**Travel**

1. **Arriving by airplane**

**Minsk National Airport (MSQ)**

There are several Airlines that operate at Minsk National Airport, such as Belavia, Aeroflot, Airbaltic and Lufthansa. The airport is about 50 km from Minsk.

An alternative low-budget connection to Minsk is to fly to **Vilnius International Airport (VNO**) and take the train from Vilnius to Minsk. Several low-cost airlines operate at Vilnius International Airport. The Vilnius International airport is about 200 km from Minsk and train are frequently operating between Minsk and Vilnius (see information below). **Important! If you will choose this option you need to have a valid visa or a valid passport allowing to stay visa-free in Belarus. Information about visa process is in General information.**

**Transport from the airport (MSQ) to the Minsk Central station (Minsk Tsentralnyi)**

Minsk Tsentralnyi is a bus stop near Minsk Central Train station (Babrujskaja 6).

**By bus:**

BUS № 300Э

You can buy a ticket via the ticket machine at the airport, at the bus station by credit card, from a ticket agent at the bus stop or from bus driver by cash (BYN only). You can exchange money at the airport. The bus stop is located in front of Gate 5-6 (arrival hall).

Journey time: 1 hour.

**Bus timetable:**

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| From National Airport Minsk (MSQ) to Minsk Central (Minsk Tsentralnyi) |
| 4:50, 6:25, 7:20, 8:00, 9:00, 9:40, 10:20, 11:20, 12:00, 12:40, 13:20, 14:20, 15:00, 15:40, 16:20, 17:00, 17:40, 18:20, 19:00, 20:00, 20:40, 21:20, 22:05, 23:00, 00:05, 1:45, 3:15 |

**By taxi:**

You can pay by credit card and order taxi online. See webpage: <https://minsktransfer.by>

**Transfer from Vilnius International Airnort (VNO) to Minsk Train Central Station:**

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**By train:**

From Vilnius International Airport (VNO) you can take a taxi or train to Vilnius Railway Station (Geležinkelio g. 22). You can buy a ticket and check the timetable for trains Vilnius-Minsk here: <https://poezd.rw.by/wps/portal/home/rp/schedule>

Journey time: 3 hours.

**Timetable of directly every day trains:**

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| From Vilnius Railway Station to Minsk Train Central Station (Minsk Pasažyrski) |
| 06:15, 15:05, 18:30 |

1. **Arriving by train**

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Minsk is directly connected to Russia (Moscow, Saint Petersburg, Kazan, Adler, Anapa), Poland (Warszawa), Lithuania (Vilnius), Ukraine (Kyiev) and Latvia (Riga).

1. **Arriving by bus**

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Minsk is connected with lots of cities by Ecolines buses, all information you can check here: <https://ecolines.net/international/en>

1. **Minsk public transport**

You can buy a travel card for all types of public transport (metro, bus, tram, trolleybus) for a few days. If you need more information, please, contact the organization committee via **biospec-workshop@nmbu.no**

1. **Taxi in Minsk**

There are several Taxi companies in Minsk. You may download an app from appStore or from Google Play (Uber BY, Yandex) pay by credit card through the app.