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HOW TO GET

TO COLOGNE*

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*In this document, you'll find all the ways to easily reach Cologne from across Europe. We strongly encourage sustainable travel – especially by train.

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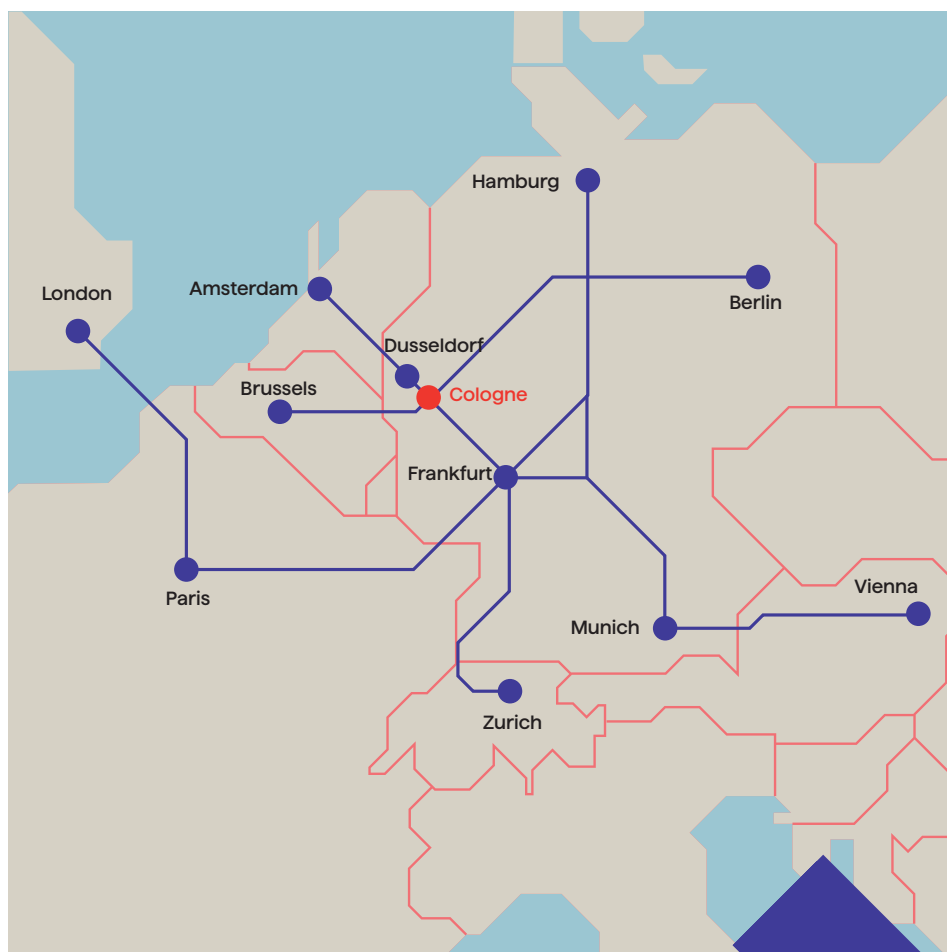
1. BY TRAIN

Cologne is one of Europe's most important railway hubs and is exceptionally well connected to international high-speed rail networks.

The two main stations are:

- Köln Hauptbahnhof (Cologne Central Station) – directly next to the cathedral
- Köln Messe/Deutz – second major hub, especially for high-speed trains

Both stations are located in the city centre and provide direct access to all conference venues.



1.1 International High-Speed Connections

Cologne lies at the heart of the European rail network and offers direct high-speed connections to:

- Brussels (~1h50 via ICE/Thalys/Eurostar)
- Paris (~3h20 via high-speed train)
- London (~4–5h via Eurostar with one change in Brussels)
- Amsterdam (~2h40 direct)
- Frankfurt (~1h via ICE high-speed train)
- Zurich (~4–5h direct ICE)
- Vienna (~8h direct or via connections)

1.2 Eurostar Connections

Cologne is directly integrated into the Eurostar network via Brussels:

- London → Cologne (~4–5 hours total travel time)
- Paris → Cologne (~3h20)
- Brussels → Cologne (~1h50)

1.3 Regional & National Trains

Within Germany, Cologne is connected to all major cities with frequent departures:

- Berlin (~4h30)
- Hamburg (~4h)
- Munich (~4h30–5h)
- Düsseldorf (~25 minutes)



2. BY PLANE

Cologne is accessible via several major international airports, all with efficient connections to the city.

2.1 Cologne Bonn Airport (CGN)

- Distance: ~15 km
- Travel time: 15–20 minutes (S-Bahn or taxi)

2.2 Düsseldorf Airport (DUS)

- Distance: ~60 km
- Travel time: approx. 40 minutes by train

2.3 Frankfurt Airport (FRA)

- Distance: ~180 km
- Travel time: approx. 1 hour by high-speed train (ICE)



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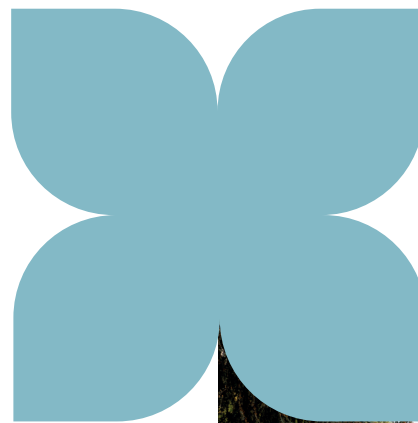
3. BY CAR

Cologne is well connected via the German Autobahn network:

- A1, A3, A4, A57, A59

Approximate driving times:

- Brussels: ~2 hours
- Amsterdam: ~3 hours
- Frankfurt: ~2 hours
- Paris: ~5 hours



4. BY BUS

International bus services connect Cologne with many European cities.

Main stops:

- Cologne/Bonn Airport
- Köln Deutz



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5. CONFERENCE VENUES

All main venues are centrally located and well connected by public transport.

Conference Hotel

1 25hours Hotel The Circle
Im Klapperhof 22–24
50670 Cologne, Germany

Conference Venues

2 Volksbühne am Rudolfplatz
(General Assembly)
Aachener Straße 5
50674 Cologne, Germany

3 Sartory Säle (Conference)
Friesenstraße 44–48
50670 Cologne, Germany

Showcase Venues

4 Stadtgarten Köln
(Concert Hall & JAKI)
Venloer Straße 40
50672 Cologne, Germany

5 LOFT Köln
Wissmannstraße 30
50823 Cologne, Germany

6 Sartory Saal
Friesenstraße 44–48
50670 Cologne, Germany



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6. UPON ARRIVAL IN COLOGNE

Cologne's public transport system is efficient and easy to use:

- S-Bahn, regional and high-speed trains
- Trams and buses (KVB network)
- Walking and cycling

All venues are located within a short travel distance (10–15 minutes) and are easily reachable from the main stations and the conference hotel.