

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 / €9.50
- First train at 05:36, last train with a connection to Antwerp at 23:27 (on Sat and Sun at 05:30 and 23:16).

BRUSSELS SOUTH CHARLEROI AIRPORT

• www.charleroi-airport.com

• This small low-cost airport is 50 km outside of Brussels, in Charleroi. There are no direct connections to Antwerp, so you have to choose: via Charleroi train station (cheaper) or via Brussels (a bit easier).

=> VIA CHARLEROI (BUS + TRAIN)

• Buy an Airport Ticket at the airport (€ 16,70)
• City bus A to Charleroi train station
• Train to Antwerpen Centraal
- drives one hour and 40 minutes to Antwerp
- first train at 04:36, last train at 22:37 (on Sat and Sun at 05:40 and 22:40)

=> VIA BRUSSELS (SHUTTLE BUS + TRAIN)

• 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 outside of the airport (follow the blue line) or online at www.voyages-lelan.be
• From Brussels 'Zuid / Midi' to Antwerp Central:
- 5 trains per hour / about 50 minutes / € 6.70
- First train at 04:14, last train at 23:32 (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). However, many international buses don't stop in Antwerp, but at 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

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

• Trains in Belgium: www.b-rail.be

TRAINS FROM BRUSSELS TO ANTWERP = € 6.70

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).

TIP: If you're travelling alone, you can also order a 'Go-pass One' ticket online. This one is only € 6,50. You cannot buy it in the train station, so print it at home!

TIP: If you're making a return trip during the weekend, ask for a weekend ticket. This is almost half the price.

