

HOW TO GET TO BRUGES



BY PLANE

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BRUSSELS AIRPORT

- www.brusselsairport.be
- The national airport of Belgium lies just outside of Brussels. Its railway station is located under the airport. First take the train to Brussels 'Zuid / Midi' station. There you take the train in the direction of Brugge, De Panne, Knokke or Oostende. The first stop is Ghent, the second is Bruges.
- From National Airport to Bruges:
 - 2 trains per hour / about 85 minutes / € 16,20
 - First train at 05:36, last train at 23:52 (on Sat and Sun at 05:32 and 23:50).

BRUSSELS SOUTH CHARLEROI AIRPORT

- www.charleroi-airport.com
- This small low-cost airport is further from Brussels. There are no direct connections to Bruges, 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
- Train from Brussels 'Zuid / Midi' station to Bruges:
 - 2 trains per hour / about 55 minutes / € 12.90
 - First train at 06:05, last train at 00:32 (every day)

BY BUS

- Some international Eurolines busses stop in Bruges at the train station, but most connections go via Brussels 'Noord/Nord' station. It will be no problem to catch a train from there to Bruges, 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
- www.busabout.com > backpackers' tours around Europe, stops in Bruges at Bauhaus hostel
- From Brussels 'Noord / Nord' station to Bruges:
 - 2 trains per hour / 65 minutes / € 12.90
 - First train at 05:56, last train at 00:23 (every day).

BY TRAIN

- Thalys = international high-speed train between France, Belgium and the Netherlands. Usually it stops in Brussel Zuid / Midi station, from where you can take a direct train to Bruges. One Thalys train per day also stops in Bruges.
www.thalys.com
- Eurostar = international high-speed train between the UK, France and Belgium. Does not stop in Bruges, but in Brussels 'Zuid / Midi' station.
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. With a Thalys ticket, you have to pay a few euros for this 'Any Belgian Station' option. Ask when you book the ticket, because it's still cheaper than paying the extra ticket from Brussels.

TRAIN FROM BRUSSELS TO BRUGES = € 12.90

(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 'Zuid / Midi' is the closest one to Bruges.)

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).

