

## How to get there ?

The Berlin-Potsdam-area enjoys a well developed public transportation system , which takes you everywhere you want in a reasonable time. Check the attached transportation map of [Berlin](#) and [Potsdam](#) for details.

Go to <http://www.vbb-online.de/> or <http://www.bvg.de/> (just click on the British Flag for the English Versions) to get your individual connection.

Below you find a brief selection of how to get to Potsdam/Golm (depnding on your arrival date-arrival time there might be alternative connections).

## Arriving by Plane

If you come to Berlin by plane you will arrive either at

- 1) Tegel airport (TXL)
  - take the bus X9 to Berlin Zoologischer Garten Train Station.
  - take the line RE 1 (Regional Express Train) towards BRANDENBURG or MAGDEBURG (timetables are located on every platform, showing time, platform, track)
  - get off the train at Potsdam Hauptbahnhof (Potsdam Main Station)
  - walk to Hotel Mercure
    - or if you are staying at Landhotel Golm change into train RB 21 (towards Wustermark or Golm) or RB 20 (towards Hennigsdorf).
  
- 2) or Schönefeld airport (SXF)
  - walk to the train station (~10 min)
  - take the train S 9 (towards Spandau) until Berlin Ostbahnhof (~30 min)
  - at Ostbahnhof change into line RE 1 towards BRANDENBURG or MAGDEBURG (timetables are located on every platform, showing time, platform, track)
  - get off the train at Potsdam Hauptbahnhof (Potsdam Main Station)
  - walk to Hotel Mercure
    - or if you are staying at Landhotel Golm change into train RB 21 (towards Wustermark or Golm) or RB 20 (towards Hennigsdorf).

## Fares

### Single Tickets

As indicated on the Map, the Berlin Area is divided into 3 fare Zones A,B,C. The zones A,B cover the whole city of Berlin, whereas zone C covers the surrounding cities. The Potsdam area itself is contained in zone C. In order to get from the airports to Potsdam you are required to take a Berlin ABC-Single-ticket (for €2.60), which must be validated (insert it into the slit of the red or yellow/white validation machines located at every platform, the machine will print the date and time on the ticket) before entering a train and are valid for 2 hours.

Note, that additionally the Potsdam area itself is divided into 3 fare zones. So during the conference week in order to get from Potsdam Hbf (main station) to Golm (PM) train station it is sufficient to use a Potsdam AB Single ticket (for €1.50 per trip), (however these ticket DO NOT allow you to get to Berlin).

When entering a bus the validated ticket must be presented to the bus driver, in trains tickets are frequently checked by staff.

## 1 Day / 7 Day Tickets

If you want to use the public transportation more frequently it might be worth to buy a 7-day ticket (check the fare information at <http://www.vbb-online.de/> for that) either for the Potsdam AB-Area (€11.10) or the whole Berlin ABC-area (€31.30). Also daily tickets are available. Also these tickets have to be validated (if date and time are not already printed on the ticket).

## Ticket Machines / Ticket Windows

Tickets can be bought at ticket machines (indicated by 'Fahrkarten'=tickets) (choose the british flag on the touch-screens and follow the instructions) or at ticket windows ('DB-Reisezentrum' = German Railway Travel Center) located at every bigger train station (ZOO, Potsdam Hbf).

Usually the ticket machines accept European Debit Cards (EC, Maestro) as well as cash (notes / coins), note that there might be a limit of change these machines give (e.g. one should not pay a Potsdam AB-Single-Ticket with a €20 note).

Credit cards are accepted at every ticket window.

## Timetable

See attached below the [detailed timetable](#) for Potsdam Hbf ↔ Golm (PM) connections. Timetables can be found at every station.

## Site Maps

These site Maps will indicate [how to get from Potsdam main station to Hotel Mercure](#) and how to get to the [Conference Location in Golm](#).