

Reaching Gothenburg!

As part of our initiative to reduce the climate impact of this General Assembly, here's a little guide to travelling to Gothenburg in a more sustainable way

- From Cape Town 🇿🇦

Try, whenever possible, to reduce the number of flights. The closest destinations with direct flight connection from Cape Town are Frankfurt, Munich or Zurich. Some of the train journeys from these cities to Gothenburg are more precisely described in the *From Paris* section.

- From Kiel 🇩🇪

- By Ferry 🚢

There is a direct overnight ferry connection between Gothenburg and Kiel:

<https://www.stenalinetravel.com/routes/kiel-gothenburg>

- By Train 🚂

From Kiel, the most straightforward routes are Hamburg - Copenhagen - Gothenburg or Hamburg - Malmö - Gothenburg. For details on these routes, jump to the *From Paris* section.

- From Paris 🇫🇷

The shortest route from Paris to Gothenburg includes four trains with a first stop in Germany, usually Frankfurt or Mannheim, and then Hamburg - Copenhagen - Gothenburg or Hamburg - Malmö - Gothenburg. It takes about 24h so you might consider splitting the trip in two with an overnight stay in Copenhagen or Hamburg.

Otherwise, the best option is to take a night train on part of the trip. Two options there, either the night train from Berlin to Stockholm but only between Hamburg and Malmö, operated by Snälltåget or SJ or the night train from Zurich to Hamburg, operated by Nightjet that you can catch either in Switzerland or later in Germany.

For the first option (Hamburg to Malmö, by Snälltåget or SJ), here would be the associated route from Paris:

- Leave Paris around lunch time (12-1pm) and arrive in Hamburg in the evening (8-10pm)

- Take the night train to Malmö (from midnight to ~7am)
- And finally admire the Swedish west coast on the [Öresundståg](#) between Malmö - Göteborg

For the second option (Zurich to Hamburg, by Nightjet)

- Reach one of the following cities in the evening (direct train from Paris): Zurich, Basel, Offenburg, Mannheim or Frankfurt. The timetable for the night train at each of these stops can be found [here](#)
- Take the night train to Hamburg and arrive around 8am
- Go from Hamburg to Copenhagen
- And finally arrive in Sweden with a direct train to Gothenburg (hourly trains) passing over the Øresundsbron

The routes back to Paris are similar. The timetable for the night train Hamburg-Zurich can be found [here](#).

Here are some links to the different train companies:

- For France: <https://www.sncf-connect.com/>
- For Germany: <https://int.bahn.de/en>
- For Denmark: <https://www.dsb.dk/en/>
- For Sweden: <https://www.oresundstag.se/en>

and for the night trains:

- Between Germany and Sweden: <https://www.snalltaget.se/en>
or <https://www.sj.se/en>
- Between Germany and Switzerland: <https://www.nightjet.com/en/#/home>

Keep in mind that train delays are frequent, in particular in Germany, so train changes of less than 30 min should be avoided.

Instead of individual tickets, an [Interrail Pass](#) might be a good option and maybe the cheapest one. It is a rail pass that "lets you travel as much as you want on the networks of participating European railway and ferry companies for a set amount of travel days. There are different validities you can choose from, ranging from just 4 travel days up to a maximum of 3 months". It also allows quite some flexibility in case of train delays as you can almost jump in any other train.

- From Elsewhere 

- By flight 

If you plan to fly to the GA, try, whenever possible, to reduce the number of flights to one. If no direct flight to Gothenburg exist, you may consider these other cities with direct train connection to Gothenburg:

- Copenhagen: <https://www.oresundstag.se/en>
- Oslo: <https://www.vy.no/en/train/gothenburg>
- Stockholm: <https://www.sj.se/en/search-journey>
<https://vrresa.se/en>

- By Train 

Some websites which might be useful to plan your trip:

- For the night trains routes: <https://back-on-track.eu/night-train-map/>
- To see where you can travel and in how long: <https://www.chronotrains.com/en>
- To get some routes suggestions: <https://www.interrail.eu/en/book-reservations#/>
and <https://www.thetrainline.com/?redirected=true>

Similarly, the interrail app (Rail Planner) is very useful to schedule a trip and see a lot of the trains available. You can use it even if you don't have an Interrail Pass.

If you have any questions regarding travelling or need help with the trains or Interrail, please feel free to contact me at solange.coaodu-chaventon@lmd.ipsl.fr