

# Arriving by plane

Bielefeld is a town in northern Germany, located in the nice, hilly surroundings of the Teutoburg Forest. The nearest international airports are Hannover (110 km), Düsseldorf (190 km) and Frankfurt (320 km). In Düsseldorf and Frankfurt there are train stations in the airport, Bielefeld can be reached from these and any other major town by trains running on an hourly schedule (Eurocity train system: marked EC, IC or ICE on the train schedule).

If you arrive by plane, we would recommend the following airports (the ordering reflects our preferences):

**Düsseldorf** (approx. 190 km from Bielefeld)

At [Düsseldorf airport](#) there is a [Skytrain](#) which takes you from the terminal to Düsseldorf Airport Rail Station in approx. 5 minutes, departing frequently between 3:45 and 0.45 hours. Depending on the type of train you catch (direct or with change in Hamm or Duisburg) the journey takes 1 1/2 to 2 hours.

**Frankfurt** (approx. 320 km from Bielefeld)

There are intercity trains from [Frankfurt airport](#) to Bielefeld (departure at least every hour with a change in Cologne or Hannover - journey time approx. 4 hours).

There is also the possibility of changing planes at Frankfurt and flying from there to Düsseldorf or Hannover. This is generally more expensive and does not necessarily save time.

**Hannover** (approx. 110 km from Bielefeld)

The suburban tram line S5 takes you in 12 minutes from [Hannover airport](#) to Hannover train station.

Intercity trains from Hannover to Bielefeld leave every hour. The journey takes approx. 50-60 minutes (it is not necessary to change the train).

**Köln-Bonn** (approx. 200 km from Bielefeld)

There is an hourly intercity train connection from [the airport](#) to Bielefeld, taking approximately 2 1/2 hours.

**Dortmund** (approx. 110 km from Bielefeld)

You can either take a free shuttle bus from [Dortmund airport](#) to Holzwickede, which takes about 5 minutes and from there a local train to Bielefeld, changing in Hamm (travel time approx. 1 hour) or you take a shuttle to Dortmund main station (25 minutes) and from there a direct train to Bielefeld (travel time is a bit less than 1 hour).