

# Travel information

## Sustainable Travel Awards

As choosing a sustainable means of travel can reduce carbon emissions associated with academic conferencing by up to 90%, organiser's committee supports travel methods and routes that cause fewer greenhouse gas emissions, such as land routes instead of air travel. For inspiration on how to travel to Groningen by train, bus or bike, see the travel information. If flying is necessary, less emitting airlines and routes can be found via <https://www.google.com/travel/flights> and by choosing direct flights over transitions.

Delegates can apply to receive one of three "Sustainable Travel Awards" – each awarded with 100 Euros. Awardees can use the monetary incentive freely, e.g., for extra accommodation costs along the way.

Please use the application form provided here. Deadline for applications is May 22, 2026.

(All information entered into this application form will be used for the purpose of selecting applicants. The data will only be available to the award committee, consisting of three organiser's committee members. It will not be published and not passed on to others or used in other ways. By entering your data, you agree to this purpose. The data will be deleted right after the workshop. In case you would like us to delete your data earlier, or if you have further questions, just send us an email: [andreas.jenni@unibe.ch](mailto:andreas.jenni@unibe.ch))

## Getting to Bern by train

Traveling to Bern by train is a convenient and comfortable option, thanks to the extensive and efficient Swiss rail network. Whether you're arriving from within the country or elsewhere in Europe, reaching Bern via train is straightforward.

For travellers arriving from other European countries, the international rail network offers convenient options:

- **From Germany:** Bern is accessible via direct train connections from Berlin via Frankfurt. If you're traveling from Hamburg, direct trains connect to Basel, from where you can reach Bern within 1 hour departing every 30 minutes. You can easily save time traveling by night train from those destinations.

- **From the east:** Direct connections from Vienna via Salzburg and Innsbruck connect to Zurich, from where several trains per hour leave for Bern and take only another 56 minutes. From Vienna, and definitely from Prague, direct night trains are the most comfortable option, and often save you another hotel night.
- **From France:** Whether you come from the south or north, TGVs reliably connect to Geneva or Basel (3 hours from Paris to Basel).
- **From the UK:** Travelers from the United Kingdom can use the Eurostar train to Paris, followed by an efficient TGV ride to Basel (London-Bern in less than 8 hours in total).
- **From the south:** Fast and frequent direct trains connect Milano and Bern.

### **Bern Main Station**

is located a few steps from the old town. From within the station, an elevator ride followed by a 2 minutes stroll leads you to the workshop location whilst offering a great view on the Alps.

### **Booking Tickets**

The SBB app or [sbb.ch](https://sbb.ch) offer national and international train tickets and time tables. For many night train connections, you might consider [nightjet.com](https://nightjet.com). Travelling across several countries might be challenging: the train experts from [simpletrain.ch](https://simpletrain.ch) usually can book any complex journey. And don't forget to check the European Interrail offers (<https://www.interrail.eu/en>).

If you plan to extend your stay in Switzerland, special tourist offers cut down travel costs significantly (<https://www.sbb.ch/en/tickets-offers/tickets/guests-abroad.html>).

## Getting to Bern by bus

Traveling by bus offers a cost-effective, scenic and environmentally friendly way to reach Bern while enjoying the sights of the surrounding countryside ([flixbus.com](https://flixbus.com)).

## Getting to Bern by car

The public parking lot below the congress location is well connected to the national motorway network. Please keep in mind that morning and evening traffic is high on motorways and connecting roads, and don't forget to buy the motorway vignette (40 CHF) at the border control, at any filling station or electronically (<https://via.admin.ch/shop/dashboard>)

## Getting to Bern by air

Bern is well connected by train to the major Swiss airports Zurich (1 hour 20 minutes away), Basel EuroAirport (1.5 hours), or Geneva (2 hours).

## Getting to Bern by bicycle

Why not combine travel for work with an unforgettable cycling experience? Switzerland hosts a sophisticated cycle path network, following the most scenic routes of the country (<https://schweizmobil.ch/en/cycling-in-switzerland>). Combining train and bike travel is facilitated by bike rental at many railway stations (<https://www.sbb.ch/en/tickets-offers/private-transport/bike-rental.html>).

Within Bern, public bikes are available throughout the city (<https://www.publibike.ch/en/home>).