

## How to get to Maastricht

Maastricht is located in the heart of Europe, with Germany and Belgium just a few kilometers away. A lively Romanesque city with an international character and edgy touch, Maastricht is easy to love. The Romans settled here to trade. So did the European powers that fought over the city through the centuries. And so did the heads of government who gave birth to the European Union in Maastricht. Maastricht is much more than a tourist destination with impressive architecture, rich culture and a distinctive Burgundian spirit. It is a city of innovation and opportunity, offering a high quality of life.

## Getting around in Maastricht

We provide your delegates with easy access to the city's highlights through our digital city maps. [This link](#) can be easily embedded on your conference website.

Thanks to a good bicycle infrastructure and many pedestrian zones, Maastricht is putting the brakes on the use of cars in the city. Would you like to ride a bike like the Dutch do? Shared bikes are a quick, cheap, and eco-friendly way to get from A to B. You can also opt to travel by electric bus. For conferences, city bus packages that enable conference visitors to get around the city quickly and for free, are available upon request.

## Getting to Maastricht

Maastricht is located in the southeast of the Netherlands, close to the borders of both Belgium and Germany. Cities like Liège, Aachen, Düsseldorf, Frankfurt and Brussels are just a stone's throw away. It is easily accessible by train, car, and plane. [Check out the video on how to get to Maastricht, fast and easy.](#)

## Visa

EU citizens can travel to the Netherlands, Belgium, and Germany (Schengen countries) without restrictions. Non-EU citizens might need a visa. If you travel to the Netherlands, Belgium or Germany from outside the Schengen agreement area, you might need a visa.

## By plane

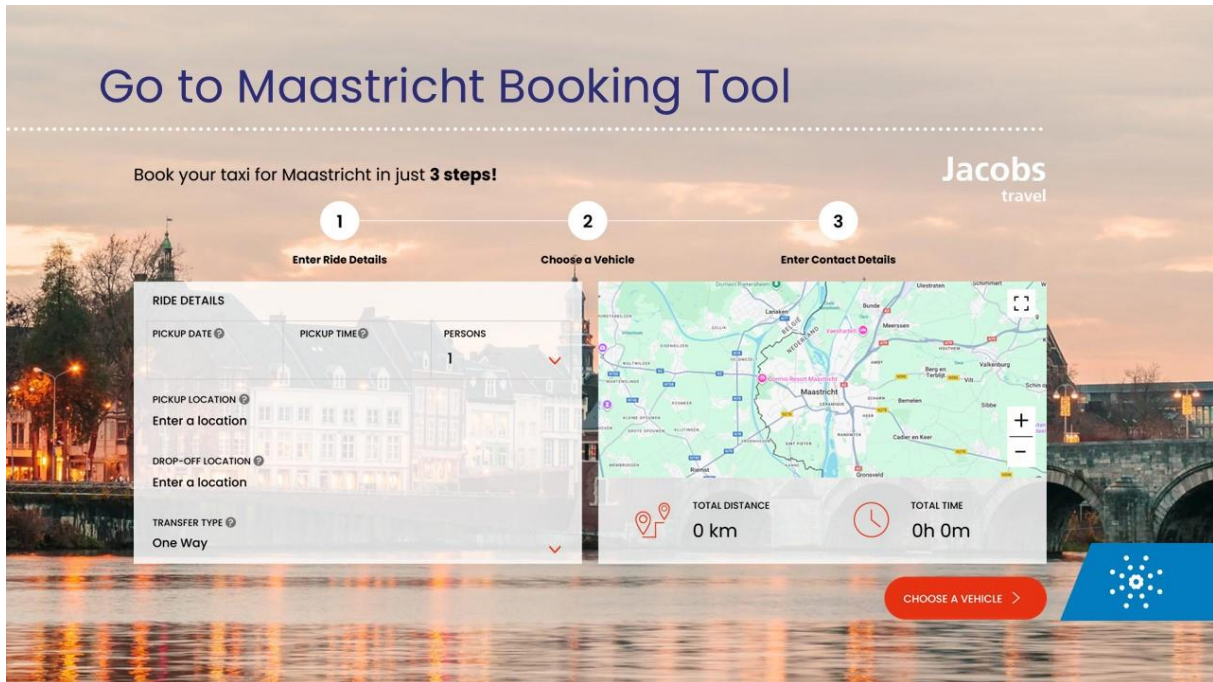
Maastricht has its own airport: Maastricht-Aachen Airport. There are also several (inter)national airports within an hour's drive from the center of Maastricht, making the Maastricht region easily accessible from all over the world.

The city's partnership with the **Lufthansa Group Meetings and Events Program** means substantial discounts on plane tickets for conference delegates who fly to **Brussels Zaventem Airport** or **Düsseldorf International Airport**. To apply please fill out the [Request for Proposal form](#) and send it to: [lydia.van-leeuwen@dlh.de](mailto:lydia.van-leeuwen@dlh.de).

Other airports with easy access to Maastricht:

- Eindhoven Airport
- Amsterdam Schiphol Airport
- Brussels Charleroi Airport
- Cologne-Bonn Airport
- Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport

The **Go to Maastricht booking tool** guarantees you'll find a direct connection between all international airports or train stations and the city of Maastricht.



### **By train**

Maastricht is easily accessible by international train via ICE, TGV and/or Eurostar from major hubs in Europe, and via Liège, Brussels or Aachen. High-speed trains rapidly connect Liège and Aachen with Cologne, Brussels and Paris, among other cities.

Travel time to Maastricht:

Liège: 30 minutes

Brussels: 1 hour

Aachen: 1 hour

Paris: 3.5 hours

London: 4 hours

Maastricht has three train stations: North, Central and Randwyck. There is a direct train from Amsterdam Central station to Maastricht every thirty minutes. This fast and comfortable mode of transportation gets you to Maastricht in less than two and half hours.

Maastricht Randwyck is conveniently located next to the MECC Maastricht conference center. The Maastricht University Medical Center (MUMC+), Maastricht University, NH Hotel and Van der Valk Hotel Maastricht are also within walking distance of this train station. Maastricht Central is just a few minutes away from the historic city center on foot, and is surrounded by plenty of hotels for those wishing to stay in the vibrant downtown area.

### **By car**

Maastricht is easily accessible by various highways: E25/A2 (Amsterdam-Luxembourg), E40 (Cologne-Brussels), E42 (Liège-Paris), E314 (Maastricht-Aachen).

Check out the detailed directions on <http://www.routenet.nl>