



Costa Coffee

Costa Coffee in Essex

Costa Coffee opened its £38 million state-of-the-art Costa Coffee roastery in Basildon in early 2017 and now ships perfectly roasted coffee beans to more than 3,000 Costa cafes in 31 countries.

Seeking sites to be able to expand production, in 2017 Costa invested £38m to relocate their roastery to Basildon. This site was chosen for its proximity to Tilbury docks where the beans are imported. This is half the distance compared to the old Costa Coffee roastery in Lambeth, generating fewer road miles and emissions as a result.

The Costa Coffee roastery is one of the most sustainable buildings in the world, with stand-out features including a rain water harvesting system which will produce hot water for the building, cycle storage, and a solar power system to provide power to the building saving 80,000kg of carbon emissions a year.

In total, Costa employs around 15,000 people, 30 of whom work at the Basildon Roastery. By relocating, this means that the new site in Basildon has quadrupled Costa's roasting capacity per year from 11,000 tonnes to 45,000 and will enable Costa to produce 2.1 billion cups of coffee per year.

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What are the key business benefits of locating in Essex?

Major property cost savings:

- 74% versus the City of London
- 54% versus London
- 26% versus England's major cities

Major labour cost savings:

- 48% versus the City of London
- 21% versus London
- 5% versus England's major cities



Future Plans for Costa Coffee in Essex

The facility houses an academy which will train 3000 baristas per year and is expected to operate for the next 20-30 years.

There is also space to expand the Costa Coffee roastery in the future in order to create an annual roasting capacity of 60,000 and meet growing demand.



Roasting here in Basildon keeps the UK at the centre of our growing global brand and enables us to build on everything we have learned from more than four decades of roasting in Lambeth. Today is about quality, capacity, investing in the future and being true to our heritage - it's about embracing our traditions whilst continuing to innovate and drive global growth.

Dominic Paul
Managing Director
Costa Coffee



Superb transport connectivity:

- City of London: 28 minutes by train (from Chelmsford, Essex)
- London Stansted Airport: 30 minute drive (from Chelmsford, Essex)
- London Heathrow Airport: 1 hour 12 minutes by Crossrail (from Shenfield, Essex)
- All London Airports within 1 hour 15 minutes (from Chelmsford, Essex)

A large-scale, specialist workforce:

- 103,000 financial and business service workers in Essex
- 142,000 Essex-based London commuters
- 688,000 London finance cluster workers

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Why choose Essex as a business location?

Essex presents a unique location opportunity to companies expanding in the UK and European markets.

Benefiting from the UK's highly advantageous business environment, Essex offers direct access to the business and technology hubs of London and Cambridge, a high-quality workforce, unrivalled global connectivity and the UK's multimodal logistics gateway: four international deep sea ports, six rail freight terminals and the UK's third largest cargo airport ([London Stansted](#)) in Essex.

But, uniquely within the UK, Essex combines these value-adding advantages with potentially massive cost savings – enabling your company to save money without compromise.

About Costa Coffee

Costa Coffee was established in 1971 when brothers Bruno and Sergio Costa founded a coffee roastery in Lambeth, London. In 2017 they relocated to their brand new, state-of-the-art Costa Coffee roastery located in Basildon, Essex.

They opened their first store in 1978 and have since been selling their own blend of Italian coffee. In 1995 Costa was sold to Whitbread and in 1999 it opened its first international store in Dubai. There are now 2,389 Costa stores within the UK, with a further 1,366 throughout 31 countries worldwide, making a total of 3,755 stores. There are also a further 8,046 Costa Express machines located within offices, garages and supermarkets worldwide.

Costa are the largest UK coffeehouse chain and the second largest in the world behind Starbucks. They have won numerous awards including Allegra – Nations favourite coffee shop consecutively from 2009 – 2015.



For more info, visit: <https://www.costa.co.uk>

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Our mission is to make your business expansion or relocation as hassle-free as possible, helping you to minimise project costs and risks. We also provide information and contacts businesses need to locate their ideal property solutions.

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