How to get here

Travel by air

Travelling from Schiphol Airport (Amsterdam) to Groningen

When you arrive in the Netherlands at Schiphol, Amsterdam international airport, easiest way to travel Groningen is by train. underground train station beneath within walking distance of luggage claim areas. Dutch railway system is called Nederlandse Spoorwegen (NS), you will recognize it its yellow and blue colors. Just follow illuminated signs that direct 'to trains'.

Groningen Airport Eelde

Groningen is easily reached from Groningen Airport Eelde.

The Airport offers you the possibility to fly directly to Groningen Airport Eelde from a few European destinations. The airport is connected to Groningen Central Station by public bus line number 2. The bus journey takes about 30 minutes. Also a direct bus drives 9 times a week from Station Groningen to the airport. Further information and a list of all destinations can be found here.

Travel by train

Train Tickets

You will have to purchase a single-use chip card (this is your train ticket) to Groningen ticket counter and the yellow and blue ticket-vending machines that you will find in the luggage claim hall and by every entrance to the train terminal. You can purchase tickets from the machines only by using your Credit Card or a Debit Card with the Maestro logo. The vending machines do not take Credit Cards or American Debit Cards.

If you use a single-use chip card or OV-chipkaart please make sure you check in and out; hold your OV-chipkaart up against the NS card reader in one of the gates or free-standing posts. You can also buy your ticket online and simply print it yourself. This allows you to take care of everything whenever and wherever it suits you. All you have to do is complete the journey details, pay for the order, download and print your e-ticket. This means that you can board the train straight away!

Train schedules

Information on travelling by train is available on the NS website. **The journey from Schiphol Airport takes approximately two hours and Groningen is the last stop.** The trains are quite comfortable and (most trains) feature free wireless Internet in all classes and 220V AC outlets in first class. Food and drinks are not sold on the trains - please make sure that you purchase these beforehand at the airport.

Planning your journey in the Netherlands

You might find the website www.9292.nl very useful for planning your journey in the Netherlands. The planner combines all available public transportation - trains, buses, trams, metro, and boats - to provide an optimal route. It also informs you real-time about the current delays and disruptions in public transportation.

Travel by car

Traveling to Groningen by car

Please note that car traffic in the city center is restricted and street parking is very limited. Also be aware of the numerous cyclists that may not exactly follow the traffic regulations. There are ten parking garages located near the center.

More information on car parking in Groningen, including the street parking regulations, can be found here.

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