Click on this link for details on [trains from King's Cross to Cambridge](#).

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Stansted is fairly well-served by European flights, though mostly by budget airlines like EasyJet and Ryanair. For a wider choice of airlines and flights the other two main London airports are Heathrow (LHR) and Gatwick (LGW), as well as London City Airport (LCY). Each of these is 2 to 2½ hours' travel time from Cambridge.

Click here for details on how to reach Cambridge from each of these airports: [Stansted](#), [Heathrow](#), [Gatwick](#) or [London City](#).

Whichever route you come by, you are **best advised to take a flight departing the UK around midday or later**, if possible, so that you can travel from Cambridge to your airport more comfortably by train, rather than having to take a very early coach from Cambridge. This applies especially for the day when most of you will indeed be leaving, since that is a Sunday, when train services start somewhat later in the morning.

Ferries. Participants arriving from the Netherlands may even prefer the ferry from Hoek van Holland to Harwich, with onward train connections direct to Cambridge. Prices start at £25 or €35 one-way, with offers valid from any railway station in the Netherlands through to Cambridge, through the so-called 'Dutch Flyer' promotion. For tickets originating in the Netherlands, book online [here](#). There is one daytime and one night sailing: for details on times, see [this .pdf](#).

Getting to Cambridge from London Airports: Train Routes

A: By EuroStar or from any London airport except Stansted: via London King's Cross (KX) rail station
From Heathrow, Gatwick or London City airport, or the EuroStar terminal, you will first need to get to London King's Cross rail station, which is where the fast trains to Cambridge depart from. So ...

1. First check our section on [how to reach London King's Cross](#) rail station from the particular London airport you will land at: [Heathrow](#), [Gatwick](#) or [London City](#).
Or if you come by EuroStar, you arrive at St Pancras International, just a three-minute walk from King's Cross (turn left out of the main exit from St Pancras) – see the London map below.
2. Then check our section on [Trains to Cambridge from London King's Cross](#) (KX) rail station.

Timetables (and fares) for any UK train services can be consulted at www.nationalexpresseastcoast.com.

A1: To reach London King's Cross rail station from the various London airports ...

• from London Heathrow Airport (LHR)

Most straightforward is to take the direct underground (tube) service for London (Piccadilly Line), and alight at the stop called “London King's Cross / St Pancras”. Services run every five or ten minutes; journey time 55 minutes; fare £4.00.

There's also the “Heathrow Express” (www.heathrowexpress.com) fast train from Heathrow to Paddington Station in London, but you will then need to change to the tube or a taxi to get from Paddington to King's Cross, so it usually works out no faster (and more hassle) than the direct Piccadilly line tube. Services run every fifteen minutes, journey time is fifteen minutes, fare £14.50 plus £4.00 tube fare.

Then from King's Cross take the [train to Cambridge](#) – see next page.

• from London Gatwick Airport (LGW)

Several train companies ply the Gatwick - London route, including the “Gatwick Express” fast trains to London Victoria, but most involve changing stations in London and taking the underground. Faster and much more convenient for Cambridge are the “ThamesLink” direct trains from London Gatwick's train station to St Pancras International train station. Services every fifteen to thirty minutes; journey time 65 minutes; fare £8.90.

From St Pancras is a three-minute walk to King's Cross Station, for the [train to Cambridge](#) – see next page.

• from London City Airport (LCY)

From London City Airport take the Docklands Light Railway as far as the stop called “Bank” (services every 10-15 minutes, journey time 22 minutes). Then take the Circle line (yellow) on the underground to the stop called “London King's Cross / St Pancras” (services every few minutes, journey time c. 20 minutes). Fare £4.00. Then from King's Cross take the [train to Cambridge](#) (see next page).

For more information, see www.londoncityairport.com/index.php?page=lcyToCentralLondon

A2: Trains from London King's Cross (KX) rail station to Cambridge

Fast services run every 30 minutes or so, the journey time is 45-50 minutes (make sure you're taking a fast service with no or few stops; stopping trains can take up to 1 hour 15'). The fare is £17.90 single (if travelling off-peak, i.e. after 9.30am or on weekends, £27 return).

Trains normally leave from platform 6, 8 or 9 at King's Cross (on the left). Beware that trains may be split into two sections, and the front one will be the first to leave, so it's best to walk to the far end of the platform to the front coaches!

B: From London Stansted Airport: direct to Cambridge without passing through London

From Stansted Airport you should **not** go into Central London, since train services run direct from the airport to Cambridge every hour, journey time 30-35 minutes, alternating every half-hour with services with one change of train, journey time 55-60 minutes. The single fare is £8.50.

Train and Coach Services: Checking Timetables and Buying Tickets in Advance

For **train** services you do not need to make seat reservations, but if you prefer you can also buy tickets at various websites, though we recommend the [National Express East Coast Trains](#) (the same company runs both coach and train services). You cannot print your own tickets, however, and for purchases from abroad, you will need to choose the option to "Collect via Ticket on Departure at the station". Then when you arrive at the station you can collect your ticket from one of the "Fast Ticket" machines at the station: you'll need to have with you the same bank card you used to buy online (this time just for identification, you're not charged again). You may also need to enter the ticket code which you are given when you buy online.

For the National Express airport **coach** services, to ensure you get a seat on the service you want, it's advisable to buy tickets in advance. This can be done online from the [National Express Airport Coaches](#) website; the e-ticket is produced for you as a .pdf to print out yourself and show to the driver.

Getting to Cambridge from London Airports: By Coach

To travel from your airport to Cambridge, in most cases we would recommend travelling [by train](#) as faster, more frequent and more comfortable than by coach, which can mean a long, slow journey from Heathrow and especially Gatwick. Nonetheless, [National Express](#) coach services at least avoid having to change anywhere, and one important advantage is that unlike the trains they do run **round the clock**. You may need this if you plan to take a morning flight home, especially on the Sunday, since trains do not run very early on Sunday mornings.

- from Stansted: journey time 55 minutes; services more or less every hour; fare £10.50 single.
- from Heathrow: journey time 2 to 3 hours; one or two services per hour; fare £26 single or £35.50 return.
- from Gatwick: journey time 3½ to 4 hours; one service per hour; fare £30.50 single or £37.50 return.

On Arrival in Cambridge: Your Accommodation

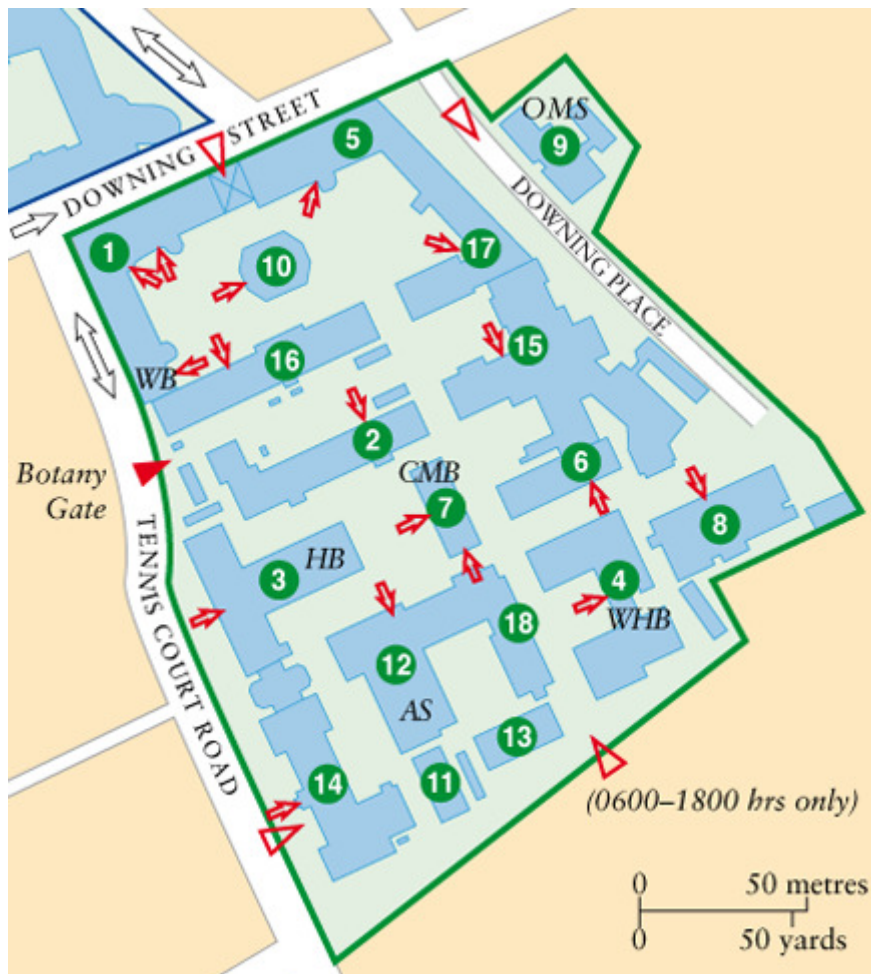
- Your **accommodation** will be in [Corpus Christi College](#) (whose Parker Library is home to the *Anglo-Saxon Chronicle* manuscripts), just left of the ‘New Museums Site’ on the map below. Alternatively, if you have requested a **double room**, you will have heard from us personally that you will be in [St John’s College](#) or [Magdalene College](#) (here pronounced ‘maudlin!’), both in the top left of the map.



- Each of these colleges is a **5-minute taxi ride** from either the train station, or the airport coaches stop on “Parker’s Piece”; the fare should be about £4 or £5. (On foot takes 25 or 15 minutes respectively.)
- To **check in**, please go to the **Porters’ Lodge** at the entrance to the College, shown on the map by the black ‘bowler hat’ symbol for that college. Normally you can check in only from 2pm; it may be possible to check in earlier, provided your room was unoccupied the previous night.
- **Checkout** time is normally 10am. In either case, if you arrive or leave Cambridge outside these times, you can certainly leave any luggage temporarily in the Porter’s Lodge.

Symposium Venues in Cambridge

- Our first event is the **wine reception**, from 5.30pm on Thursday 11th, which will be held in the [Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology](#), less than five minutes walk from Corpus, or ten to fifteen from St John's or 'Maudlin'. (Or again, a 5-minute taxi ride if coming straight from the train or bus station.) Head for the 'Downing Site': see the Cambridge map on the previous page, and the close-up site map below. The main entrance gates are on Downing Street, shown by the red triangle. Once you're inside the courtyard, the entrance to the Museum is in the corner to your right, number 1 on the map below.



- The **symposium** will be held at the [McDonald Institute for Archaeological Research](#), the new **octagonal building** in the middle of the 'Downing Site' courtyard, building 10 on the map. The Seminar Room is immediately on your right as you enter the building; **lunches** will be in the common room opposite.



- The **symposium dinner** on the Friday evening will be in [Corpus Christi College](#).

More Maps and Information about Cambridge

- Below is a [larger-scale map showing the train station](#) (on which the Downing Site appears as zone E);
- Click on these links for [more maps](#) and further information on the [University's webpages for visitors](#).



Internet Access and Presentation Equipment

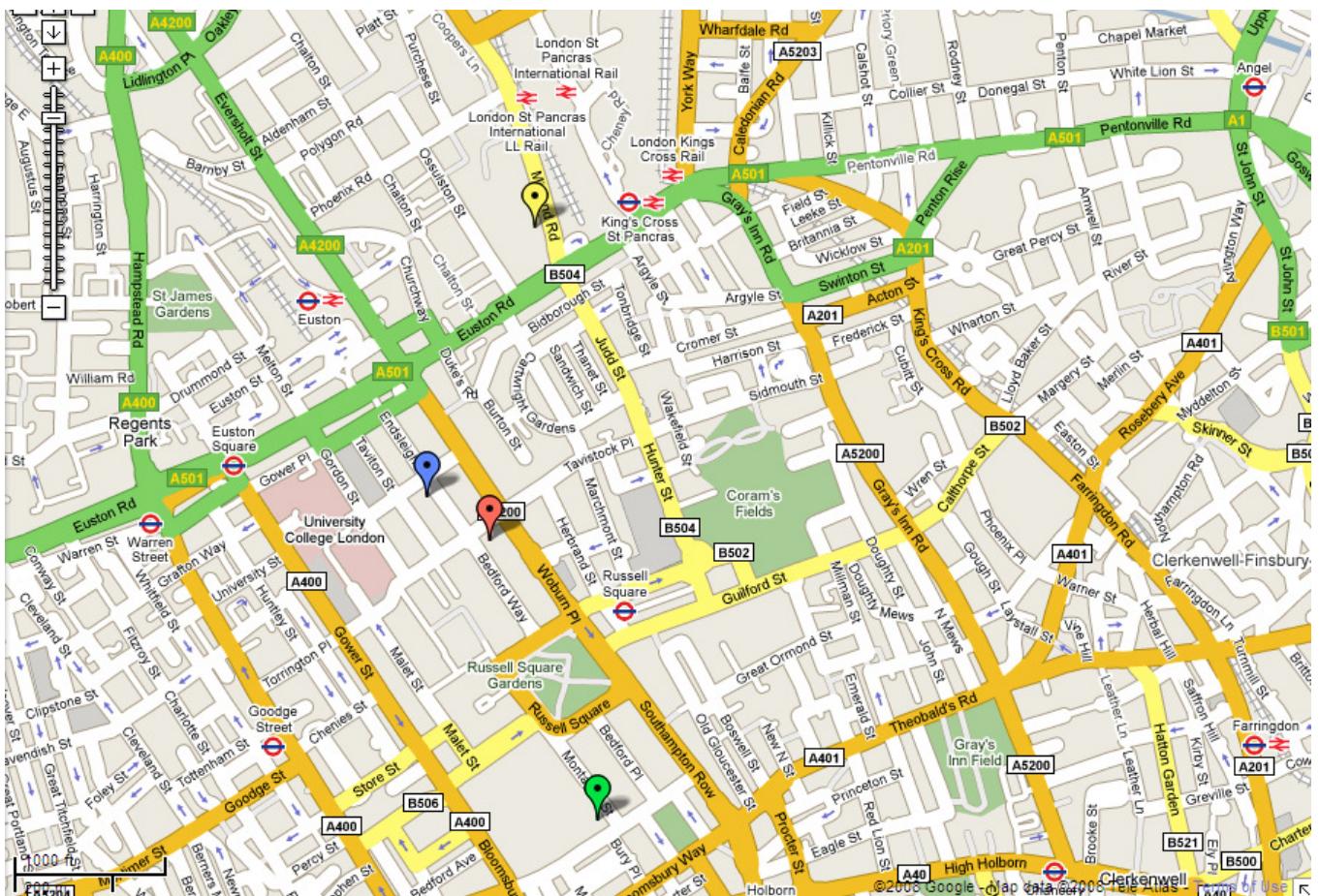
- During your stay, **internet access** will be made available to you through the Cambridge University network: both wireless for your own laptops, or terminals in computer rooms. Your rooms in Corpus Christi College should also have a cable connection point.
- For the symposium, both a **data projector** (for PowerPoint, etc.) and overhead projector will be available; please let us know if you will be needing a mac or a PC.

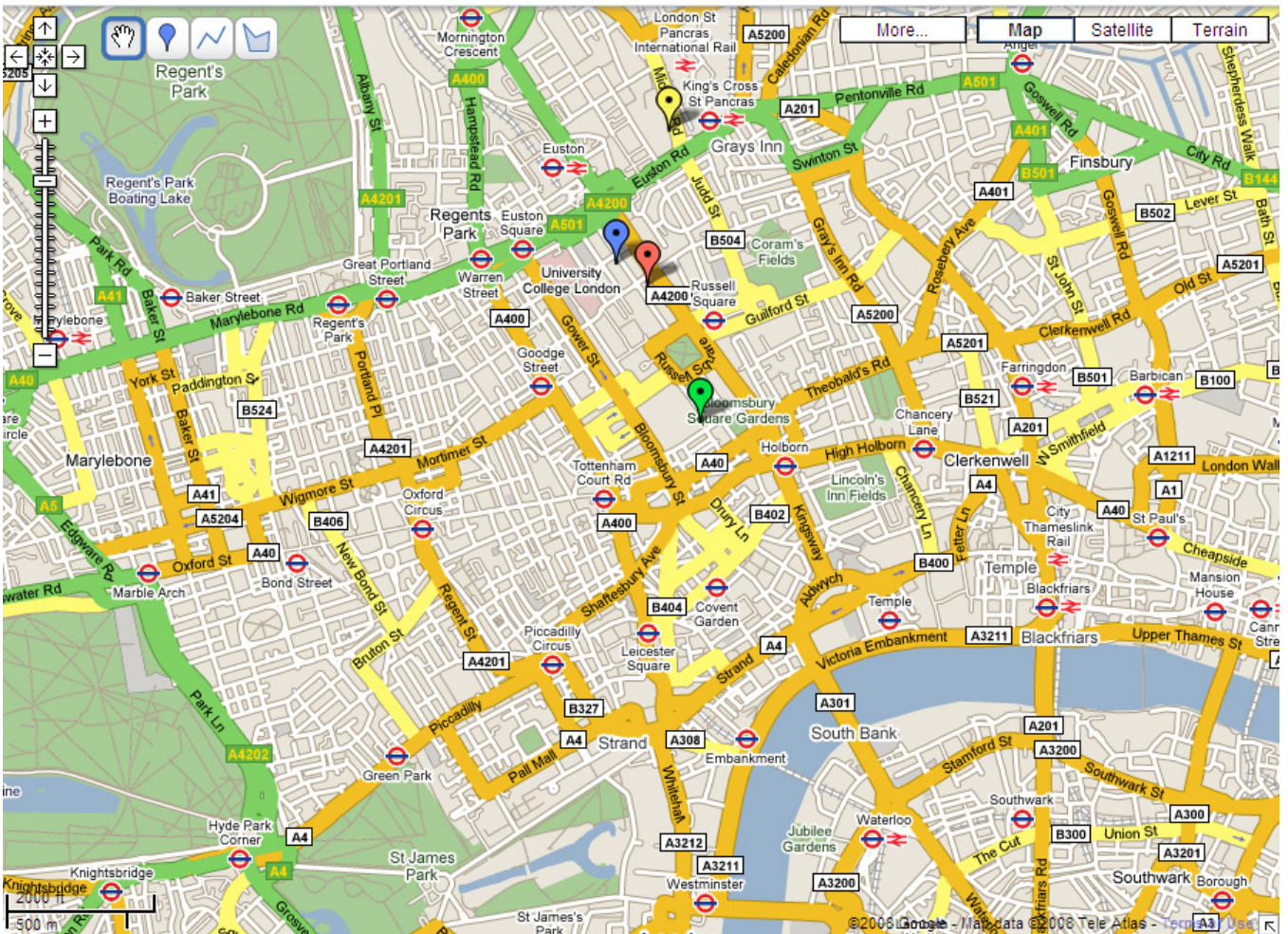
Accommodation, Events and Venues in London

Participants attending both the Cambridge and London symposia can either make their own way to London on the Sunday 14th, or join us on our trip to the [Sutton Hoo](#) archaeological site: we shall depart (by minibus) from Cambridge, visit the site, and then drop you off at the hotel in London by about 6.30pm, where we'll be on hand to help with check-in. On the evening of Sunday 14th you will be free to make your own arrangements for dinner.

For international participants we have booked rooms at the [Tavistock Hotel](#), with which the [Institute for the Study of the Americas](#), hosting our Symposium, has a regular arrangement for accommodating its visitors. The hotel (the red marker on the maps below) is ideally situated for us, just a few minutes' walk from all of the following locations (see also this [Google map](#)):

- [Institute for the Study of the Americas](#) [blue marker]
- [British Museum](#) [green marker]
- [British Library](#) [yellow marker]
- King's Cross and St Pancras rail and underground stations: for trains to Cambridge, Heathrow and Gatwick airports, and the EuroStar terminal.





- The Symposium on Monday 15th will be held at the Institute itself, with coffee breaks and lunch provided. We finish at 5:30pm and then we are invited at 6.30pm to a **reception at the Peruvian ambassador's residence** in Bayswater, and then an informal conference dinner at a local restaurant, from around 8pm (we will provide transport).
- Those staying on in longer London may be interested in our day of talks at the [British Museum](#) on Tuesday 16th, and a tour of the [British Library](#) on Thursday 18th.

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