Local Travel Info

Train information

Most of you will be arriving in Belgium either by plane at Brussels Airport (BRU in your air ticket) or by train at Brussels-Midi railway station (ZYR in your ticket).

For those arriving at Brussels Airport to reach Bruges you will have to take the train as follows:

Arrival is on the second floor of the airport (LEVEL 2). The train terminal is on LEVEL -1. Please take the lift or elevator to level -1 for the train. Buy a ticket to Bruges (the normal price of this ticket is at this moment 20,60 EUR). If at the time of your arrival the ticket office is closed you can buy a ticket from the ticket machine. If this is not working you can buy from the conductor in the train BUT please make CLEAR before you get on the train that you don’t have a ticket e.g. by telling the conductor or (if too far) waving your hand at the conductor. HOWEVER BUYING A TICKET FROM THE CONDUCTOR ON THE TRAIN WILL COST YOU MORE – UP TO 7,- EUR.

You will take a first train to Brussel Zuid (Bruxelles Midi), where you will have to change to another train for Bruges. There are frequent trains from the airport to Brussel Zuid (Bruxelles Midi) - about every quarter of an hour (it will take you 1:30). There is also a direct train between Brussels Airport and Bruges once an hour but this train makes a huge detour (it will take you 2:45).

IMPORTANT REMARK: Although travel planners can tell you to change in Brussels-Nord station we recommend you to change in BRUXELLES-MIDI/BRUSSEL-ZUID or GENT/GHENT and this for security reasons. All trains passing through, what is called the North-South Connection will stop in Brussel-Noord/Bruxelles-Nord, Brussel-Centraal/Bruxelles-Central and Brussel-Zuid/Bruxelles-Midi.

During the weekend there is three times an hour (h:04 – h:039 – h:51) a direct train from Brussels to Bruges. During weekdays there are more trains especially on rush hours. Consult the monitors at the station.

Bruges is a main stop for all trains and the train will hold here somewhat longer than in smaller railway stations.

For those arriving at Bruxelles Midi (Brussel Zuid) Station:

You can take a train directly to Bruges (cost about 14,10 EUR). During the weekend there is three times an hour (h:04 – h:039 – h:51) a direct train from Brussels to Bruges. During weekdays there are more trains especially on rush hours. Consult the monitors at the station.

Bruges is a main stop for all trains and the train will hold here somewhat longer than in smaller railway stations.


It is the same train that persons arriving from the airport shall take.

IMPORTANT NOTE FOR ALL TRAVELLERS USING THE TRAIN

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If this is not working you can buy from the conductor in the train BUT please make CLEAR BEFORE you get on the train that you don't have a ticket e.g. by telling the conductor or (if too far) waving your hand at the conductor. HOWEVER BUYING A TICKET FROM THE CONDUCTOR ON THE TRAIN WILL COST YOU MORE – UP TO 7,– EUR.

Buses in Bruges – DE LIJN

Lots of buses pass through the city centre of Bruges. From the railway station these buses mostly start from bus platform 1. There is a bus from the railway station to the city centre (Markt) almost every 10 minutes.

There is a bus information post in front of the railway station (side city centre). When open buy your ticket here. You can also buy a bus pass of 5 days. A bus pass for 5 days costs 15,– EUR and you can make as many trips as you like during these 5 days.

You can find more information through this website: https://delijn.be/en/routeplanner/

Taxis in Bruges

There are a number of taxi companies in Bruges. You can find taxis e.g. in front of the railway station. Your hotel can also call a taxi for you.

The take-up tariff for a taxi in Bruges is 2,40 EUR (start amount of your trip). Then the tariff per km is 2,50 EUR/km (for a one-way trip). Waiting price is 30,00 EUR/hour and there is an extra tariff of 2,00 EUR (between 22h and 6h).