

Dear Conference Participant,

It is a pleasure for us that you have registered for this year's conference and we look forward to seeing you in Wittenberg, Germany! For your convenience we want to inform you about the different options to reach Wittenberg. For those arriving by plane at Berlin Airport (BER) the easiest and cheapest way to reach Wittenberg is by train. That is also strategically clever, as the registration venue (Stadthaus) is well within walking distance from the main station. (Approximately 20 minutes; The Address for those who want to look it up: Stadthaus Lutherstadt Wittenberg, Mauerstraße 18, 06886 Lutherstadt Wittenberg.)

There are two main options to use the train. The first option, also the recommended option, is to go in a group of 5 people. With 5 or less people you can book a group ticket for local transportation. Travelling to Wittenberg is considered local transportation as long as you use the regional trains. You can travel in a group of less than 5 people, but then the per person cost goes up. The cost of a group ticket is 33 euros, that's only 6,60 EUR per person one-way! What deal! Its not quite a steal, since that would violate the seventh commandment ;) The maximum group size is 5. You will need to change trains once in "Ludwigsfelde" with this option. The connection time is 39 minutes, which is more than enough time to reach the following train and also provides a comfortable cushion for delays which might occur. At the train stop we recommend you look up German phrases on punctuality to impress your registration team when you meet them. For example here's one, "Fünf Minuten vor der Zeit ist die wahre Pünktlichkeit," translated: *five minutes ahead of time is true punctuality*. This train option leaves BER every two hours and takes approximately two hours to reach Wittenberg with the 39 minute connection time included. Please take note of the instructions at the end on how to book those tickets.

Departure	Time	from platform	Product	arrival at	on platform	time to transfer
Berlin Airport BER	10:09 am	4	RB 32	Ludwigsfelde 10:24 am	4	39 min
Ludwigsfelde	11:03 am	1	RE 3	Lutherstadt Wittenberg main station 11:59 am	1	- - -

For those who prefer comfort over price, there are also long distance connections, with short overlays at "Berlin Südkreuz" or "Berlin Main Station", which are definitely more expensive, but also faster. You have to calculate at least 50 EUR for a one way ticket, if you plan to take those trains. Out of many different connections I chose two examples to show to you.

Departure	Time	from platform	Product	arrival at	on platform	time to transfer
Berlin Airport BER	09:05 am	2	IC 2272	Berlin Südkreuz 09:25 am	7	8 min

Berlin Südkreuz	09:33 am	3	ICE 75	Lutherstadt Wittenberg main station 10:09 am	2	---
Berlin Airport BER	09:44 am	2	RE 8	Berlin main station 10:18 am	31	10 min
Berlin main station	10:28 am	1	ICE 507	Lutherstadt Wittenberg main station 11:10 am	2	---

Please feel free to have a look at the other connections at [bahn.de](https://www.bahn.de) to find connections that suit your travel plans best.

Those two options are also available for your return trip to BER, but the departure times are obviously different, since you start from Wittenberg. Please check the connections that are available online. But there are local trains leaving every two hours, and long distance connections leaving every hour, which should allow for a schedule that is flexible enough.

Just to give you a short introduction, on how to book the train:

1. The tickets can be bought via the Internet under the following link:  
<https://www.bahn.de/angebot>
2. The language can be changed in the upper right corner of the website
3. FROM: Flughafen BER
4. TO: Lutherstadt Wittenberg HBF
5. Date and Time
6. (For groups: Choose the count of members of your travelling group)
7. Please also add the information about your age, as passengers younger than 27 and older than 64 travel at reduced rates, and children up to the age of 5 don't pay at all
8. Return journey
9. Date and Time
10. FROM: Lutherstadt Wittenberg HBF
11. TO: Flughafen BER
12. Pick the connection that suits your plans best
13. Book the Ticket as follows:

**For a single person:**

1. Choose the train you want to take on the website
2. Several different connections will be shown to you
3. Select the ticket you want
4. If you want to reserve a seat or upgrade to first class you can do that now
5. Follow the instructions for the checkout
6. The ticket will be sent to your e-mail as a pdf (the website normally will ask you if you want to do that)

**For a travel group: (Brandenburg-Berlin Ticket)**

1. Adjust the number of passengers in the search menu at the very beginning
2. The rest of the booking process is the same as for a single person
3. Insert the name of your group members. This ticket will only be valid for the members named and cannot(!) be used by other people. One person needs to fill in

the role of the leader for the group, as this person will be the contact person and is required to also enter their mail adress.

You'll have the option to use the following three paying methods:

- PayPal
- SEPA direct debit (if you are logged in)
- Credit card

One last Note: Please feel free to reach out to us at any point. We will do our best to help you out. This is also the case if you need help finding people for your travel group! We can help you with that. The Germans not only love punctuality, but we are suckers for a good deal! Please reach out to us and we are happy to connect you to other participants, with whom you could meet up at the airport for example and travel to Wittenberg. Also, if your travel group is smaller than 5 persons, please let us know, so that we connect you to another person or two and fill up the group, to keep the conference as cheap as possible for everyone. Everyone deserves "ein echtes Schnäppchen."

Greetings in Christ,

Your Registration Team