

Getting to Rolduc Conference Center in Kerkrade

General Information

Many low-cost flights are available in Europe via Easy Jet, German Wings, Ryanair and other companies. A few examples of travel options are given below; for actual travel times and costs check with your travel agent. Book early for the lowest fares!!

Information on German train schedules and fares is available in English at

<http://www.bahn.de/i/view/GBR/en/index.shtml>

Information on Dutch train schedules and fares is available in English at

<http://www.ns.nl/cs/Satellite/travellers>

Probably the easiest airports to fly to are Dusseldorf or Cologne/Bonn in Germany, as you can get a train directly at the airport to Aachen, then a taxi to Rolduc, just a few minutes over the border into the Netherlands. Maastricht/Aachen airport is an option, but the airport lies far out of town, so taxis are expensive (about € 60 to 70).

Other options such as Brussels, Paris, or Amsterdam Schiphol are less convenient.

Note on Taxis:

From Kerkrade train station: Kerkrade is a small train station, with no regular taxi stand. If arriving before 5 pm, walk across the parking lot to the museum/visitor's center, and ask them to call you a taxi. In case of later arrival, call the Rolduc conference center at 045 546 6888. The taxi from Kerkrade train station to Rolduc conference center costs about € 10 for one person.

From Aachen train station: This is a bigger train station, and taxis will be available. I am not sure of the costs, probably around €20 to 30.

From Maastricht/Aachen airport a taxi is about € 60 to 70. If there is enough interest, perhaps we can arrange a pickup service. Let me know at info@eufasd.org.

Example: Train + taxi to Rolduc

Examples of train costs:

Brussels centrum or airport--Kerkrade is 2 hr 50 min for 52 euros RT

Groningen--Kerkrade is 4 hr 45 min for 38 euros one way

Berlin--Aachen is about 6 hours for 111 euros RT (flying could be cheaper)

Copenhagen--Aachen is 11-12 hours by train and costs about 150 euros RT

Paris--Aachen is about 3 hours and costs about 90 euros RT

Warsaw--Aachen is about 12 hours and costs about 150 euros RT (flying could be cheaper)

Taxi from Kerkrade train station to conference center is about 3 km and costs about € 10.

Example: Maastricht/Aachen Airport + taxi to Rolduc

Check with your travel agent for flights.

Ryanair flies from Alicante, Barcelona, Pisa. For example, 50 euros RT from Barcelona.

Taxi from Maastricht/Aachen Airport is about 25 km and costs about € 60-70

Example: Cologne/Bonn Airport + train to Aachen + taxi to Rolduc

Check with your travel agent for flights. Easy Jet flies London Gatwick to Cologne/Bonn.

Search for flights at <http://www.koeln-bonn-airport.de/main.php?id=17&lang=2> (this is not a booking site--only gives an overview of flights).

Can book flights for example with GermanWings <http://www.germanwings.com/index.en.shtml>
Examples of flights:

Warsaw - Cologne/Bonn flight 1 hr 50 min for 70 euros RT
Berlin Schonefeld- Cologne/Bonn flight 1 hr 10 minutes for 80 euros RT
Rome Fiumicino - Cologne/Bonn flight 2 hr for 130 euros RT
Sofia--Cologne/Bonn flight 1 hr 45 min for 130 euros RT

Train leaves direct from the airport about every half hour. Depending on which train you choose, the trip will be 1 hr to 1 hr 23, and costs 14 to 25 euros RT.

Example: Eindhoven Airport + bus to station + train to Kerkrade + taxi to Rolduc

Many flights available.

10 minute bus ride to station.

Train to Kerkrade Centrum, 1 hr 26 minutes to Kerkrade centrum, 16 euros one way.

Taxi from Kerkrade train station to conference center is about 3 km and costs about € 10.

Example: Amsterdam Schiphol + train to Kerkrade + taxi to Rolduc

This is not the easiest way to get to Rolduc from abroad. Consider flying to Dusseldorf (see below).

Train to Kerkrade centrum is about 3 hours with changes in Utrecht and Heerlen. Second class ticket one-way is about €25.

Taxi from Kerkrade train station to conference center is about 3 km and costs about € 10.

Example: Dusseldorf Airport + train to Aachen + taxi to Rolduc

Train from Dusseldorf airport to Aachen centrum is about 1 hr 45 minutes. Some trains are direct, some require one change. One way ticket costs around €18 euros.

Taxi from Aachen train station will be around € 20 to 30.