

Preparing to join the course

Some useful tips as you are preparing to join your course in the UK:

- Check [here](#) to see if you require a visa to enter the UK. If you do, you must ensure you apply for your visa in plenty of time (we recommend an absolute minimum of 6-8 weeks).
- Ensure you have given us as much information as possible about your needs and interests for the course so that we can tailor content to meet your needs as best as possible.
- You must arrange travel insurance for the duration of your stay. A number of European countries take part in the E111 scheme, so you should check to see if your country is one of these and if not then find alternative insurance.
- UK plugs are different to most European plugs: check and buy a plug converter
- The UK shops only accept GBP (Sterling), so you will need to arrange to exchange some currency. ATMs are readily available in Bath.
- Please note that family and friends are not permitted to join any aspect of our courses.
- If possible, you should bring a laptop with you. Please let us know if you will not be bringing one.
- We do our best to meet all specific requests for homestay accommodation, but please be aware that it is not always possible to meet all requirements.
- You should contact your host family as soon as you receive their details, to introduce yourself and let them know your arrival arrangements to Bath. They will be able to help you with the best way of getting to their house.
- www.visitbath.co.uk has some useful information about Bath and the surrounding area.