

TRAVELING TO GERMANY

This section will go into specifics on how to make sure your stay here is well organized and comfortable.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Germany is similar to a lot of European countries in rules and regulations. The most important things to know for visitors are collected [here](#).

VISA

Citizens of the EU/Schengen area do not require a visa to travel to Germany.

British and American citizens do not require a visa but do need to comply with the travel checklist found [here](#).

GETTING TO COLOGNE AND HUERTH

The event will be located in Hürth, which is just outside of Cologne. Travel is recommended by public transport, as this is the easiest option.

By Air & Rail

You have a couple of options to get to Cologne/Huerth, as there are a few airports with decent train connections.

- Flight to Amsterdam (Schiphol): <https://www.schiphol.nl/en/>
- Flight to Frankfurt: <https://www.frankfurt-airport.com/en.html>
- Flight to Düsseldorf: <https://www.dus.com/en>
- Flight to Brussels: <https://www.brusselsairport.be/en/passengers>
- Flights to Cologne:
 - <https://www.cologne-bonn-airport.com/en/flights/flight-destinations.html>
- (Inter-) National rail (Germany): <https://www.bahn.de/>
 - Mobile app: <https://www.bahn.de/service/mobile/db-navigator>
- (Inter-) National rail (Netherlands): <https://www.nsinternational.com/en>
 - Mobile app for international travel: <https://www.nsinternational.com/en/nsinternationalapp> (It may be that you get cheaper tickets into Germany when using the NS International app instead of booking through Deutsche Bahn.)
- (Inter-) National rail (Belgium): <https://www.b-europe.com/EN>

- (Inter-) National bus: <https://www.flixbus.de/>

By Car

Traffic in the area and in the city can be very busy, especially during rush hour, and parking (on the street or in parking garages) can get quite expensive.

Uber and taxi services are also available. As always, take a good look at the prices in advance.

GETTING AROUND COLOGNE AND HUERTH

Check out the local transport links below. You might also want to install [Moovit](#), a mobile app to help you plan local transport in Germany.

- Huerth mobility overview: <https://www.huerth.de/mobilitaet.php>
- Local rail: <https://revg.de/>
- Local bus: <https://www.swhmobil.de/fahrplaene/fahrplaene#c30>
- Map: https://www.huerth.de/stadtplan_und_strassenverzeichnis.php

ACCOMMODATION

You might want to decide whether you want to stay in Hürth or in Cologne. Hürth is closer to the venue and Cologne offers more social activities. From the Cologne train stations (Köln Hauptbahnhof, Köln Messe/Deutz, Köln West, Köln Süd) you can reach the event location in Hürth in 10-25 minutes.

Cologne, like other major European cities, has a lot of hotels in various price categories, as well as a lot of privately rented apartments. Hürth is a smaller town, but also there you can find hotel rooms and privately rented apartments. You can see a full selection on any accommodation search website, such as [Booking.com](#) or [airbnb](#).

There will be a trade fair in Cologne at the same time as the RWOT, so hotels will be booked out quickly or may become more expensive. Please book your hotels as soon as possible.

Many more hotels (including all major international chains) are in the city center of Cologne, which is easily reached via public transport (see Travel to the venue and around the city). You can see a full selection on any accommodation search website, such as [Booking.com](#) or [airbnb](#).