

At TFNation, we are serious about doing everything we can to provide a welcoming, accessible and inclusive environment for all of our attendees.

This pack gives a general overview of the facilities offered by the convention and our advice for families.

Children

TFNation welcomes children, particularly as they are the next generation of Transformers fans!

We aim to be an inclusive convention. Children ages under 16 are admitted free when accompanied by a responsible paying adult. Young children receive a lanyard instead of a wrist band as we are aware that children like to fiddle/play which can result in a wristband becoming too tight and uncomfortable. Those aged between 16 and 18 may attendee for free and do not require adult supervision – but they will need to bring ID so we can check their age.

Although the convention is quite small, please ensure that your child has your contact number in case they get separated from you.

Unfortunately, we cannot make every aspect of TFNation child friendly. We are limited by finances, logistics, facilities, and our attendees. Please

contact TFNation directly if you have any questions, or if you can offer suggestions or resources to help make TFNation more family friendly.

Travel

The hotel is located in the centre of the UK and is easily accessible by air, rail or car, whether you are travelling from North or South or internationally.

Travel By Air

From Birmingham International Airport (BHX) a courtesy monorail takes passengers to Birmingham International Rail Station.

From the Rail Station, the Hilton operates a complimentary courtesy bus to take its guests the short distance to the venue. The bus can be called by using the yellow phone next to the Subway fast food store.





Alternatively, the venue is approximately a 15 minute walk from the Rail Station.

Travel by Rail

A courtesy bus runs to and from Birmingham International Train Station. The bus can be called by using the yellow phone next to the Subway fast food store.

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Travel by Car

The hotel is located 200 yards from junction 6 of the M42 motorway and A45.

Please use the postcode B40 1PP with your Sat Nav. From the North M6, then M42 exit at junction 6. From the South M40, M42 exit at junction 6. M5, M42 exit at junction 6. M1, M6, M40, M42 exit at junction 6.

Parking

The hotel includes an award-winning 700 space "Safe Park" car park.

Parking is charged at the hotel's rate.

Should spaces fill quickly, the nearby National Exhibition Centre has thousands of parking spaces.

Please visit its website for up to date pricing.

Please keep an eye on our social media accounts or join our newsletter to keep informed of any travel disruptions that may affect your journey to the convention.

The Hotel

The Hilton Birmingham Metropole provides an extensive offer of accommodation within 790 guest rooms and suites, including Family Rooms.

Some family-friendly hotel features include;

- Children's Menu
- Cribs
- Family Packages Offered
- High chairs
- WiFi

Family bedrooms are not able to be booked via the TFNation micro site. Please call the hotel directly to discuss your family room needs.

There are other Hotels within walking distance with family rooms available, check out the links on our website https://tfnation.com/location#alternatives

Food

If you have purchased a special TFNation-rate room at the hotel, then free breakfast is included. If you have booked a different type of room, please double check.

The Hilton has many different styles of breakfast e.g. fried and continental.

Most breakfast items are self-service, but if you require assistance the Hilton staff will be happy to help.

The Hilton supplies a range of dairy and gluten free options, as well as vegetarian and vegan options. If you have special requirements it is best to speak with the hotel before you arrive for breakfast.

There will be food vendors at appropriate times during the convention in the public areas of the hotel. There are also the various restaurants and bars throughout the hotel.

Within walking distance of the hotel is Resorts World, which is home to a uniquely attractive retail experience. 50 outlet stores under one roof! There is also an 11 screen cinema equipped to show the latest movies in 3D and digital. Resorts World has an international range of cuisines from simple and locally sourced meals to an exciting international fusion menu.

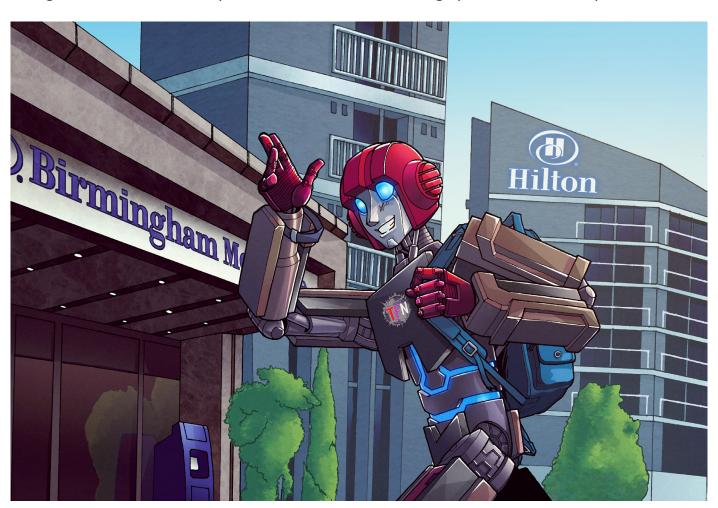
Breast feeding & baby changing

If you need a space at TFNation to feed your infant or toddler, change nappies / diapers, or breast feed, please contact one of our volunteers for advice.

Child friendly activities

As TFNation continues to grow we aim to include more child friendly activities and include warnings, where possible, if a panel is likely to include adultcontent.

Currently children can visit the voice actors, get their autographs and often, with permission, have





their photograph taken with the actor.

They can often also ask the artists to draw their favourite Transformers characters for them for a small charge. There is even a colourist on site, if required!

In The Forge there are many fan artists who have different talents and items for sale, such as keyrings and posters.

And of course, our main convention room contains Europe's largest Transformers toy sales room, with thousands of new and old toys for sale.

Often during the daytime as well as after the Cosplay competition on Saturday night, you will find many Transformers wandering the corridors happy to have their photograph taken.

Every year we hope that the Transformer cars will join us, keep your eyes glued to our website for further details!

As you can see TFNation aims to keep all children happy. Whether you are aged under 18, or simply a child at heart, everyone is welcome!

Volunteers

We have a large team of friendly volunteers, who will do all that they can to assist you. During the weekend they will be wearing brightly coloured t-shirts with "volunteer" or "crew" written on them.

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