

## how to get to...

## MECHELEN



[drungli.com](http://drungli.com) [momondo.com](http://momondo.com) [skyscanner.net](http://skyscanner.net) [jetcost.com](http://jetcost.com) [liligo.com](http://liligo.com) [rome2rio.com](http://rome2rio.com)  
=> good sites to search cheap flights all over Europe (also to and from Belgium)

**BRUSSELS NATIONAL AIRPORT ([brusselsairport.be/en](http://brusselsairport.be/en))**

Railway station is located under the airport, with a direct train to Mechelen.

- 2 trains per hour / 12 minutes / € 8,40
- First train at 05:42, last train at 23:42 (on Sat and Sun at 05:52 and 23:52).

**BRUSSELS SOUTH CHARLEROI AIRPORT ([charleroi-airport.com](http://charleroi-airport.com))**

Small lowcost airport 50 km outside of Brussels, in Charleroi. No direct connections to Mechelen. You have to take the shuttle bus to Brussels Midi Station first (takes about 1 hour). If you have a delay and have no more train connection to Brussels, a taxi to Mechelen will cost you €95.

*Shuttle bus to Brussels: Brussels city shuttle*

- two per hour; drive = 1 hour to Brussels (to 'Zuid/Midi' train station)
- First one at 07:50, then 08:30, 09:00, 09:30,... Last one at midnight.
- one-way for € 17 (online € 5 - 14) / you can only pay by (credit) card!
- buy a ticket outside of the airport (follow the blue line) or online ([brussels-city-shuttle.com](http://brussels-city-shuttle.com))

*From Brussels 'Zuid / Midi' to Mechelen:*

- 7 trains per hour / about 30 minutes / € 4,60
- First train at 04:39, last train at 23:39 (on Sat and Sun at 05:45 and 23:28)



[www.eurolines.com](http://www.eurolines.com) [www.flixbus.com](http://www.flixbus.com) [www.ouibus.be](http://www.ouibus.be)

=> international buses don't stop in Mechelen, all connections go via Brussels

Eurolines stops at Brussels 'Noord / Nord' station, Flixbus stops near Brussels 'Noord / Nord' & 'Zuid / Midi' station, Ouibus stops at Brussels 'Zuid / Midi' station. It will be no problem to catch a train from Brussels to Mechelen, but watch out: buses often have a delay, so you might have to spend the night in Brussels if you're late.



[eurostar.com](http://eurostar.com)    [thalys.com](http://thalys.com)    [www.izy.com](http://www.izy.com)

=> international trains to and from Belgium. International trains don't stop in Mechelen, only in Brussels 'Zuid / Midi' and Antwerp central station. If you come from Paris or Cologne: get out in Brussels, If you come from Amsterdam: get out in Antwerp and transfer to Mechelen

Eurostar = international high-speed train between the UK, France and Belgium.

Thalys = international high-speed train between France, Belgium and the Netherlands.

Izy = lowcost Thalys, trains between Paris and Brussels.

**TRAINS IN BELGIUM ([belgianrail.be](http://belgianrail.be))**

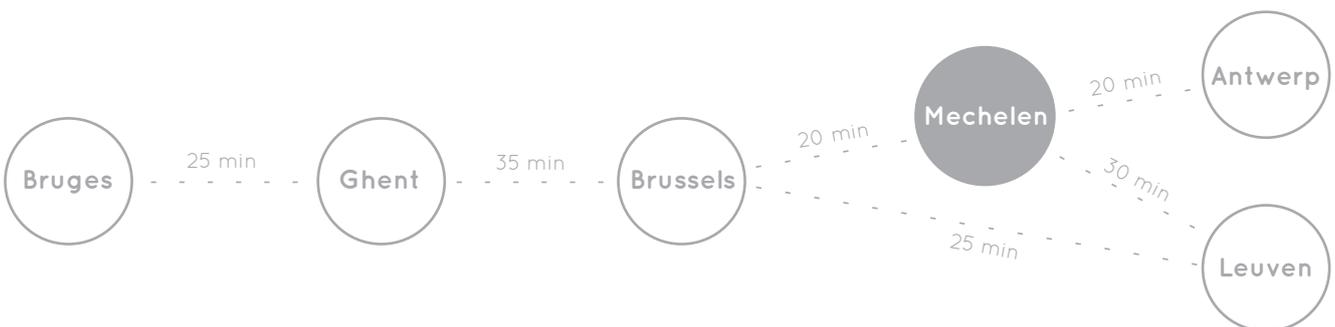
**TIP: Travelling with friends**

- 25 or younger                      Go-Pass (10 rides for €52)
- older than 25                      Rail Pass (10 rides for €77)

Both passes can be used between all Belgian stations with more than 1 person at the same time.

**Tip: Travelling alone**

- one-way trips                      Go-Pass One (one-way ticket to anywhere in Belgium for €6.20)  
    \* only -26 years old. Buy from ticketing machines in stations  
    or print at home  
    \* always check whether or not the standard ticket isn't cheaper
- return trips                              Weekend ticket (usually almost half the price of regular ones)  
    \* only during weekends, from Fridaynight (7PM) onwards



Mechelen lies between Antwerp & Brussels, with fast direct connections to both cities. Train from Brussels to Mechelen = € 4,60, train from Antwerp to Mechelen = € 4,10. There are 3 stations in Brussels: 'Zuid/ Midi', 'Central' and 'Noord / Nord'. All Belgian trains stop in these three stations, so you can choose. Brussels 'Noord / Nord' is closest to Mechelen.

IC-trains (InterCity) go faster than IR-trains (Inter-Regional). Don't take slow L-trains (local).