

Travel Information DIME FINAL CONFERENCE 6–8 April 2011, Maastricht

Maastricht can be reached by train from the national airports in Brussels and Amsterdam (Brussels is slightly closer), as well as from regional airports in Eindhoven or Maastricht. Good train connections exist to Paris Nord, Brussels and Liege, as well as all train stations in the Netherlands. A bus connection to Aachen train station also exists.

The most common connections will be the following:

1. Arriving at Brussels airport (Zaventem). For a train connection to Maastricht, board the airport express at the airport, and change in **Brussel Noord/Bruxelles Nord**. Here you will either have a direct train to Maastricht (last one leaves at 18.33), or you will have to change again at **Leuven/Louvain** and/or **Liege Guillemins**. Check example schedules below, or get your detailed schedule at the Belgian rail website. Going back from Maastricht to the airport, direct trains to **Brussel Noord/Bruxelles Nord** start at 7.09 in the morning. Total travel time for this option can be up to 2 hours and a quarter (one-way). A more expensive alternative is to book a (shared) taxi, for example Taxi Patrick (see information below).

2. By high speed train, through Brussels (e.g., Eurostar or Thalys). Most probably, your high speed train will stop in **Brussel Zuid/Bruxelles Midi**. From here you will either have a direct train to Maastricht (last one leaves at 18.24), or you will have to change again at **Leuven/Louvain** and/or **Liege Guillemins**. Check example schedules below, or get your detailed schedule at the Belgian rail website. Going back from Maastricht to the airport, direct trains to **Brussel Zuid/Bruxelles Midi** start at 7.09 in the morning. Total travel time for this option can be up to 2 hours and a quarter (one-way).

3. Arriving at Amsterdam airport (Schiphol). Get a train in the direction of **Utrecht** or Eindhoven. A connection will be available every half hour, directly from the airport. Last connection at 22.15. Most probably, you will have to change once, in **Utrecht**, or **Eindhoven**, but a few direct connections to Maastricht run every day. In Utrecht or Eindhoven, make sure you board the train at the front half, otherwise you will go to Heerlen. Announcements about this are made in the train, but mostly only in Dutch. If you get the wrong half, you can change in Sittard (last stop before Maastricht). Total travel time for this option can be up to 2 hours and three quarters (one-way).

For info on train schedules in the Netherlands see: <http://www.ns.nl/>

For info on train schedules in Belgium see: <http://www.b-rail.be/main/N/>

For info on train schedules in Germany see: <http://www.bahn.com/i/view/index.shtml>

For info on bus schedules in the Netherlands see: <http://www.9292ov.nl/>

Airport taxi

In case you want to reserve an airport taxi from Brussels-Zaventem to Maastricht and vice-versa please have a look at the website of Taxi Patrick at: <http://www.taxipatrick.be/>, where you will find a reservation form under 'Reserveren'. You have to make your reservation at least 2 days before your departure.

Train connections from Brussels to Maastricht

Brussels–Maastricht, first train: departure 6.09, next train 7.09, 8.09 etc.

Example:

Brussels–airport	departure	6.09
Brussels–Noord	arrival	6.21
(change trains, go to platform 5)		
Brussels–Noord	departure	6.33
Maastricht	arrival	7.51

Brussels–Maastricht, last train: departure 21.39

Example:

Brussels–airport	departure	21.39
Leuven	arrival	21.52
(change trains, go to platform 3)		
Leuven	departure	22.26
Liege–Guillemins	arrival	23.00
(change trains, go to platform 1)		
Liege–Guillemins	departure	23.22
Maastricht	arrival	23.51

Train connections from Maastricht to Brussels

Maastricht–Brussels, first train; departure 7.07, then 8.09, 9.09

Example:

Maastricht	departure	7.07
Brussels–Noord	arrival	8.27
(change trains, go to platform 5)		
Brussels–Noord	departure	8.39
Brussels–airport	arrival	8.51

Maastricht–Brussels, last train; departure 22.09

Example:

Maastricht	departure	22.09
Liege–Guillemins	arrival	22.39
(change trains)		
Liege–Guillemins	departure	23.09
Leuven	arrival	00.01
(change trains)		
Leuven	departure	00.08
Brussels–airport	arrival	00.21

Price one-way ticket second class € 20,00

Price return–ticket second class € 40,00

Train connections from Amsterdam/Schiphol to Maastricht

Amsterdam/Schiphol–Maastricht, first train 6.59; next train 7.29, 7.59, 8.29 etc.
last trains 21.16, 21.46, 22.16, these last 3 trains via Amsterdam

Example:

Schiphol	departure	6.59 (platform 3)
Utrecht Centraal	arrival	7.32
(change trains, go to platform 15)		
Utrecht Centraal	departure	7.38
Maastricht	arrival	9.34

Example:

Schiphol	departure	7.29 (platform 3)
Utrecht Centraal	arrival	8.02
(change trains, go to platform 15)		
Utrecht Centraal	departure	8.08
Maastricht	arrival	10.04

Train connections from Maastricht to Amsterdam

Maastricht–Amsterdam/Schiphol, first train 5.24, next train 5.54, 6.26, 6.56
last train 22.26

Example:

Maastricht	departure	6.26 (platform 3)
Utrecht Centraal	arrival	8.22
(change trains, go to platform 5)		
Utrecht Centraal	departure	8.28
Schiphol	arrival	8.59

Example:

Maastricht	departure	6.56 (platform 3)
Utrecht Centraal	arrival	8.52
(change trains, go to platform 5)		
Utrecht Centraal	departure	8.58
Schiphol	arrival	9.29

Price one-way ticket second class € 23,00

Price return-ticket second class € 46,00

Bus connections from Aachen to Maastricht

To pay for your bus ride you need a strippenkaart which you can buy in every cigar shop, but you can also buy a ticket at the bus.

Aachen HBF to Maastricht

Bus 50

First one 6.18, then 6.48 and so on, travel time 50 minutes

Last one 0.13

Maastricht to Aachen

Bus 50

First one 5.16, then 5.46 and so on, travel time 50 minutes

Last one 23.18

Price one-way ticket € 5,00

Price return-ticket € 10,00