

## How to get to Utrecht from Amsterdam International Airport

(In the Netherlands the airport is known as Schiphol Airport)

Schiphol Airport is located about 40km from Utrecht and is the closest airport to the conference venue. From the airport you can take a train to Utrecht. Dutch public transportation is very efficient and safe to use. Schiphol train station is situated directly below the airport. After your arrival and when you have collected your baggage you will walk straight into the arrival hall which is connected to Schiphol Plaza (a small shopping center where you can also find ATM's and currency exchange offices<sup>1</sup>). From here follow the signs to the train station (which is approximately a 100 meter walk during which you don't have to leave the terminal building).

### Train tickets

Train tickets for domestic travel are available from the yellow ticket machines (see picture) near the platforms at Schiphol Plaza. The ticket machines have an easy to use interface but for those who want to be really prepared you can try out an online demo (see: <http://webdemo.ns.nl/webdemo.e2000/>). In the demo you can choose your language after which you should choose the following options: 'Single', 'U', 'Utrecht Centraal', '2<sup>nd</sup> Class', 'Full Fare', 'Valid Today' and then the number of tickets (one ticket will be around 7,70 euro). For payment most machines accept debit cards, credit cards and cash coins.



Tickets (for domestic and international travel) are also available from the ticket offices, which are situated close to the red/white-checked cube at Schiphol Plaza. Staff at the ticket offices will also be able to provide you with train departure information.

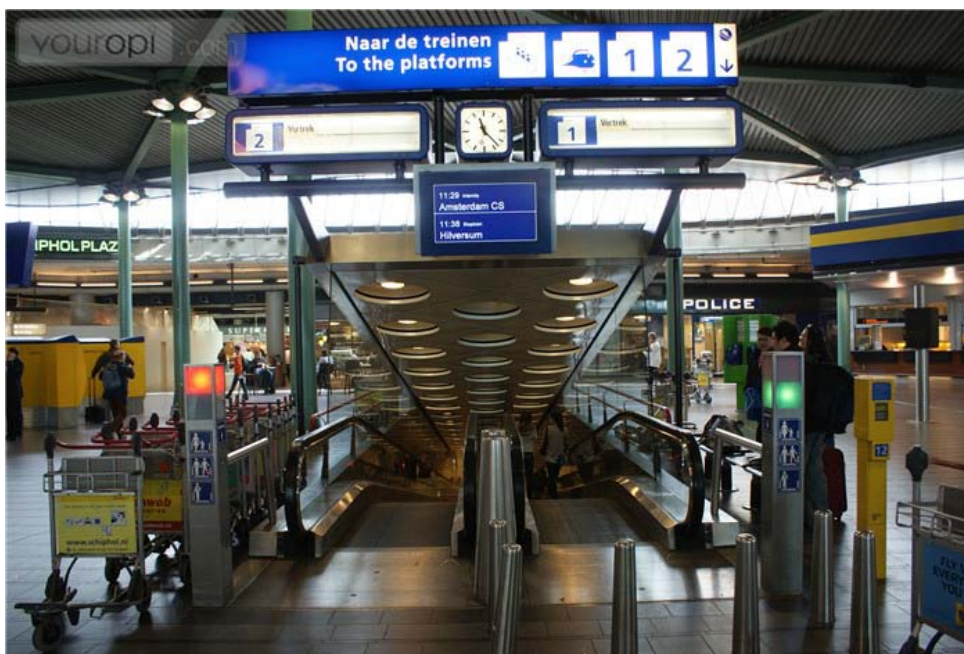
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<sup>1</sup> I would suggest acquiring some Euros at an ATM before you continue your travel. Exchanging cash dollars to euros might be more expensive.

### **Information about your train journey**

Information about departure times and platforms are readily available around the station. The picture below shows the entrance to a platform at the train station. On the screen in the middle of the picture information is shown regarding the trains. In this example it can be seen that there will be a train to Amsterdam CS at 11.29am and another to Hilversum at 11.36am.

Trains from Schiphol Airport to Utrecht Centraal depart every 30 minutes if you travel early in the morning or late in the evening, during the rest of the day trains depart every 15 minutes.



### **Direct or change**

From a great many stations, you can travel to and from the very heart of Schiphol either directly or with one change. The trains to Utrecht are direct connections so you don't have to change.

### **Night train**

If you are departing/arriving at night or in the early morning, the NS night network could be the answer. The night trains travel once an hour between Utrecht CS - Amsterdam CS - Schiphol - Leiden CS - Den Haag CS - Delft and Rotterdam CS and vice versa. If it is not possible for you to travel by night train, then we suggest to take a taxi.

### **Average travel distances relative to Schiphol**

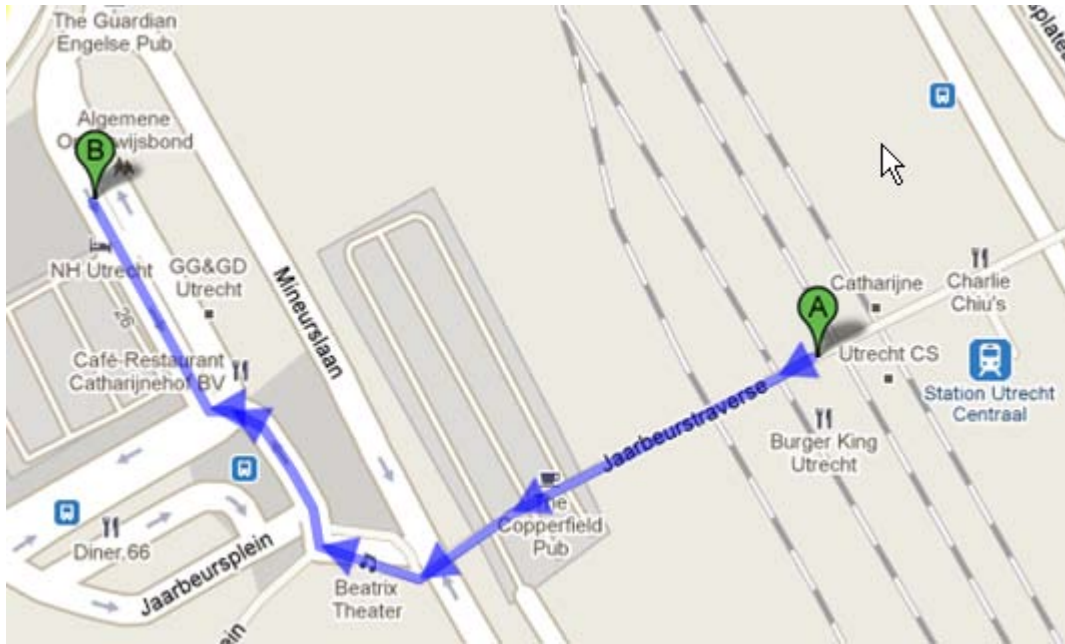
Amsterdam: 15 minutes

Utrecht: 45 minutes

## From Utrecht Centraal to the Hotel

Are you staying at the **NH Utrecht** (Jaarbeursplein 24; phone: +31.30.2977977)?

At Utrecht Central Station you have to take the exit 'Jaarbeursplein' (same direction as 'Beatrix Theater'). If you have any doubts about the direction there will be enough people you can ask for information. You will leave the station via escalators (going down). If you are at the bottom the hotel is located about 200 meters to your right (see the map below).



Are you staying at the **NH Centre Utrecht** (Janskerkhof 10; phone: +31.30.2313169)?

From Utrecht Central Train Station you can take a five-minute taxi or a bus ride to the hotel, or you can take a ten-minute walk. A taxi will cost around 13 euro.

For the bus follow the signs to the bus station which is located next to the train station. You can take bus lines 3, 4, 8, or 11. Any of these lines will all take you to the Janskerkhof stop, which is right next to the hotel. Price of a one way ticket for one person is about 2,60 euro (you don't need exact change but large euro notes ( $\geq 50,-$ ) may not be accepted). On a side note other currency than the euro is typically not accepted in the Netherlands.

If you're light on luggage and prefer to walk, exit the station toward Catherijnesingel/Catherijnebaan (streets), and then go north (left) a short distance to Vredenburg Street. Turn east (right) on Vredenburg and it is a straight shot to the hotel, although the name of the street will change to Lange Viestraat, then Vieburg, then Lange Jansstraat, and then Janskerkhof. Janskerkhof divides just before you reach the hotel, and you'll want to take the left-side split. NH Centre Utrecht is a little bit after the split on the right side of the road opposite the Nederlands Genootschap van Sint Jacob church. The map below shows the route to walk.

