

# How to go from Frankfurt Airport to Konstanz

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## General remarks

In Germany, there are two possibilities of how to travel by train:

- with local trains only,
- with any trains, including higher-speed trains.

The travel times are about 6.5 hours and 5 hours, but the local version is much cheaper (at least on weekends).

Some translational hints: *Bahnhof* means *station*, and *Hauptbahnhof* (abbreviated to Hbf) means *main station*.

## How to go from Frankfurt Airport to Konstanz with local trains only

You will need a *Schönes-Wochenende-Ticket*, which is translated as *Happy Weekend ticket*.

This ticket is valid for exactly one designated day of the weekend, from 0:00a.m. until 3:00a.m. of the next day. One ticket can be used for a group of up to 5 people. The price is 39 Euro at the counter, and 37 Euro if you succeed in using the vending machines (which is non-trivial).

The key restriction is that only local trains are allowed. The admissible trains have the following names: *Regionalbahn (RB)*, *Regionalexpress (RE)*, *S-Bahn (S)*, and *Interregio-Express (IRE)*. Do not confuse the last one with *InterCity-Express (ICE)* which is forbidden.

Such local trains usually have a red color, and higher-speed trains (forbidden) typically have a white color.

The travel algorithm is the following:

- depending on the chosen schedule, either walk to the *Frankfurt Main Flughafen Regionalbahnhof* or take a bus to *Darmstadt Hauptbahnhof*. It seems that the weekend ticket is not valid on the bus, but this bus can not be expensive.
- Buy the ticket for the correct day and write your name on it.
- Travel as usual, using only local trains. You will change the train about 3 times.