
HOW TO REACH MAINZ UNIVERSITY

Mainz is situated about 40 km to Frankfurt (Main) in the most western part of the Rhein-Main-Metropolitan-Area. It has excellent connections to Frankfurt (Main) as well as to the Cologne area to the north and to southern Germany. Regional train services run regularly between Frankfurt (Main) Airport and Mainz Central Station. If you travel...

...by plane:

- A) You fly into **Frankfurt Rhein/Main Airport (FFM)**. From there Mainz is easily reached by train. There is no point taking a long distance train (running from Fernbahnhof tracks 4-7). Rather follow the signs **Regionalbahnhof**. They will guide you to the regional railways station (tracks 1-3). You can buy your ticket over the counter in the travel center (Reisezentrum) which is located to your right hand side when coming down the escalator into the station. They sort of know English. Credit cards are accepted. Please ask for a "RMV" ticket (4.25 €). It is valid on any type of trains stopping in this station as well as on Mainz local buses to the university. Please note that those tickets are valid only for travelling immediately after purchase and are valid on the shortest route to your final destination only.

From the travel center you take another escalator down to the platform. You can travel on a **local train, S-Bahn (S8)** in direction of Wiesbaden. Do not use the S-Bahn (S9), which goes in the same direction but not via Mainz. The S-Bahn will stop at several Mainz stations, so make sure to alight at the **Central Station (Mainz Hauptbahnhof)**. The station before is Mainz "Römisches Theater".

Alternatively you could board a **regional train (RE or RB)** with a final destination of either Wiesbaden, Koblenz, or Saarbrücken. Actually, these trains are often nicer and quicker than the S-Bahn, but go much less frequently. Most trains to Mainz run from track 3.

- B) You fly into **Frankfurt-Hahn-Airport**. From here you have to take the **ORN-Bus-Shuttle** to Mainz Central Station (**Mainz Hauptbahnhof**). Buses leave in front of terminal 3 every two hours approximately. You can find an exact timetable of the bus service here: http://hahn.orn-online.de/busfahrplan_mainz.htm. Bus-tickets must be purchased at the bus driver, who should sort of know English. A one-way ticket costs about 13 € and must be paid cash. The bus ride takes about 70 minutes and will take you via several smaller towns to Mainz Hauptbahnhof. Just stay in the bus until the end of the ride.

...by train:

- A) **From the north and the west:** Long-distance trains (**IC, EC**) run once per hour from **Cologne Central Station (Köln Hbf)** and reach Mainz within 105 minutes. If you get a good connection, it can be faster to take an ICE from Cologne Central Station to **Frankfurt (Main) Airport Fernbahnhof** and change to a local train **S-Bahn (S8)** or regional train (**RB or RE**) there (for a detailed description see above).
- B) **From the east:** There are trains of all kinds leaving **Frankfurt (Main) Central Station (Frankfurt (Main) Hbf)** in the direction of Mainz. As Frankfurt is really close there is no point in taking a long-distance train. Either use a local train, **S-Bahn (S8)** in direction of Wiesbaden that runs from track 103 in the underground part of the station or board on one of the regional trains (**RE or RB**) in the direction of Wiesbaden, Koblenz or Saarbrücken, which run from diverse tracks in the supernal part of the station. If you choose a local train, make sure not to board the local trains S1 or S9 that both also leave from track 103 in the direction of Wiesbaden, but do not stop at Mainz Central Station (Mainz Hbf). Depending on the number of stops local and regional trains take 30-40 minutes to reach Mainz Hbf. Both, local and regional trains, will stop at several Mainz stations, so make sure to alight at the Central Station (Mainz Hbf). The station before is Mainz "Römisches Theater".
- C) **From the south and the west (Paris):** Mainz is most easily reached via **Mannheim Central Station (Mannheim Hbf)**. Long-distance trains (**ICE, IC, EC**) leave Mannheim Hbf at least once per hour in the directions of Hamburg-Altona, Dortmund or Cologne (Köln). Those trains need about 40 minutes to Mainz Hbf. There are also regional (**RE, RB**) and seldom even local trains (**S-Bahn**) running to Mainz Hbf. However these trains need up to 90 minutes until they reach Mainz.

For long-distance trains and for some of the regional trains you can book your tickets online here: <http://www.bahn.de/i/view/DEU/en/index.shtml>. Tickets for regional and local trains in the Frankfurt area cannot be booked online but have to be purchased over the counter or at a ticket machine.

From the station to the university:

From Mainz Central Station there are local buses to the University Campus. You can take one of the following bus-lines: **6** (direction Marienborn), **6A** (direction Bretzenheim/Gutenberg Center), **54** (direction Lerchenberg), **55** (direction Finthen), **56, 57** (both direction Münchfeld), **58** (direction Wackernheim), **64** (direction Gonsenheim), **65** (direction Jugendwerk) or **68** (direction Lerchenberg/Hindemithstrasse), which all stop at "Universität". Busses no. 6 and 6A will stop directly in front of the university's main entrance. From here it is only a two minute walk over the Campus to the Alte Mensa building.

...by car:

A) From the west via (Bonn/Cologne):

You take the motorway **A60** until "Autobahn-Dreieck Mainz". There you head in direction of Darmstadt. Leave the motorway at the **exit "Mainz-Finthen"** and follow the signs to "Saarstraße/Innenstadt", at the circle "Europaplatz" go straight on until you reach the exit "Universität".

B) From the east or south via (Frankfurt/Würzburg/Darmstadt)

Follow the motorway **A60** until "Autobahn-Dreieck Rüsselsheim" or the motorway **A63** until "Autobahnkreuz Mainz". Head on the **A60** in the direction of Bingen, and leave the motorway at the **exit "Mainz-Finthen"** and follow the signs to "Saarstraße/Innenstadt", at the circle "Europaplatz" go straight on until you reach the exit "Universität".

C) From the north (via Kassel):

Follow the motorway **A66** until "Schiersteiner Kreuz" and change to **A643** in direction of Mainz. Stay on the A643 until "Autobahn-Dreieck Mainz" and change to **A60** in direction of Darmstadt. Leave the motorway at the **exit "Mainz-Finthen"** and follow the signs to "Saarstraße/Innenstadt", at the circle "Europaplatz" go straight on until you reach the exit "Universität".

You can park your car near the campus on one of the marked parking lots. Additionally there are is room for parking at the nearby soccer stadium, which is located only 200 meters north of the entrance to the Campus.

ACCOMMODATION

Other than the university campus most hotels in Mainz are located in the city centre or along the river Rhine. This means that you will probably prefer to reach the conference venue by bus. A reasonably close Hotel we can recommend is Hotel Hammer (<http://www.hotel-hammer.com/>), which is located opposite to the central station. A little more beautifully located but further away from the campus is Novotel Mainz (<http://www.novotel.com/gb/hotel-5407-novotel-mainz/index.shtml>) in the Oberstadt neighborhood.

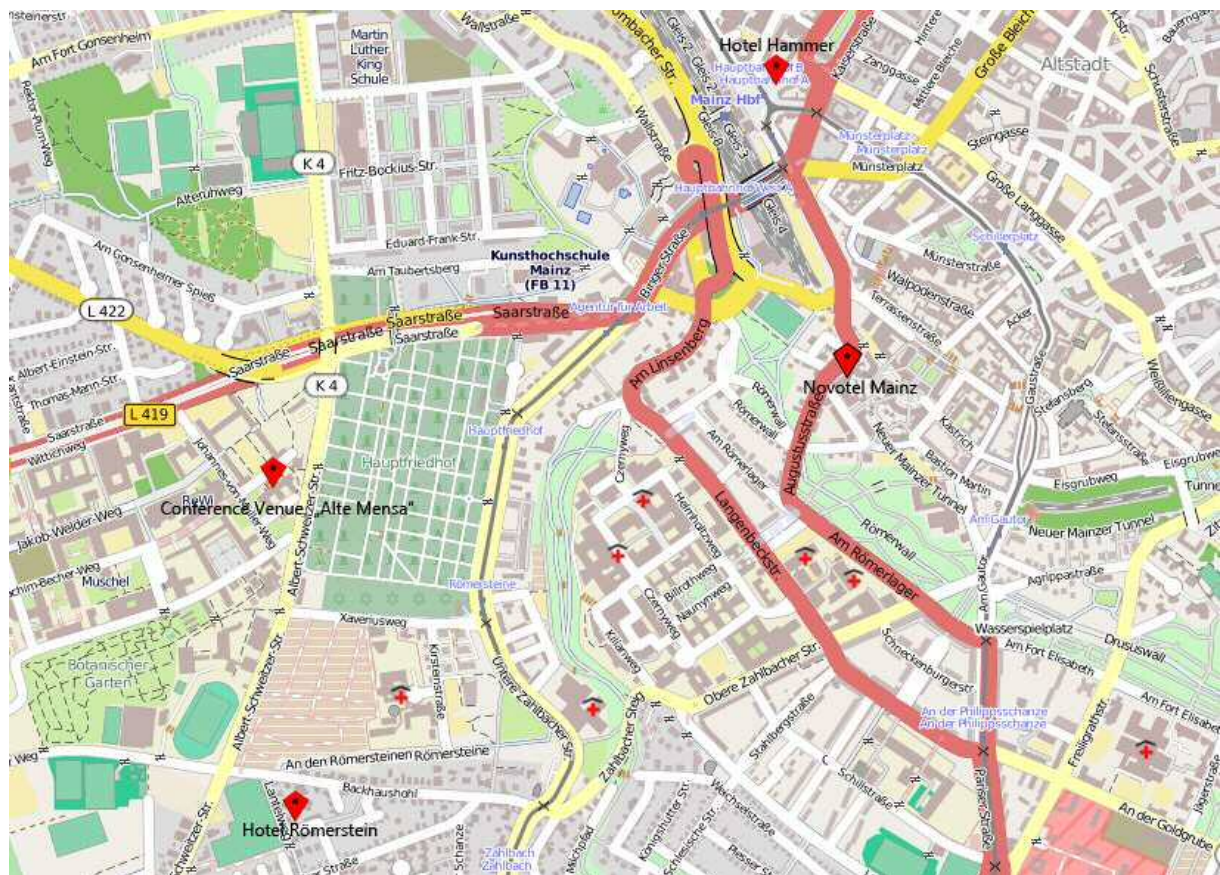
If you look for accommodation within walking distance to the conference venue one possibility is the small Hotel Römerstein (<http://www.hotel-roemerstein.de/>) that is located in a residential area next to the university and is named after a nearby historical sight (remains of the pillars of a Roman aqueduct).

If you want to search for a Hotel on your own you could search a room online here:

<http://www.touristik-mainz.de/hotel.html?&L=1>

or here:

<http://www.hotel.info/en/mainz/hotels-37691/>



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