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The city of Aachen has a special atmosphere. Located on the border to Belgium and the Netherlands Aachen is Germany's most "European" city. Aachen has an excellent location and is not far away from many major European cities such as Cologne, Brussels, Amsterdam, Paris and London.

Aachen has a rich European history (it was once the capital of Carolus Magnus, Charlemagne), a unique, in summer Mediterranean charm, a rich academic life with special focus on science and technology, excellent travel connections by train and flight through Maastricht/Aachen, Frankfurt, Cologne/Bonn, Düsseldorf, Brussels Zaventem or Amsterdam Schipol.



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Travel and transportation



The city of Aachen (Aix-la-Chapelle, Aquisgrán, Aquisgrana) belongs to the federal state of North-Rhine Westphalia and is the most westerly city in the Federal Republic of Germany. It is located in the triangle where Germany, the Netherlands, and Belgium meet.



Travel and transportation

Due to its location close to the border, Aachen has good transport connections. Aachen central station is a stop for many local and long-distance trains. The airports in the surroundings can be reached in a short time both by train and by car via the welldeveloped traffic network. Short distances within the Aachen region can conveniently be covered by public transport; numerous bus services are available.

	Distance	Train hours
Liège – Aachen	58 km	0,5 h
Cologne – Aachen	78 km	1 h
Düsseldorf – Aachen	85 km	1,5 h
Brussels – Aachen	143 km	1 h
Dortmund – Aachen	156 km	2,5 h
Amsterdam – Aachen	229 km	3,5 h
Frankfurt a.M. – Aachen	261 km	2,5 h
Paris – Aachen	423 km	2,5 h
London – Aachen	509 km	4 h



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Airports

Liège (LGG) www.liegeairport.com	ca. 62 km
Cologne/ Bonn (CGN) www.koeln-bonn-airport.de	ca. 85 km
Düsseldorf (DUS) www.duesseldorf-international.de	ca. 90 km
Brussels (BRU) www.brusselsairport.be	ca. 143 km
Dortmund (DTM) www.dortmund-airport.de	ca. 163 km
Frankfurt a.M. (FRA) www.frankfurt-airport.de	ca. 254 km

Between airport and railway station exist transfer connections by bus, train or S-Bahn.



Travel and transportation

Rail connections

Aachen central station is served by the following trains every day (as per June 2010):

Eurostar	18 times a day in both directions London - Brussels
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A simple connection will take you either by the high-speed Thalys or ICE services to Aachen.

Thalys	6 times a day in both directions Cologne – <u>Aachen</u> – Liège – Brussels – Paris
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InterCity Express	8 times a day in both directions Frankfurt a.M. Airport – Cologne – <u>Aachen</u> – Brussels
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Regional Express	RE 1 37 times a day in both directions Dortmund – Düsseldorf – Cologne – <u>Aachen</u>
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RE 4 69 times a day in both directions Dortmund – Düsseldorf – <u>Aachen</u>

RE 9 11 times a day in both directions Cologne – <u>Aachen</u>

RE 29 15 times a day in both directions Liège – <u>Aachen</u>
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Travel information on the Internet at www.bahn.de



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Motorways

A 4	Cologne – Aachen
A 44/46	Düsseldorf – Neuss – Aachen
E 40	Brussels – Liège – Aachen
E 314	Antwerpen – Hasselt – Heerlen – Aachen



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Eurogress Aachen – the conference venue



The “EUROGRESS” convention center is the heart of Aachen as a congress city. This congress center was built along the prestigious Monheimsallee very close to the Kurpark, the Casino and to the biggest hotel in Aachen, the Pullman Aachen Quellenhof.

Excellent infrastructure

- Immediately adjacent 5-star hotel
- International casino Bad Aachen in the immediate vicinity
- Located in the middle of the municipal park
- City centre within walking distance



Eurogress Aachen – the conference venue

3 multi-functional halls

- Variable stages
- Capacity for 1700 persons
- Capacity for 650 persons
- Capacity for 430 persons

14 conference rooms

- Daylight
- ISDN hook-ups
- Audio and video connections
- Individualised equipment and seating configurations

Technical equipment

Latest state of the art for:

- Acoustic equipment
- Projection systems
- Simultaneous translations
- Prepared communication and electrical installations



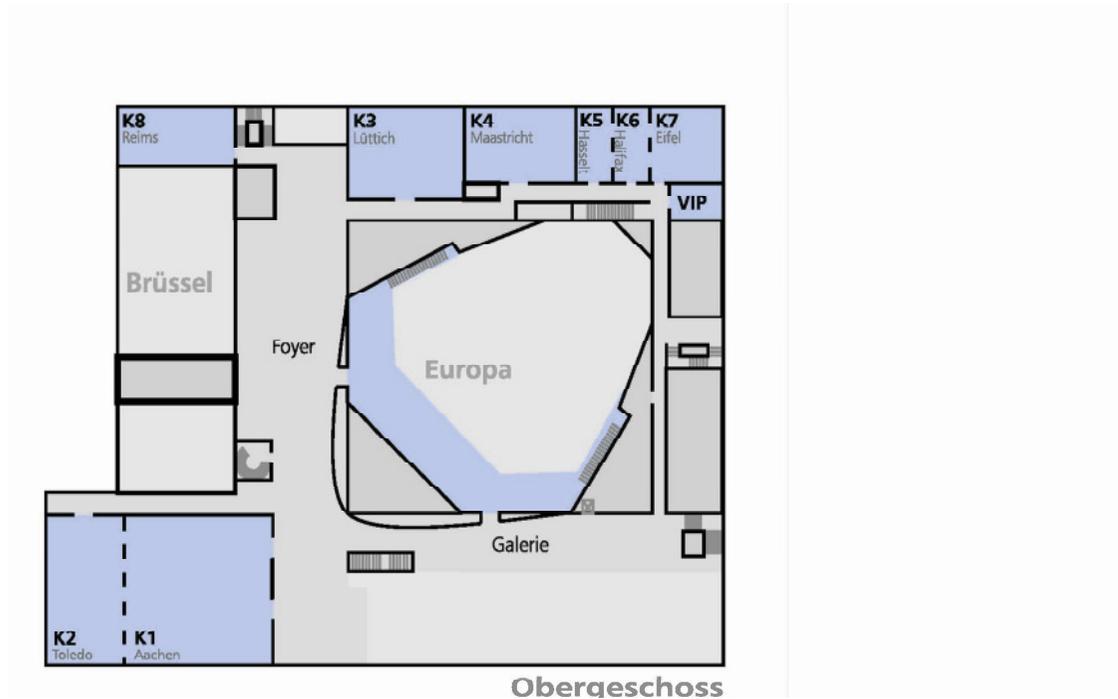
Conference rooms at the Eurogress

Name	sqm	Seating configuration			
		Rows of chairs	Parliament	Banquet	Stand-up reception
Europa	1.078	1.700	845	1.000	1.200
K1 Aachen	342	420	230	240	350
K2 Toledo	185	180	108	100	150
K3 Lüttich	154	208	105	120	160
K4 Maastricht	126	156	80	80	110
K5 Hasselt	40	42	24	12	
K6 Halifax	40	42	24	12	
K7 Eifel	81	91	52	60	80
K5/K6/K7	161	190	110	92	
K8 Reims	98	130	60	70	
Brüssel	430	430	230	300	350
Berlin 1/2/3	646	650	360	380	650
Berlin 1	197	180	100	120	300
Berlin 2	204	200	120	140	320
Berlin 3	245	260	140	180	360



Eurogress Aachen – the conference venue

Upper Floor



Eurogress Aachen - exhibition spaces



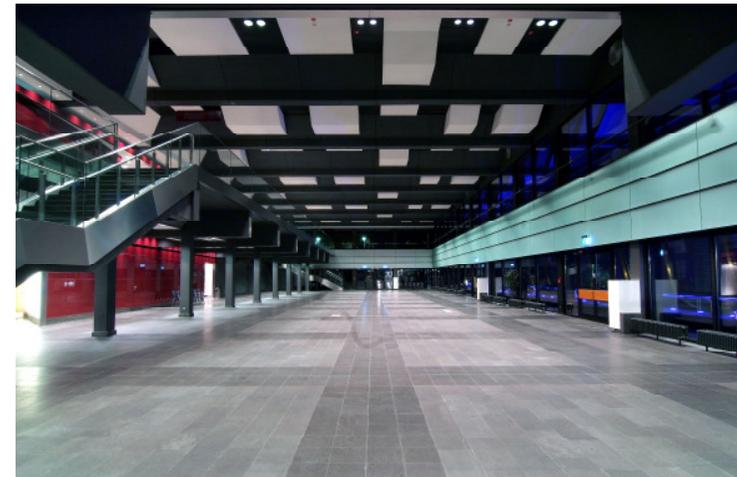
2,500 sqm exhibition spaces / foyer spaces in the area of the Europe hall



Eurogress Aachen - Impressions



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Hotels in and around Aachen

Approx. 45 lodging establishments with more than 3,600 beds in different price ranges and categories are available in Aachen. Among them are renowned, internationally known hotels of the Accor Group (Pullman, Novotel, Mercure, all seasons, Ibis, Etap), as well as Holiday Inn and Best Western, but also small family-run hotels.

Hotels in Aachen, sorted by category

Category	Hotel Quantity	Rooms	Beds
Luxury	1	185	312
Upscale	7	534	1016
Midscale	16	637	1048
Economy	14	514	956
Low Budget	7	166	305
Total	45	2036	3637

Distance	Category	Hotel Quantity	Rooms
≤ 5 minutes by feet	**	2	130
	****	1	35
	*****	1	185
≤ 10 minutes by feet	**	1	28
	***	2	129
	****	2	214
≤ 15 minutes by feet	**	1	10
	***	2	47
	****	1	97
20-30 minutes by feet	**	3	247
	***	4	107



Hotels in and around Aachen

The walking distance between the inner city / Rathaus (town hall) and the Eurogress (conference center) is about 10 minutes and between the inner city and the main station about 20 minutes.



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Tours and touristic attractions

As the official tourist information office of the Aachen city, aachen tourist service e.v. (ats) is your ideal partner for professional service on all aspects of tourism. We are looking forward to receiving your enquiries and would be pleased to help you plan your stay in Aachen.

Tours of the town

Guided tours for individuals and groups

Excursions to the surroundings

Sightseeing

Organization of programs



Tours and touristic attractions

Tour of the old town

The historic old town of Aachen invites to go for a stroll. Let yourself be guided through narrow alleys and across historic squares through the almost 2000 year-old history of Aachen. Experience all facets of Aachen, a modern city with beautiful historic town houses, many old and new fountains, and innumerable stories all about the cathedral and the town hall.

Tour of the town hall

In the 14th century the town hall of Aachen was built on the foundation walls of the Carolingian palace.

The neo-Gothic outside appearance and the baroque inside of the building are a reflection of its eventful history. Where at first Charlemagne during his imperial residence celebrated grandiose festivities, numerous crowned kings did the same in the crowning hall. Let yourself be guided through a building, which today is the location for the famous International Charlemagne Prize and at the same time is the official residence of the Lord Mayor.



Tours and touristic attractions

Guided tour of the cathedral

Aachen cathedral is a special kind of World Heritage Site. The core of this building is more than 1200 years old. The former Palace Chapel of Charlemagne has developed into one of the most interesting cathedrals of Western Europe.

Visit to the “Printen” bakery Klein

The “Printe” is the “national biscuit” of Aachen. There are numerous variations: Hard and soft types of “Printen”, with herbs or nuts, decorated with an icing, or covered with chocolate. On a visit to the “Printen” bakery Klein, you will learn everything about the famous Aachen speciality: What are the required ingredients? How is the dough prepared? How were “Printen” made in former times, and how are they made today?



Places of interest, cultural and leisure time attractions

Aachen can look back on 2000 years of eventful history. On the one hand, this past is reflected in the cityscape; in particular the old part of Aachen with its many small alleys and impressive sights is fascinating. On the other hand, it shows in its broad range of cultural attractions, including numerous architectural monuments and museums.

Cathedral (UNESCO World Heritage)

The Aachen cathedral is one of the most famous examples of occidental architecture. It is the coronation church of more than 30 German kings, burial site of Charlemagne, major pilgrimage church and cathedral church of the Aachen diocese since 1930. In 1978 it was the first German building to be included in the UNESCO World Heritage list. A guided tour is a “must” for anyone who loves historic buildings and churches.

Town hall

In the early 14th century, the citizens of Aachen took over the ruined palace of Charlemagne. On its foundation they built the gothic town hall, which was converted into a baroque building during the 17th and 18th century. The town hall was seriously damaged in the two fires of 1656 and 1883 as well as during Second World War. 50 statues of German rulers adorn the north facade; 31 of the kings represented were crowned in Aachen.



Places of interest, cultural and leisure time attractions

Ludwig Forum for International Art

The Ludwig Forum for International Art exhibits contemporary works of art. It is based on the collection by Peter and Irene Ludwig, which contains exemplary major works of American Pop-Art as well as Photorealism and the development of European art from the early sixties to the modern day. The Museum also displays works by well-known contemporary artists.

More information on the internet at www.ludwigforum.de

Couven-Museum

The Couven-Museum features the development of the bourgeois culture of living in the 18th and 19th century. It covers the following styles: Rococo, early classicism, empire style and Biedermeier period, Aachen Liège furniture of the 18th century, faiences, precious glass and porcelain. The Couven-Museum is located in a house built in 1778, which belonged to the old Aachen apothecary family of Monheim. Its current name stems from the famous Aachen architect Johann Joseph Couven (1701-1763).

More information on the internet at www.couven-museum.de



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