

TRAVELLING TO LEUVEN, BELGIUM

Leuven is a university city about 25 km from Brussels, the capital of Belgium.

AIRPORTS

The closest airport is Brussels National Airport. There is also an airport in Charleroi which has cheaper flights (for example Ryan Air flies on Charleroi or Brussels South as they call it). Leuven is less easy to reach from Charleroi than from Brussels National Airport.

ARRIVING IN BRUSSELS NATIONAL AIRPORT

- Please follow the normal procedure of getting through the passport control, picking up your luggage and going through customs.
- Entering the arrival hall, go to your right. You will find escalators and elevators going to LEVEL -1. Level -1 is the train station of the airport.
- Arriving on Level -1 you will find ticket boots for the trains. Buy a one-way ticket to LEUVEN. It should cost you around 3,50 euro (a taxi to Leuven will cost you around 70 euro's)
- There are two trains an hour leaving from the airport to Leuven. On both trains Leuven is the first stop after 14 to 16 minutes of riding.
- At the train station in Leuven you can walk, take a bus or a taxi to the hotel or college, depending where your hotel or college is.
- For more info on Brussels National Airport, go to : <http://www.brusselsairport.be/en/>

ARRIVING IN CHARLEROI OR BRUSSELS SOUTH AIRPORT

- You purchase a bus ticket at the airport newsstand for the bus ride to Charleroi South railway station (around 3€)
- There are buses regularly from the airport to the railway station (bus line A)
- In Charleroi South Railway Station you can buy a ticket to Leuven.
- In order to get to Leuven from Charleroi South you will probably need to change trains in Brussels South. The total travelling time will be something around 90 minutes.
- For more info on time tables for buses go to : <http://www.charleroi-airport.com/doc.php?nd=1100&tid=100&site=1&lg=2>
- For more info on time tables for trains to Leuven, go to <http://www.b-rail.be/main/E/index.php>

TRAINS

Leuven is also very easy to reach by train. People from France and England can easily take the Thalys, the Eurostar or TGV. The TGV also comes in from the Netherlands and Germany. Most international trains make a stop in Brussels South railway station. From this station (as from every main station in Brussels) it is very easy to catch a train to Leuven. A train ticket from Brussels to Leuven will cost you between 4 and 6€. There are at least two trains an hour to Leuven. The ride to Leuven from Brussels railway stations will take you 30 minutes maximum.

For more info on time tables for trains to Leuven, go to <http://www.b-rail.be/main/E/index.php>

BY CAR

Leuven is easily approached by several highways. The main highways that pass Leuven are the E40 and the A2 or E314. Look up your route through <http://www.viamichelin.com/viamichelin/gbr/tpl/hme/MaHomePage.htm>

Parking in the city is not easy and mostly expensive. If your hotel has no parking arrangements, you better park the car in the free parking places at the edge of the city. The free parking is safe and also advised to people staying in the Holy Spirit College. We suggest you drop of your luggage with your car in the hotel or in the college and then drive to the free BODART parking which has 165 places. It is a 20 min walk back to the centre of the city. The BODART parking lot is situated at the ring around the city (P11 on the map). The BODART parking is very close to the exit of the highway. In all the other parking places you need to pay.

