Travel Tips

Things to Know:
- Know where you are going before you walk out the door.
- No awkward tourists moments.
- Tickets may be cheaper online or come in round-trip package deals.
- Ask for help. There will be plenty of attendant and shop keepers who usually are willing to help. If you don’t know the language, a little charades and a lot of respect will get you help with directions.

Plan ahead for Labor Protests
- Mention your travel plans to locals (whether it be the hostel desk clerk or Couch surfing host) - they will more than likely be aware if there is a potential for protests
- Be ready to be flexible. Getting to the airport/train station early or sitting on the platform to wait for the next connection are real possibilities.

Delays and traffic jams happen...a lot. Plan extra time for this, especially if you are trying to catch a train/plane/bus to a far away destination.

Pick-Pockets
- Pick pockets are good at what they do...if you give them the opportunity.
- Be aware of your surroundings and your belongings.

If it is an option and you are planning to buy a ticket on board a bus/tram, have exact change. More than likely, the driver cannot give change.

Several urban train systems use a “zoned method.” Be aware of this, as fares vary by zone. You could be fined if your destination is not within your designated zone.

If you are using a metro system that goes by the honor system on ticket punching or time limits, there are heavy fines for trying to get around buying a ticket. Beware, as plain clothes officials usually patrol the trains.

Low Cost Airlines:
- EasyJet
- RyanAir
- Vueling
- Wizz Air

These airlines can be cheap for quick trips around Europe, however...

BEWARE:
- Checking baggage and numerous fees may make the ticket the same or more than average airlines.

- Consider the cost of transportation to and from the airport. Usually, low cost airlines fly into airports rather far outside of the city.

Public Transportation Guide

Information on:
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This guide is a compilation of knowledge from travel experience of students in Spring 2012, supplemented by TripAdvisor travel guides.
Amsterdam

Airports
Schiphol AMS (EasyJet, Vueling)
Transportation to City center:
Sneltrein or Intercity train (€3.80) to Amsterdam Central; 20 minutes
Connexxion hotel shuttle (€15) to any hotel in Amsterdam

Other Transportation Options
International bus services (Eurolines) have a terminal at Amstel Station
Bicycle Rentals throughout the city
Canal Bus - €22 for day pass - all Amsterdam attractions on route
Ferries
National Train: Dutch Railways

GVB Trams + buses
OV- chipcard works on trams, metro, buses, and trains

Athens

Airports
Athens International, Eleftherios Venizelos ATH (EasyJet, Vueling)
Transportation to City center:
X95 bus (€3) to Syntagma Square; 70 minutes (ticket kiosk near Door 3)
Metro- Blue Line (€8) to Syntagma Square or Monastiraki

Metro
***VALIDATE YOUR TICKET

Other Transportation Options
Tram: connects city center to suburbs
Bus/Trolly: only €1; ticket allows for multiple trips within 90 minutes
Piraeus Port
KTEL- regional bus connecting to other cities in Greece
Regional Train: Trainose (no international connections)
Barcelona

Airports
Barcelona El Prat BCN (EasyJet, RyanAir, Vueling, Wizz Air)

Transportation to City center:
RENFE Train at T2 (€3) to Sants, Passeig de Garcia, or Clot; 20 minutes
Aerobus T1 and T2 to Plaza Catalunya (€5.30); 35 minutes

metro
***T-10 Pass (€8.25); Individual fare (€1)

Other Transportation Options
Biking- public bike rental stations across the city
TMB public bus lines
Trammet tram network
Barcelona Port- arrive into Barcelona by ship

National Train: RENFE

Berlin

Airports
Berlin Tegel Airport TXL (Vueling)
Transportation to City center:
JetExpress TXL Bus to Berlin Hauptbahnhof (20 minutes) and
Alexanderplatz (40 minutes)
BVG bus lines connect to S-Bahn or U-Bahn stations

Berlin Schönefeld Airport SFX (EasyJet, RyanAir)
Transportation to City center:
RE AirportExpress (3€) to Berlin Hauptbahnhof; 30 minutes
**Validate ticket for Zone 3
BVG bus lines connect to S-Bahn or U-Bahn stations

U-Bahn
***VALIDATE YOUR TICKET

Other Transportation Options
S-Bahn: Suburban Train System
Rental Bicycles (DB): Rent and return to stations around Berlin
Regional, National, or International train into Berlin Hauptbahnhof

National Train: Deutsche Bahn (DB)
Dublin

Airports
Dublin Airport DUB (RyanAir)
Transportation to City center:
- Aircoach Bus (€7) to O’Connell Street; 40 minutes
- Airlink Bus 747 or 748 (€6) to Busáras, central bus station; 30-35 minutes
- City Bus 16A (€2.30) to O’Connell Street; 30-40 minutes

DART

LUAS TRAM

Other Transportation Options
Dublin Bus System: Rambler Ticket: 1 day - €5; 3 day - €9.50
Bus Éireann - National Bus System (20% Student discount with ID)
National Train: Iarnród Éireann (20% Student discount with ID)

Budapest

Airports
Budapest Ferenc Liszt International BUD (EasyJet, RyanAir, Wizz Air)
Transportation to City center:
- Bus 200E to Kőbánya-Kispest Station, then Blue 3 Metro line (320 HUF) to Deák Ferenc Square; 30 then 20 minutes
- Airport MiniBus Service (8 passenger vans)

Metro

Other Transportation Options
- Budapest Trams - single tickets cost 300 HUF at “penztar” windows
- Budapest Bus - single tickets cost 300 HUF at “penztar” windows
- Volán Association - National Bus network
- National Train: Magyar Allamvasutak MAV

***VALIDATE YOUR TICKET; Multi-Day passes available

Transportation to City center:
- Bus 200E to Kőbánya-Kispest Station, then Blue 3 Metro line (320 HUF) to Deák Ferenc Square; 30 then 20 minutes
- Airport MiniBus Service (8 passenger vans)
**Istanbul**

**Airports**

**Ataturk International Airport IST**
- **Suggested airline to Istanbul**: Turkish Airlines to ISTW
- **Transportation to City center**: Metro (3-5 TL); 45 minutes

**Sabiha Gokcen Airport SAW** *(EasyJet)*
- **Transportation to City center**: E-10 miniciple bus to Sabiha Gokcen or Kadikoy, E-3 miniciple bus then transfer to metro (6 TL) to Sultanahmet or Taksim

**Regional Train**: TCDD (Turkish Republic State Railways)

**London**

**Airports**

**Gatwick Airport LGW** *(EasyJet, RyanAir, Vueling)*
- **Transportation to City center**: Gatwick Express Train (£17.90) to Paddington Station; 30 minutes
- **Southern Train** (£9) to Victoria Station; 35-50 minutes
- **First Capitol Connect** (£9.40) to St. Pancras Station; 48 minutes

**Heathrow Airport LHR** *(Vueling)*
- **Transportation to City center**: Heathrow Express Train (£18) to Paddington Station; 15 minutes
- **Underground Piccadilly Line** (£4); 45 minutes
- **Heathrow Connect train** (£8.50);

**Luton Airport LTN** *(EasyJet, RyanAir, Wizz Air)*
- **Transportation to City center**: Shuttle Bus to Luton Parkway Rail Station (8 minutes), then First Capital Connect to St. Pancras Station (35 minutes), connect to subway Terra Vision (£15) to Victoria Station; 65 minutes

**Stansted Airport STN** *(EasyJet, RyanAir)*
- **Transportation to City center**: Stansted Express Train (£20) to Tottenham Hale Station; 45 minutes
- **Terra Vision** (£9) to Victoria Station; 55 minutes

**Underground/Tube** £4 for single fare; Travelcard deals

**Other Transportation Options**

- **London Bus System**: accepts Travelcards
- **Docklands Light rail DLR and Tramlink**: accept Travelcards
- **EuroStar**: Links London with Paris and Brussels (both under 3 hours)

**National Train**: National Rail Train

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**Other Transportation Options**

- **Regional Train**: TCDD (Turkish Republic State Railways)
- **Taksim Funicular and Tunel funicular**
- **Old Tram from Taksim down the major shopping street**
- **Eminonu docks**: ferries and boat tours of the Bosforus

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**Metro/Tram**

- **Tickets for metro/funicular are tokens (2 TL)**
Madrid

Airports
Barajas Airport MAD (EasyJet, RyanAir, Vueling, Wizz Air)
Transportation to City center:
EMT Exprés Aeropuerto Bus (€2) to Plaza de Cibeles; 30 minutes
Metro Line 8 (€2.50) to Nuevos Ministerios Metro station; 17 minutes

Metro
**VALIDATE YOUR TICKET; 10-trip Metrobus ticket is €9 - not valid to/from airport

Other Transportation Options
EMT Buses- connects city center to suburbs
Commuter Trains: Cercanias Railways
RENFE Trains (Madrid is major hub)

National Train: RENFE

Milan

Airports
Linate Airport LIN (EasyJet)
Transportation to City center:
ATM City Bus No 73 (€1.50) to San Babila Metro; 30 minutes
StarFly Bus (€4) to Stazione Centrale; 25 minutes
Air Bus (€5) to Stazione Centrale; 25 minutes

Malpensa MXP (EasyJet, Vueling, Wizz Air)
Transportation to City center:
Malpensa Express to Cadorna Station (€11)/Stazione Centrale (€10); 30/45 minutes
Malpensa Shuttle Bus (€11) to Stazione Centrale; 50 minutes

Orio al Serio, Bergamo Airport BYG (RyanAir, Wizz Air)
Transportation to City center:
Orio Shuttle (€10) to Milan Stazione Centrale; 50 minutes

Metro
***Validate ticket; ticket good for one use

Other Transportation Options
ATM Buses and Trams - buy tickets prior to boarding, validate them at entrance; ticket good for 90 minutes
Eurostar train arrives into Stazione Centrale from international locations.

National Train: Tren Italia
Munich

Airports
Franz Josef Strauss MUC (EasyJet, Vueling)
Transportation to City center:
S-Bahn S1 and S8 (€8.50) to Munchen Hauptbahnhof; 40 minutes
Lufthansa bus (€10.50) to the Munchen Hauptbahnhof; 40 minutes

Memmingen Munich FMM (RyanAir)
Transportation to City center:
Airport bus to Memmingen Rail Station, then train to Munchen HBF; 1 hr 30 minutes

National Train: Deutsche Bahn (DB)

Other Transportation Options
U-Bahn + S-bahn + trams + buses; tickets translate for all of these forms of transportation; be aware of changing zones
Bayern Pass - good deal for travel throughout Bavaria as well as in Munich

Oslo

Airports
Oslo Airport, Gardermoen OSL (Vueling)
Transportation to City center:
NSB train (NOK 90) to Oslo S; 30 minutes
Flytoget Express Train (NOK 170); 20 minutes
Flybussen coach (NOK 80 for students) to Oslo Busterminal; 40 minutes

Sandefjord Oslo Torp TRF (RyanAir, WizzAir)
Transportation to City center:
NSB train - Vestfold Line (NOK 239) to Oslo; 1 hour 45 minutes
Torp Express Bus to Oslo Busterminal; 2 hours

Other Transportation Options
T-Bane = bus+tram+metro - all three methods have common fare
National Train: NSB Norwegian State Railways
Other Transportation Options

Paris

Airports
- Orly ORY (EasyJet, Vueling)
  Transportation to City center:
  RER B- Orlyval (€10.90) to Paris; 35-50 minutes
  Air France Bus (€6.40) to Paris
- Roissy-Charles-de-Gaulle CDG (EasyJet, Vueling)
  Transportation to City center:
  RER B train (€9.10) six zone metro pass; 30 minutes
  Air France Bus- 2 options (€6.50/14); 35/50 minutes
  Roissy Bus (€8.90) to Metro Station near Opera; 1 hour
- Beauvais-Tille BVA (RyanAir, Wizz Air)
  Transportation to City center:
  Shuttle Service (€15) to Porte Maillot stop; 1hr 15 minutes
  Regional Train to Beauvais Center, then taxi to Paris

Metro

- Other Transportation Options
  - Paris Bus and Tram Systems (same tickets as metro but allows bus transfers for 90 minutes)
  - RER Train- good for travel to nearby suburbs
  - TGV (high speed train): travels between cities in France
  - Euroline Coach
  - National Train: SNCF

Prague

Airports
- Václav Havel Airport PRG (EasyJet, Vueling, Wizz Air)
  Transportation to City center:
  City Bus 119 to Dejvicka (30-60 CZK); 20 minutes - Transfer to Metro
- Airport Express Bus (60 CZK) to Dejvicka Metro
  **transport tickets are not valid**

metro + buses

- **VALIDATE YOUR TICKET; 24 hour pass (110 CZK); 3 Day pass (310 CZK)**

Other Transportation Options

- Czech National Express or “Student Agency” - National/International Bus (Florenc Station)
- Train: Praha hlavní nádraží is the main train station for Czech Republic, located near Prague city center
- National Train: České dráhy (Czech Railways)
Vienna

Airports
Vienna International, Schwechat VIE (EasyJet, Vueling)
Transportation to City center:
City Airport Train CAT (€8-12) to Wien Mitte; 16 minutes
S-Bahn S7 (€15) to Wein Mitte; 25 minutes

U-Bahn/S-Bahn
***VALIDATE YOUR TICKET; €2 single fare

Tram
***VALIDATE YOUR TICKET; €2 single fare

VOR tickets are good for bus, tram, and metro. Buy tickets from ticket machines at metro stations.

Other Transportation Options
CityBike: shared bike system with stations around the inner districts
“Student Agency” - International Bus (Praterstern Station)

National Train: ÖBB, Austrian Federal Railways

Rome

Airports
Fiumicino - Leonardo da Vinci (EasyJet, Vueling, Wizz Air)
Transportation to City center:
Leonardo Express Train (14€) to Termini; 30 minutes
**Validate ticket
TerraVision Bus (6€) to Termini Station; 55 minutes

Ciampino (RyanAir, Wizz Air)
Transportation to City center:
TerraVision Bus (4€) to Termini Station; 40 minutes

Metro

Other Transportation Options
Roma Public Buses
Roma Termini - major Italian train hub

National Train: Tren Italia

Fiumicino - Leonardo da Vinci (EasyJet, Vueling, Wizz Air)
Transportation to City center:
Leonardo Express Train (14€) to Termini; 30 minutes
\*Validate ticket
TerraVision Bus (6€) to Termini Station; 55 minutes

Ciampino (RyanAir, Wizz Air)
Transportation to City center:
TerraVision Bus (4€) to Termini Station; 40 minutes

National Train: Tren Italia

Fiumicino - Leonardo da Vinci (EasyJet, Vueling, Wizz Air)
Transportation to City center:
Leonardo Express Train (14€) to Termini; 30 minutes
\*Validate ticket
TerraVision Bus (6€) to Termini Station; 55 minutes

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Transportation to City center:
TerraVision Bus (4€) to Termini Station; 40 minutes

National Train: Tren Italia

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Transportation to City center:
Leonardo Express Train (14€) to Termini; 30 minutes
\*Validate ticket
TerraVision Bus (6€) to Termini Station; 55 minutes

Ciampino (RyanAir, Wizz Air)
Transportation to City center:
TerraVision Bus (4€) to Termini Station; 40 minutes

National Train: Tren Italia