

## Arranging your own travel

If you have chosen the adventurous path to not get our Hassle-free™ ticket, here's the way plan your trip to the venue. From Amsterdam or Schiphol you can take a train to **Den Helder**, where you can take a bus to the harbour where the boat to Texel departs. On Texel you can use a minivan service to get to our venue, [Prins Hendrik](#).

You can plan most of the trip (train, bus and boat) using the links below.

- **Amsterdam Central Station → Texel**  
First train with matching connections leaves at **5:17**  
Last train with matching connections leaves at **19.39**  
Travel time: ~ 2 hours and 30 minutes (depending on connections)  
[Route planner](#)
- **Schiphol → Texel**  
First train with matching connections leaves at **6:15**  
Last train with matching connections leaves at **19.21**  
Travel time: ~ 2 hours and 30 minutes (depending on connections)  
[Route planner](#)

## Trains (part 1)

There's a trainstation right underneath Schiphol airport, so if you follow the signage after you go through the baggage hall you should be able to find it easily.

The first train you need to take goes in the direction of Amsterdam and usually departs from tracks 1 or 2. Which one is only announced a short time before, but those are on opposite sides of the platform.

It's only a 10 minute trip to Amsterdam Sloterdijk where you have to change to the train to Den Helder. Usually you will arrive at platform 11 on the 2nd floor, and have to go down two flights of stairs to depart at platform 4. Follow the signage.

When you are in the train to Den Helder, it is a great time to start arranging your [Texelhopper](#) trip from '**Pontweg Veerhaven**' to '**Prins Hendrik**', which you will have to book one hour in advance.

## Bus (part 2)

Once you get to Den Helder train station, you can find the bus platforms on the right hand side of the station. The bus to the harbour is line 33, which departs from platform E and will be marked on the sign at the bus stop and on the front of the bus itself. **This bus costs €1,50** and tickets can only be bought at Den Helder Station. See below how to get them.

Directions to bus line 33 at Den Helder station.

If the weather is nice, you can also [walk to the ferry](#), this takes around 30 minutes.

## Ferry (part 3)

From the bus stop at the harbour it's only a short walk to the Ferry towards Texel. **There is a buffet-restaurant on the boat**, if you plan to get some food there, be sure to head there right after your get on the boat, because the boatrip only lasts about 20 minutes.

## Texelhopper minivan (part 4)

On the island you can use the [Texelhopper](#) minibus service to get to the venue. **You have to order a Texelhopper at least one hour in advance**, so be sure to read the information on their website. Plan your trip from trip from 'Pontweg Veerhaven', which is where the ferry arrives to '[Prins Hendrik](#)', which is our conference venue.



Texelhopper bus stop

## Getting tickets

When travelling in the Netherlands you can always get a ticket at any station at a ticket machine. These machines either take cash in euro or debit cards with the maestro logo (without extra cost). Paying with credit cards is possible (just not everywhere) but please note that the transaction costs can be high.

### Cash money

When traveling in the Netherlands we advise to have some cash in you wallet because not every shop accepts debit/credit cards.

### Train from Amsterdam / Schiphol

Trains are operated by NS (Nederlandse Spoorwegen). You can get you train ticket the [NS website](#), or at the ticket vending machines at the station.

### Bus & Texelhopper

From Den Helder train station to the harbour it's a short bus ride with [Connexxion line 33](#). This bus ride costs €1,50 and **cannot be bought online**. If you need to pay cash, you have to buy it at the ticket booth at Den Helder station. On board the bus you can only pay with PIN, credit card or Dutch public transport card (OV-Chipkaart). The return travel from the boat to the station is free.

On the island you can use the [Texelhopper](#) minibus to get to the venue. A ticket for Texelhopper can be [bought online](#), or at the ticket booth in Den Helder train station. You have to order a Texelhopper at least one hour in advance, so be sure to read the information on their website.

### Ferry Tickets

You can get your ferry ticket from the [TESO website](#). All tickets are return tickets and can be used at any date.