

Going abroad by train

Enjoy the journey! During the train ride you can relax and enjoy the view out of the window. Gradually get involved with the new landscape and new culture. With an Interrail ticket you can even take a stop in an exciting city for a few days somewhere on the way.

An important reason for many students nowadays is avoiding the plane because of environmental reasons.

Use one of the night trains that connect big cities in Europe and reach your destination while you are sleeping comfortably.

Reasons to travel by train to your Erasmus destination

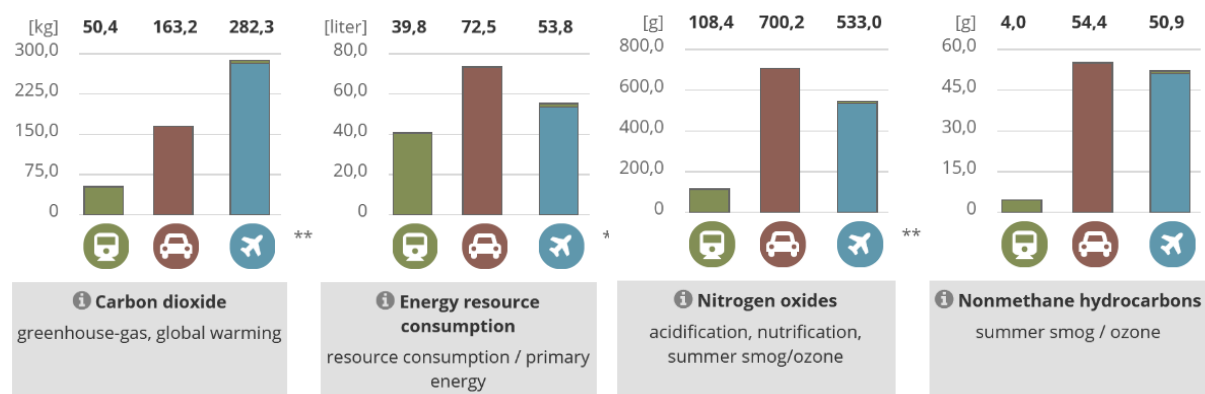
How to plan your train travel

1. Find a suitable connection
 - a. In a first step you can roughly check out the available connections on maps like the one provided here:
<https://www.interrail.eu/en/plan-your-trip/interrail-railway-map>
 - b. You can find popular night trains here:
<https://www.interrail.eu/de/plan-your-trip/trains-europe/night-trains>
 - c. With the help of the Website <https://www.rome2rio.com> you can plan your connection in more detail

2. Get your ticket
 - a. The easiest option for longer journeys is to buy an interrail ticket (<https://www.interrail.eu/en/interrail-passes>) which is valid for the whole journey. In this way you don't have to bother about different tickets in different countries and you can use all night trains. It also allows you to stop in an interesting city on your way for a few days!
 - b. The company "Deutsche Bahn" has many cheap special offers for travels outside of Germany if you book in advance. Check out the website www.bahn.de
 - c. The website www.thetrainline.com offers a good platform for tickets within Europe

Environmental impacts

To motivate you to choose the train instead of a flight, we listed some facts about the emissions of a journey from Stuttgart to Stockholm for you*:



On the website ecopassengers.org you can calculate the emissions for your planned trip and adjust parameters for the calculation.

* Source: <http://www.ecopassenger.org>. The CO2 values include a climate factor to express the overall impact on climate.

Costs

You think the extra costs for a train ride are too high compared to flying? The EU is aware of this and will provide funds for a financial incentive system. As soon as the funds are available, you will find out the exact details on the Erasmus website from the IZ here: <https://www.student.uni-stuttgart.de/auslandsstudium/austauschmoeglichkeiten/erasmus/>

Need some more information?

An initiative “Erasmus by train” with the aim of bringing train travels forwards within Erasmus has been found. If you have any questions, visit <https://erasmusbytrain.eu/> and make contact!