



Travel Information

1 The Venue

The meeting takes place at:

Kongresshotel am Templiner See

Am Luftschiffhafen 1

14471 Potsdam

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www.kongresshotel-potsdam.com/directions-location.html

GPS Coordinates: 52.375709 N, 13.014201 E

The hotel is located at about 300m footwalk from *Bahnhof Pirschheide, Potsdam* and can be easily reached by public transport. There is a tram (line 91) from *Potsdam Hauptbahnhof* (Potsdam main railway station) by to *Bahnhof Pirschheide* (terminal station) which goes frequently and takes about 20 minutes.

Potsdam can be reached

- from Airport Berlin-Schönefeld: by train – see Sect. 2.1;
- from Airport Berlin-Tegel: by bus plus train – see Sect. 2.2;
- from Berlin Hauptbahnhof (Berlin main railway station): by train Sect. 2.3

2 Public Transport: a General Introduction

The public transport in the Berlin-Potsdam area is comfortable, reliable and efficient. Please check <http://www.vbb.de/en/index.html> and/or use the “DB navigator App” for finding suitable connections to *Potsdam, Kongresshotel am Templiner See*.

The public transport system includes *Bus, Tram, S-Bahn* (suburban railway), *U-Bahn* (underground), and *RE-Bahn* (regional express trains). On daytime, the connection between Berlin and Potsdam is easy with *S-Bahn* (10 min intervals) and *RE-Bahn*. The journey time between the Potsdam Central Train Station (*Potsdam Hauptbahnhof*) and the Berlin Central Train Station (*Berlin Hauptbahnhof*) is ~ 1 h with *S-Bahn* and ~ 30 min with *RE-Bahn*.

Tarif Zones

A standard ticket is valid for two hours on all buses, trams, trains etc. on the way to your destination.

The Berlin/Potsdam area is divided into different “fare zones”:

- **Berlin ABC** (single ticket: 3.30€) covers the whole area; this is required to reach the Kongresshotel from *Airport Berlin-Tegel* or from *Berlin Hauptbahnhof*;
- **Berlin BC** (single ticket: 3.00€) is sufficient from *Airport Berlin-Schönefeld* to the hotel, if you take the direct train to Potsdam (*not* via Berlin);
- **Potsdam AB** (single ticket: 1.90€) is sufficient to commute between the city center (e.g. *Potsdam Hauptbahnhof*) and the *Kongresshotel*.

Tickets are mainly sold from ticket machines. Those machines can be found at railway stations or bus stops. *Important!* There are no ticket machines in trains, i.e. you need to buy the ticket before entering the train.

Ticket machines have a touch screen, where you have to select the square saying *VBB*. You may also select a language. As a next step, choose the type of ticket you need, e.g. ‘Berlin ABC’.

Important! Ticket machines might not accept banknotes above 10€, and do not accept credit cards. They give change.

Important! Tickets **must be validated** just before your journey by inserting them into a small colored box that would place a time stamp. These boxes (often hard to spot) can be found on the platforms of the train station (but not inside the trains!), and inside buses and trams.

2.1 From Airport Berlin-Schönefeld (SXF) to Kongresshotel

<http://www.berlin-airport.de/en/travellers-sxf/to-and-from/buses-and-trains/local-public-transport/>

- After collecting your luggage, please follow the train or *S-Bahn* signs. There is a Visitor Information booth inside the Airport Terminal, you may attempt to buy a ticket to Potsdam there, you would need Berlin BC. The train station is \approx 10 min walk from the airport terminal. Ticket machines can be found at the train station as well.
- You need to take train RB 22, *Der Airport Express*, to Potsdam. Please check the on-line schedule and the schedule at the station. Please pay attention to the announcements.
Important! Validate your ticket at the platform. Make sure that you are at the right platform. Specifically **not only the platform’s number, but also its letter matters, e.g. 4B vs. 4A.**
- Disembark the train already at the *Potsdam Charlottenhof* train station (one stop before reaching *Potsdam Hauptbahnhof*).
- Exit the station and take *Tram 91* in the direction *Pirschheide Bhf*. At the final station *Pirschheide Bhf* exit the tram and follow the signs to the *Kongresshotel*. The journey time between the station *Potsdam Charlottenhof* and the *Kongresshotel* is \sim 15 min

2.2 From Airport Berlin-Tegel (TXL) to Kongresshotel

<http://www.berlin-airport.de/en/travellers-txl/to-and-from/buses-and-trains/local-public-transport/>

- After collecting your luggage, please follow the *Bus* signs. There is a Visitor Information booth inside the Airport Terminal, you may attempt to buy a ticket to Potsdam there. Ticket machines can be found close to the bus stop. *Important!* Validate your ticket inside the bus
- Take the **bus line 109** to *S-Bahn* station "*Charlottenburg*". From there you may take RE1, RB23, or RB21 to Potsdam Central Station (*Potsdam Hauptbahnhof*) or *Potsdam Charlottenhof*. Please check the on-line schedule and the schedule at the station, and pay attention to possible announcements.
- **Alternatively** you may take the **express bus X9** or **bus line 109** to their final stop *Bahnhof Berlin Zoologischer Garten*. From there you may take RE1, RB23, or RB21 to Potsdam Central Station (*Potsdam Hauptbahnhof*). You may also consider to take the *S-bahn line S7* which, however, goes slower than regional trains. Please check the on-line schedule and the schedule at the station, and pay attention to possible announcements.
- After arrival at *Potsdam Hauptbahnhof*, exit and find the tram stops. Catch **tram line 91** to *Pirschheide Bhf* (terminal stop). Follow the signs to the *Kongresshotel* through a little underground passage crossing under the railway.

The total journey time between *Berlin-Tegel Airport* and the *Kongresshotel* is ~ 60 min.

2.3 Arriving with a long distance train

When you buy a long distance train ticket, you may chose as final destination either *Potsdam Hauptbahnhof* or, if the schedule is convenient, *Potsdam, Bahnhof Charlottenhof* which is even closer to the hotel.

- In case you arrive at Berlin Central station *Berlin Hauptbahnhof*, you can take the Regional Express train RE1 (twice per hour) or the (slower) *S-Bahn* to reach Potsdam Central station. You may stay in the train for 6min longer till *Potsdam, Charlottenhof* station if you made sure that the train will really stop there (every other train does so).
- After arrival at *Potsdam Hauptbahnhof*, exit and find the tram stops. Catch **tram line 91** to *Pirschheide Bhf* (terminal stop). Follow the signs to the *Kongresshotel* through a little underground passage crossing under the railway.
- If you arrive at the train station *Potsdam, Charlottenhof*, exit the station, cross the road, and catch *Tram 91* in the direction *Pirschheide Bhf*. Exit at the final stop, and follow the signs to the *Kongresshotel* through a little underground passage crossing under the railway.

3 Taxi

Taxis are easily available from any airport or railway station. The taxi journey from either airport to the *Kongresshotel* is about ~ 60 min. The expected price is ~ 60 €. In general, taxis accept payment by card and will issue a receipt.

- *Useful tip: mixing taxi and train.* If you travel from Berlin-Tegel you may consider to take a taxi from the airport to either the *S-Bahn* station “*Charlottenburg*” or to the station *Bahnhof Berlin Zoologischer Garten*. The cost of taxi will be ~ 15 €¹. Then take a train to Potsdam to Potsdam Central Station or *Potsdam S-Bahn Charlottenhof* (preferred).
- When in Potsdam, you may take a taxi from Potsdam Central Station to the *Kongresshotel* for ~ 15 €, or less when hiring it from the *Potsdam, Charlottenhof* station.

Useful tip: taxi sharing. We will provide a doodle pool where people would have an option to indicate their arrival airport and time. If you find somebody arriving the same time as you, you may consider taxi sharing.