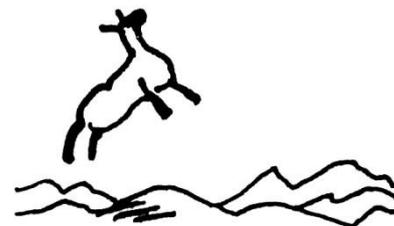


Advancing animal welfare science: How do we get there? – Who is it good for?

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Site Oud Sint-Jan, Bruges, Belgium



Venue:

Site Oud Sint-Jan
Zonnekemeers 18
Bruges 8000
Belgium



Travel:

The simplest way to get to Bruges is by train.

• **By rail**

Bruges' main railway station is the focus of lines to the Belgian coast and provides at least hourly trains to all other major cities in Belgium (eg Antwerp, Ghent and Brussels), as well as to Lille, France. Further details on trains and times can be found on the [Belgian Railways](#) (NMBS) website.

Bruges main station is also a stop for the high speed [Thalys](#) train service that runs Paris–Brussels–Ostend.

International

The station at Brussel-Midi/Zuid (Brussels South) is the Belgian hub for international rail traffic. Numerous high speed trains arrive in Brussel-Zuid daily, coming from Paris ([Thalys/Izly](#) and [TGV](#)), Lille ([Eurostar](#), [TGV](#) and [Thalys](#)), London ([Eurostar](#)), Amsterdam ([Thalys](#) and [Eurostar](#)) and Cologne ([Thalys](#) and [ICE](#)).

There are three trains an hour from Brussels-Midi/Zuid/South Station, which stop at Bruges on their way to Ostend, Knokke or Blankenberge. The travelling time between Brussel-Midi/Zuid/South and Bruges is approximately 1 hour.

In Bruges

From the railway station, there are frequent buses to the centre of Bruges. [De Lijn](#) bus leave every 5 minutes. A (one-way) ticket is valid for one hour and costs €3.00. There is also a [taxi rank](#) outside.

For those looking to walk, the railway station is just 10-minutes from the main shopping streets and a 20-minute walk from the Market Square.

• **By air**

Belgium has several airports into which European and international airlines regularly fly. Other large hub airports close by include Schiphol, Amsterdam (approximately 3 hours away by train, changing at Antwerp. Approximate cost: €70.00) and Charles de Gaulle Airport, Paris (approximately 3 hours 15 minutes away by train, changing at either Brussels Midi or Lille. Approximate cost: €70.00).

Via Brussels Airport-Zaventem

Brussels Airport (Zaventem) is an international airport 12km to the north-east of Brussels and about 90km from Bruges. It offers the best connections to Bruges. It has a train station from which there is a direct hourly train service to Bruges – with a journey time of around 60 minutes. In addition, many other trains from Brussels Airport-Zaventem regularly stop at Brussels-Nord, Brussels Central or Brussels-Midi/Zuid/South railway stations.

Via Brussels South Charleroi Airport

This international airport is to the south of Brussels and is approximately 150km from Bruges.

The bus company Flibco.com offers a direct shuttle bus to and from the station of Bruges with a frequency of nine trips a day (there and back). Book online in advance for the cheapest fare. In addition a regular coach service runs from the airport to Brussels-Midi/Zuid/South railway station from where a train to Bruges can be caught. Also, a special bus (Airport Express – A) operates from the airport to Charleroi-South railway station.

- **By road**

Bruges is connected to the rest of Belgium through the nearby A10 (E40) motorway, which runs from Brussels via Ghent and Bruges to Ostend. The R30 is the main ring-road that runs around the outside of the old walled centre of Bruges.

Parking in Bruges

There is parking available at the symposium venue, Site Oud Sint-Jan (Zonnekemeers 18, Bruges 8000).

Between 8.00am-8.00pm: the cost is €1.40/hour; between 8.00pm-8.00am: €2.50 for the evening/night.

Payment to be made at the pay station in the car park:

Between 9:00am and 8:00 pm surface level parking in the city centre is limited in time (4 hours maximum) and is metered (€1.80 for the first hour, €2.40 for the second up to the fourth hour, in total €9.00 for 4 hours.)

Parking is unlimited and most cost-effective at one of the two central car parks: Centrum-Station (railway station) (€0.70/hour and €3.50/24 hours) and Centrum-'t Zand (€1.20 for the first hour and €8.70/24 hours). Both are situated within walking distance of the city centre. Included in the cost of parking at Centrum Station is a bus transfer with '[De Lijn](#)' to the city centre.