



**LAC 2010**

travel & stay

## Travelling in The Netherlands

The most convenient way to travel in The Netherlands is by train. There is a pretty dense network and trains go at least once an hour and on the most busy trajectories up to once every ten minutes. Also, in most cases, it's the most affordable way to travel. Especially taxis are very expensive.

### *Travelling in the cities*

In Utrecht, where the conference will be held, a good bus network is available. Most busses stop at the bus station at Utrecht Central. Busses 2 to Museumkwartier, 3 and 4 to Burgemeester Fockema Andreaelaan and 11 to Uithof/WKZ all stop at Neude. This is the first stop from Central Station and is close to the conference site. In cities like Rotterdam and Amsterdam, one can also travel by tram and metro. See below for links to the companies' web-sites.

### *Payment*

The public transport companies are currently implementing a whole new system. One used to pay with a tour card which will still be valid during the conference, it might be cheaper to use the new system though. It's called the public transport chip card (yes, RFID).

You'll need to check in while entering busses or right before getting aboard the trains and check out once you get out. This last thing is very important, since they will charge your card with a fixed amount when you get in and settle when you check out. Not checking out will be more expensive in almost every case.

You can buy one at the ticket machines at the train stations. For most conference attendants, an anonymous disposable card will be the most convenient. After usage, the card cannot be reloaded and can be thrown away.

The machines are also in English, most credit cards are accepted.

Tickets (for domestic and international travel) are also available from the ticket offices, a €0.50 fee is added though. Staff at the ticket offices will also be able to provide you with travelling information. You can also purchase your train ticket in advance by buying it online via the NS web-site.

If you're planning to travel just by train, an old-fashioned train ticket might be enough. If you're also travelling by bus, tram or metro, a chip card is recommended (buying tickets from the driver is twice as expensive, if not more). Especially when you're also planning to visit Amsterdam, you won't likely travel by train only. Within Utrecht, everything can be walked.

More information on the chip card, travelling by train and a train planner:

<http://www.ns.nl>.

To plan your trip using public transportation within The Netherlands:

<http://journeyplanner.9292.nl>.

### *From Schiphol Airport to Utrecht Central Station*

The recommended way of travelling is by train. During the day, they leave every 30 minutes, but one can travel to Utrecht CS all night if needed (will take a while longer).

Schiphol train station is situated directly below the airport. You can pick up a free baggage trolley from the platform and follow the signs for the train station.

There is a direct connection to Utrecht Central Station. A single fare costs €7.80 (second class) or €13.30 (first class). Return tickets are valid one day only.

You can buy train tickets from one of the yellow ticket machines. Most ticket machines are found at Schiphol Plaza (the central area) but you'll find some in the baggage reclaim area as well. Counters are situated close to the red/white-checked cube at Schiphol Plaza.

### *From Eindhoven Airport to Utrecht Central Station*

To get from the airport to Eindhoven train station, take the airport shuttle bus (401).

They leave next to the main airport building. The trip will take about 23 minutes and can be paid at the driver or by using a chip card or tour card (see payment above).

From Eindhoven station, one can take a train every 30 minutes to Utrecht CS. This will take about an hour. On Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, there are also night trains.

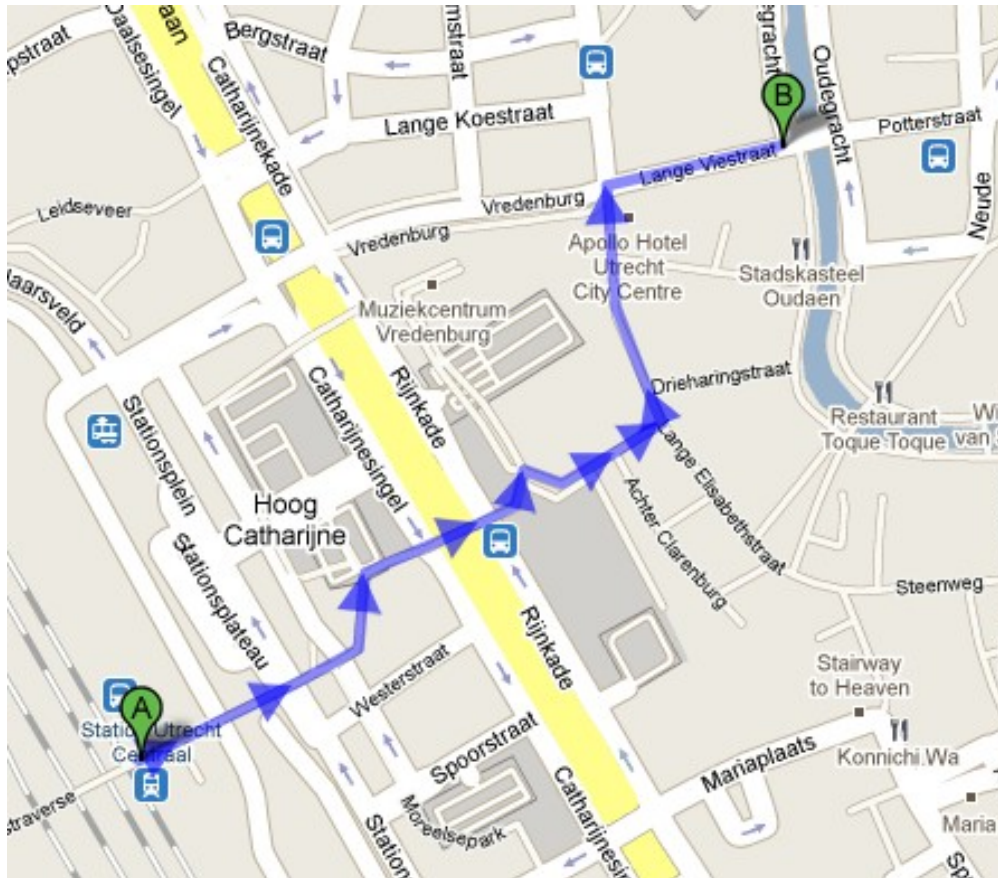
### *From Utrecht Central Station to the Lange Viestraat (HKU, conference site)*

One could take a bus or taxi, but the distance from Utrecht Central Station to the conference site can easily be walked in less than ten minutes. From the central area follow the signs to the city centre. You'll be walking through the indoor shopping centre until you get outside on a square called Vredenburg. Cross this square towards the main road on the left, which is called the Lange Viestraat, and turn right. The entrance of the HKU building is on the right and camouflaged as a shopping area. Roughly across from the McDonald's you'll see escalators leading to shops selling electronics and other stuff. Take two escalators and you're there. If you can't find your way and want to ask people where to go, ask for the Bijenkorf or the McDonald's.

If this is your first impression of Utrecht, don't panic, beauty lies around the corner.

## Maps

Utrecht Central Station → Lange Vriestraat (HKU, conference site)



Schiphol Airport



## Staying in Utrecht

Here are some suggestions on hotels in Utrecht in varying price ranges.

### **Little Siam hotel\*\***

<http://www.littlesiam.nl/>

Prices from: €49.00 p/night, without breakfast

### **Beurshotel\*\***

<http://www.beurshotel.nl/>

Prices from: €79.00 p/night, breakfast included

### **Hotel Oorsprongpark\*\***

<http://www.hoteloorsprongpark.nl/>

Prices from: €95.00 p/night, breakfast included

### **Apollo Hotel\*\*\*\***

<http://www.apollohotelsresorts.com/page/hotels/apollo-hotel-utrecht-city-centre/>

Prices from: €89.00 p/night, without breakfast

### **Malie Hotel - Hampshire Classic\*\*\*\***

<http://www.maliehotel.nl/>

Prices from: €111.50 p/night, breakfast included

### **Hostel Utrecht**

<http://www.hostelutrecht.nl/>

Prices from: €20.50 p/night, breakfast included

### **Stichting Strowis (hostel)**

<http://www.strowis.nl/>

Prices from: €15.50 p/night, without breakfast

Prices d.d. 25 January 2010 and without 5 percent tourist tax.  
See the LAC 2010 web-site on hotel discounts.