Welcome to Heathrow pod

The world exclusive Heathrow pod, a Personal Rapid Transit (PRT) system is open and carrying passengers at the world’s busiest international airport. Developed by UK company Ultra and BAA, the unique Heathrow pod system consists of 21 low energy, battery powered, driverless vehicles capable of carrying four passengers and their luggage along a 3.8km dedicated guide way between the Terminal 5 Business Car Park and Terminal 5.

Passengers can board a pod at three pod stations, one at Terminal 5 and two at the Terminal 5 Business Car Park and select their chosen destination using a touch screen. The programmed vehicle immediately takes them directly to their destination, at speeds of up to 25mph (40kph), without the need for any frustrating or time consuming stops in between, thus arriving at their airline check-in or back to their vehicle more quickly.

The pod operates from 03.00 to 01.00 Monday – Friday; 03.00 to 23.00 Saturday; 04.00 to 01.00 Sunday

Instructions for a round trip self tour

1. Arrive at London Heathrow Airport Terminal 5
2. If coming from the Tube or Heathrow Express, you will need to exit the main terminal building by the far right/north doors (by Giraffe/M&S at Arrivals and by drop offs at Departures) and head for the second set of lifts sign posted for car parks and the Sofitel Hotel. (The lifts in the main building do not access the car parks, only arrivals/departures and office buildings).
3. Once in the car park lift, press the button to the second floor, which is branded with a pod logo. Once at the second floor, turn right and the pod station is right in front of you.
4. Enter the T5 Heathrow pod Station. At the touch screen destination selection panel, select one of the two stations at T5 Business Car Park.
5. Enter a pod, press the buttons to close the doors and start the pods, then sit back and enjoy the ride.
6. Exit your pod at your destination at the T5 Business Car Park.
7. To go back to T5 you will need to use the touchscreen destination selection panel at the bay to select Terminal 5 as your destination. Enter the pod, and once inside press the close door and start buttons to begin your return journey.

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