

Getting around in Stuttgart

Public transportation in Stuttgart

There is a quite good public transportation system in Stuttgart. All relevant stops in the city center are in one fare zone, i.e. fare zone 10 (including the main station, the IMS and the Studentenhofel). This means that a ticket for one ride costs 1,90 €. There is also a 4-ride ticket which costs 6,70 €. You can buy these tickets at every (orange) ticket machine (type in “001” in order to leave destination underspecified). A one-ride ticket as well as one validation of the 4-ride ticket is valid for 2 hours.

You can also purchase a “Verbundpass” for one week (passport picture may be required) which allows you to travel as much as you like within fare zone 10. It costs 17 € and is obtainable at the VVS/SSB point of sale at *Hauptbahnhof* (main station). For more information check out the VVS website: <http://www.vvs.de/>

How to get to the Studentenhofel

- ... from *Hauptbahnhof* (main station):
 1. Search for a “U-Bahn” sign (blue square with a white U in it);
 2. Take line U9 (direction *Hedelfingen*) or line U14 (direction *Neckargröningen Remseck*);
 3. Exit the train at *Söckach* (3rd stop), turn left (direction of travel) and follow the Neckarstraße (ca. 4 min.); you will find the Studentenhofel on your right hand side (Neckarstraße 172).
- ... from the airport:
 1. Take the S-Bahn (white S in a green circle) to *Hauptbahnhof* (main station);
 2. Cf. previous item.

How to get to the IMS

The best way to get from the Studentenhofel (Neckarstraße 172) to the IMS (Azenbergstraße 12) is the following:

1. Exit hotel, turn left and walk to the stop *Stöckach* (ca. 4 min.);
2. Take U9 (direction *Vogelsang*) to *Berliner Platz* (5th stop, ca. 6 min.);
3. Leave *Berliner Platz* in the direction of train and cross the street on the right hand side, to the bus stop (ca. 3 minutes);
4. Take bus 43 (direction *Killesberg*) to *Hölderlinstraße* (3rd stop, ca. 5 min.);

5. Exit the bus, go around the coffee shop (which is very good by the way), cross the street and you are right in front of the IMS (ca. 1 min., with coffee ca. 5 min.).

There is a connection every 10 minutes (during the day). So if you take the U9 at *Stöckach* at 8:47 h, you will be at the IMS right in time.

Going out in Stuttgart

There are a lot of nice places to go in Stuttgart during the leisure time. Here are some suggestions.

Restaurants

During lunch break, you can have a quite cheap meal in university's cafeteria (German: *Mensa*). A complete meal is between 2,50 € and 5 €. Or you can walk a bit further into downtown and have a doner kebab, a slice of pizza, a sandwich or any other take-away food.

There are a lot of restaurants in the *Calwer Straße*. Here you will find food from almost all over the world: Italy, Australia, Asia, ... and of course Swabia. Unfortunately, they are a little bit more expensive.

A quite nice place is the restaurant/bar *Hotzenplotz* which serves a good meal at a bargain.

Pubs

If the weather is nice, you can enjoy a cool drink at the very popular *Palast der Republik* or take a walk in the *Schlossgarten* to the *Biergarten*.

In case of dirty weather, check out the area around the *Hans-im-Glück-Brunnen*. There are plenty of pubs and nice restaurants.

Culture

If you want to enjoy Stuttgart's cultural side, you must't miss the new art gallery at the *Schlossplatz*. Search for a cube of glass! If you like it more traditional, go for the *Staatgalerie* in the *Konrad-Adenauer-Straße*. Not only the very modern architecture, but also the House of History is going to impress you there.

If it's cars what you like (and then you are very right in Stuttgart), you should visit the Mercedes-Benz-Museum. It not just shows the cars of the world-famous brand, but also the automobile history.

Emergency

- Emergency medical services, police and firefighters: 110 or 112
- Dr. Heid's office at IMS: 0711 / 685-81373 (within university)
- Boris' mobile phone: 0175 / 5903714

