

Travel Information: How to get to Kassel

⇒ Step 1: Arrival at Frankfurt (Main) Airport:

If you arrive at Terminal 1 of the Frankfurt Airport:

- Follow the signs to the Baggage claim to pick up your luggage
- Follow the signs to the Regional Train Station (Regionalbahnhof) or Long Distance Train Station (Fernbahnhof)
- At the ReiseZentrum (Railway Travel Center) buy a ticket to Kassel-Wilhelmshöhe (more specific information below)
- Take
 - a. The ICE (Inter City Express) train that goes directly to Kassel-Wilhelmshöhe
 - b. the S-Bahn to Frankfurt Main Train Station (Hauptbahnhof) and change trains to go to Kassel-Wilhelmshöhe



If you arrive at Terminal 2 of the Frankfurt Airport:

- Follow the signs to the Baggage claim to pick up your luggage
- Follow the signs to Terminal 1. You will take a small shuttle that leaves every few minutes to get there.
- Follow the signs to the Regional Train Station (Regionalbahnhof) or Long Distance Train Station (Fernbahnhof)
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⇒ Step 2: Taking the Train to Kassel



This is the German Railway Travel Center. Trains from the airport to Kassel-Wilhelmshöhe train station depart approximately every half hour and take about 1 ½ to 3 hours depending on which train you take. Train connections can be found at <http://www.bahn.de>. You can either purchase your train ticket online prior to departure (requires registration and credit card), or directly at the German Railway Travel Center (DB Reisezentrum) at Frankfurt airport.

You have a few options for trains which you can take:

- A. Take an ICE train that departs from the airport and goes directly to Kassel (without changing trains). It departs at 8:42 am, 10:42 am, 12:42 am, or 2:42 pm. The one-way ticket costs 50 Euro per person.
- B. You can take the S-Bahn to Frankfurt Main Station (Hauptbahnhof) and change trains to use a Regional Express (RE) to get to Kassel. Regional Express trains that go directly to Kassel-Wilhelmshöhe depart from the main station at 9:22 am, 11:22 am, 1:22 pm, or 3:22pm. The one-way ticket costs 25 Euro
- C. In addition to these options, you can take a variety of other trains, such as ICE trains that depart at Frankfurt Main Station or direct from the Airport (these are a bit faster BUT also more expensive!). There are also other Regional Express trains that you can take, but these require you to change trains along the way.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO KEEP IN MIND:

- Hessen Ticket- This is an excellent way to travel. The ticket costs 30 Euro and up to 5 people can use this ticket and have access to Regional Express trains, RB trains, and S-Bahn for one day (Not valid for ICE or IC Trains!!!)
- Do not Travel without a valid ticket!!!
- Get off the train at Kassel-Wilhelmshöhe and not Kassel-Hauptbahnhof

ISU ADVICE: It is not difficult to find the way to the Frankfurt Main Station (just 10 minutes with an S-Bahn) because you just have to follow the crowd. When you are at the Airport buy a ticket from the ReisenZentrum, use the S-Bahn to go the main station (Hauptbahnhof) and take a Regional Express (RE) to Kassel. This is the cheapest way and allows you to travel together as 5 people!!
****Never be afraid to ask people if you are uncertain about where to go or if you are on the correct train****

⇒ Step 3: Your Arrival in Kassel

A quick 2 hour train ride later and you will be in Kassel!!
Since everyone is arriving at different times and it is difficult to arrange this with the host families, the first night will be spent in a hotel.

The Courtyard Marriott is the name of the hotel and is next to the train station Kassel-Wilhelmshöhe (about a 2 minute walk)

Courtyard by Marriott

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<http://marriott.com/property/propertyPage.mi?marshaCode=KSFCY>

⇒ Step 4: How to get to the Hotel

- once you get off the train at Kassel-Wilhelmshöhe, follow the crowd to get into the center hall of the train station (there you can find shops and the service point)
- Turn left and walk past the waiting area and the ReiseZentrum and
- Leave the station (You will see this sign above the exit)



- When you go through the automatic door, you will be in a small parking lot
- Turn left again, and you will be able to see the hotel, about 40-50 meters along a small road
- Check in at the hotel-they will have a list of all ISU participants