how to get to

BRUSSELS

by plane


good sites to search cheap flights all over Europe (also to and from Belgium)

BRUSSELS NATIONAL AIRPORT (brusselsairport.be/en)

Railway station is located under the airport, with direct connection to city centre

- Train to Brussels Central: 6 trains per hour / duration 20-30 minutes / €9
- First train at 04:41, last train at 00:13 (on Sat and Sun at 05:25 and 00:31)

BRUSSELS SOUTH CHARLEROI AIRPORT (charleroi-airport.com)

Small lowcost airport 50 km outside of Brussels, in Charleroi. You have to take the shuttle bus to Brussels first (takes about 1 hour). When you miss the last bus, look for people to share a taxi to Brussels (price to the centre is ±€15 per person)

Shuttle bus to Brussels: Brussels city shuttle

- two per hour; drives ±1 hour to Brussels (to ’Zuid/Midi’ train station)
- First one at 04:30, then 07:50, 08:30, 09:00,... Last one at midnight.
- one-way for €17 (online €5 - 14,20) / you can only pay by (credit) card!
- buy a ticket outside of the airport (follow the blue line) or online (brussels-city-shuttle.com)

by bus


Eurolines stops at Brussels ’Noord / Nord’ station, Flixbus stops near Brussels ’Noord / Nord’ & ’Zuid / Midi’ station, Ouibus stops at Brussels ’Zuid / Midi’ station.

by train


international trains to and from Belgium, stop in Brussels ’Zuid / Midi’ station.

Eurostar = international high-speed train between the UK, France and Belgium.
Thalys = international high-speed train between France, Belgium and the Netherlands.
Izy = lowcost Thalys trains between Paris and Brussels.
TRAINS IN BELGIUM (belgianrail.be)

TIP: Travelling with friends
- 25 or younger
  Go-Pass 10 (10 rides for €52)
- older than 25
  Rail Pass (10 rides for €77)

Both passes can be used between all Belgian stations with more than 1 person at the same time.

Tip: Travelling alone
- one-way trips
  Go-Pass One (one-way ticket to anywhere in Belgium for €6.40)
  * only -26 years old. Buy from ticketing machines in stations or print at home
  * always check if a ‘standard ticket’ isn’t cheaper
- return trips
  Weekend ticket (usually almost half the price of regular ones)
  * only during weekends, from Friday night (19:00) onwards

There are 3 stations in Brussels: ‘Zuid / Midi’, ‘Central’ and ‘Noord / Nord’. All Belgian trains stop in these three stations.

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