How to get to Kassel by airplane and train

Airplane

We would recommend arriving at Frankfurt International Airport, Hamburg Airport, Hannover Airport or Bremen Airport.

Frankfurt International Airport

At Frankfurt Airport there are two train stations:

1. Long-distance transfers
2. Local transfer

If you got your luggage, follow the signs to either the Regional Train Station (Regionalbahnhof) or the Long-Distance Train Station (Fernbahnhof). At the Railway Travel Centre (Reisezentrum) you can buy a ticket to “Kassel-Wilhelmshöhe”. From Frankfurt International Airport you can take either:

- an ICE-train (Inter City Express) directly to Kassel-Wilhelmshöhe (which will cost about 60 € and takes about 2 hours) or
- take S-Bahn to Frankfurt Central-Station and change into an ICE to Kassel-Wilhelmshöhe (travel time: ca. 2:30)
- the S-Bahn to Frankfurt Central-Station (Hauptbahnhof) and change trains to “Kassel”; the Regional Express (RE) from Frankfurt Main Station is cheaper (about 40 €) but the travel time is much longer (about 3:40) or

Hamburg Airport

If you arrive at Hamburg Airport you’ll have to take the “S-Bahn” (city train) to Hamburg Central Station (“Hauptbahnhof”). From there you take an ICE directly to “Kassel Wilhelmshöhe”. It’s about 3 hours from Hamburg to Kassel by train and it will normally cost around 70 €.

You can buy the S-Bahn tickets from Hamburg Airport to Hamburg Central Station at a vending machine on the platform.

Hannover Airport

If you arrive at Hannover airport you have to take the “S-Bahn” (city train) to Hannover Central Station. Please by the S-Bahn ticket at the vending machine at the track or the ticket counter. From there you can take an IC (Inter City) or ICE (Inter
City Express) to Kassel Wilhelmshöhe. A one-way ticket will cost about 40 – 50 € and you’ll arrive in about 1½ hours.

**Bremen Airport**

If you arrive at Bremen Airport you’ll have to take an “S-Bahn” (city train) to Bremen Central Station. From there you either take an ICE directly to “Kassel Wilhelmshöhe” or you’ll have to take a train to “Hannover Central Station” and change trains to “Kassel-Wilhelmshöhe”. It’s about 3 hours from Bremen to Kassel by train and it will normally cost about 70 €.

If you book a few weeks or months earlier you can get a really good offer and pay only about 30 € from Bremen to Kassel, **BUT** you can not book online S-Bahn tickets from Bremen Airport to Bremen Central Station.

**Train, train stations in Kassel and train tickets**

The *Inter City Express (ICE)* and *Inter City (IC)* are the fast trains. *Regional Express (RE)* is a slow train. Although ICE and IC are more expensive than RE we recommend you to go for the fast travel options. With RE you have to change train more often, which means that you can get lost more easily (there is a little village called Kassel close to Frankfurt ;-)).

Kassel has two train stations, “Kassel Wilhelmshöhe” (fast trains) and “Kassel Hauptbahnhof” (local trains), but most trains departing and arriving at „Kassel Hauptbahnhof“ are just local traffic, so you should arrive at „Kassel Wilhelmshöhe“. From “Kassel Wilhelmshöhe” it’s easy to reach the conference place (“Kassel Science Park”), which is located near the university campus, and every recommended hotel by tram.

You can check connections and book your tickets for your train rides **online** at: [http://www.bahn.com/i/view/USA/en/index.shtml](http://www.bahn.com/i/view/USA/en/index.shtml) (this Homepage is available in 20 different languages) **or at the train stations**.

If you book early enough you can get some good offers, but your train ticket will only be valid for the booked train – if you miss the train, you will have to buy a new ticket. To be more flexible we would recommend buying tickets at a normal price.

**Once you have reached the train station “Kassel Wilhelmshöhe” please follow our instructions to get to your hotel (please see information about “Hotels in Kassel”).**