

HOW TO GET TO ANTWERP



BY PLANE

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ANTWERP INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

- www.antwerp-airport.be
- This small airport only has regular connections with the UK. Many business flights, but also low-cost flights in the middle of week days and on Saturday. Short check-in times.
- Take Bus 14 to the city centre (20 minutes to Central Station).

BRUSSELS AIRPORT

- www.brusselsairport.com
- The national airport of Belgium lies just outside of Brussels. Its railway station is located under the airport. First take the train to Brussels 'Nord / Noord' station. There you take the direct train to Antwerp.
- From National Airport to Antwerp Central:
 - 3 connections per hour / about 70 minutes / €9.40
 - First train at 05:36, last train with a connection to Antwerp at 23:27 (on Sat and Sun at 05:32 and 23:17).

BRUSSELS SOUTH CHARLEROI AIRPORT

- www.charleroi-airport.com
- This small low-cost airport is further from Brussels. There are no direct connections to Antwerp, so you have to take the shuttle bus to Brussels first. It takes about an hour and goes two times per hour. When you miss the last bus, look for people to share a taxi to Brussels. The fixed price is €100.
- Shuttle bus to Brussels
 - two per hour
 - drives 1 hour to Brussels (to 'Zuid/Midi' train station)
 - one-way for € 13 / two-way for € 22
 - buy your ticket at desk 1 in the airport
- From Brussels 'Zuid / Midi' to Antwerp Central:
 - 5 trains per hour / about 50 minutes / €6.60
 - First train at 04:21, last train at 23:31 (on Sat and Sun at 05:44 and 23:33).

BY BUS

- The international Eurolines bus stops in Antwerp at Van Stralenstraat 8 (between the train station and the city centre), but many connections only go via Brussels 'Noord/Nord' station. It will be no problem to catch a train from Brussels to Antwerp, but watch out: buses often have a delay, so you might have to spend the night in Brussels if you're late.
- www.eurolines.com > online booking
- From Brussels 'Noord / Nord' to Antwerp Central:
 - 4 trains per hour / about 40 minutes / €6.60
 - First train at 04:30, last train at 23:44 (on Sat and Sun at 05:53 and 23:42).

BY TRAIN

- Antwerp lies right in the middle between Paris Nord and Amsterdam (two hours from Paris and two hours from Amsterdam with Thalys). Antwerp has two train stations: 'Antwerpen Centraal' (15 minutes on foot to the cathedral) and 'Antwerpen Berchem' (take tram 8 to the city centre).
- Thalys = international high-speed train between France, Belgium and the Netherlands. Thalys stops in 'Antwerpen Centraal' station. // www.thalys.com
- Eurostar = international high-speed train between the UK, France and Belgium. Does not stop in Antwerp, but in Brussels 'Zuid / Midi' station (with many direct connections to Antwerp).
www.eurostar.com

TIP: A Eurostar ticket is always good for any Belgian station, so you don't have to pay for the connecting train from Brussels.

TRAINS FROM BRUSSELS TO ANTWERP = €6.60

There are three stations in Brussels: Brussels 'Zuid/ Midi', Brussels Central and Brussels 'Noord / Nord'. All Belgian trains stop in the three stations, so you can choose. Brussels 'Noord / Nord' is the closest one to Antwerp.

Railway timetables in English: www.b-rail.be/main/E/

IC-trains (InterCity) go faster than IR-trains (Inter-Regional). Don't take the slow L-trains (local).

TIP: If you're travelling with a few friends, and you plan to see more than one city in Belgium, it's cheapest to buy a 'Go-pass' with ten tickets for € 50. You can use it between all the Belgian stations with more than one person at the same time. If you're older than 25, ask for a Rail Pass (same system for € 74).

