

HOW TO GET TO GHENT



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. A fast train to Ghent 'Sint-Pieters' is the one in the direction of De Panne.
- From National Airport to Ghent:
 - 1 direct train per hour / 60 minutes / € 11.30 (more trains if you change at Brussels 'Zuid / Midi')
 - First train at 05:36, last train at 23:50 (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 Ghent, 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 (always waits for the incoming planes, also when your flight is late)
 - 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' station to Ghent:
 - 3 trains per hour / 30 minutes / € 8.10
 - First train at 06:05, last train at 00:32 (every day).

BY BUS

- The international Eurolines bus stops in Ghent at the train station. However, many international buses don't stop in Ghent, but at Brussels 'Noord / Nord' station. It will be no problem to catch a train from Brussels to Ghent, 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' station to Ghent:
 - 3 trains per hour / 40 minutes / € 8.10
 - First train at 05:56, last train at 00:23 (every day).

BY TRAIN

- Ghent lies between Brussels and Bruges, with many fast direct connections to both cities.
- Thalys = international high-speed train between France, Belgium and the Netherlands. Usually it stops in Brussel 'Zuid / Midi' station, from where you take a direct train to Ghent. One Thalys train per day also stops in Ghent.
www.thalys.com
- Eurostar = international high-speed train between the UK, France and Belgium. Does not stop in Ghent, but in Brussels 'Zuid / Midi' station.
www.eurostar.com
- From France, also regular trains between Lilles and Ghent (not a high-speed train). From the Netherlands, change trains in Antwerp to Ghent.

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.

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TRAINS FROM BRUSSELS TO GHENT = € 8.10

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 Ghent.

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).

