

Travelling from Frankfurt to Burbach-Holzhausen

Most international guests arriving in Germany come through Frankfurt International Airport (FRA). If you arrive at another airport/train station please send an email to: mail@karimu.de for instructions and information.

Your Destination:

Internationales Tagungszentrum Karimu
Siegenweg 34
57299 Burbach-Holzhausen

Holzhausen is located northwest of Frankfurt/Main. We request that our guests take the train to Haiger (the nearest train station) and we will arrange to pick you up there.

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A Word about Airports

Most international guests arriving in Germany come through Frankfurt International Airport (FRA) which has excellent connections via the Frankfurt Main Station. Dortmund airport (DTM) and Cologne-Bonn airport (CGN) also have good train connections.

The Frankfurt Hahn airport (HHN) is not actually in Frankfurt but is about 130km to the Southeast of Frankfurt. This airport is only a good option if arriving before 7pm and departing after 12 noon. There is a bus service offering shuttles to Frankfurt Main Station with a drive time of 1 hour 45 minutes. The cost of a one-way fare is around 19.00 EUR.(booked online 5-16 EUR)

Frankfurt Airport to Haiger via Frankfurt Main Station

There are two terminals at FRA, but the train station is only accessible from Terminal 1. If your plane arrives at Terminal 2, collect your luggage and follow the signs to "Skyline" (do not go to the exit). The Skyline train service is free of charge and takes you from Terminal 2 to Terminal 1 in one minute.

Go to the **regional train station** ("Regionalbahnhof"). It is located on the lowest level of *Terminal 1, Hall B*.

You must buy your train ticket BEFORE getting on the train.

Although there may be more expensive tickets to **Haiger**, normally you only need a "regional" train ticket to, also known as a RMV ticket (Rhein-Main Verkehrsverbund). The **RMV ticket** to Haiger costs around € 15.50 (children under 6 years go for free, 6-14 years: € 9.00).

You can SAVE MONEY if you travel as a "group" (up to 5 people). Please see below for more information.

Such RMV tickets are good for all regional trains, including the S-Bahn (subway/metro/under-ground), but are not valid on the high speed trains IC, ICE, and EC (which cost more money).

The RMV around € 15.50 ticket can be purchased at:

Any of the ticket vending machines – above the tracks (which take cash, debit card or credit cards). Type in "**Haiger**" or number "**58**" to get the right ticket (category 7).

Or you also can buy the ticket from a real person in the **DB Reisezentrum/Travelcenter** in Terminal 1, level 0, Hall B - just above the tracks.



If you use a vending machine, be sure to print out your **itinerary**; if you buy your ticket from a person, ask for your printed one. Your itinerary will involve at least one or two changes of trains.



The departures schedules are posted on large yellow posters (in German and English). These show departure times and from which platform (Gleis) the train departs. The Frankfurt main station also has a large electronic reader board which will list delays and schedule changes.

Go to **platform 1** at the airport train station for all trains going into Frankfurt.

7 Steps from the FRA Airport to Haiger after you have a train ticket

The train trip usually takes about 2 hours. Your itinerary will involve a subway/metro-train (S-8, S-9) or other train (RE) from the airport to the central train station in Frankfurt, "Frankfurt Hbf" (*Frankfurt Hauptbahnhof*), where you must change to another train (RE, RB, or HLB) to Siegen via Giessen (Gießen).

Step 1 Take the escalator down to Track 1 (Gleis 1) and take the next train to **Frankfurt/M-Hbf** (Frankfurt Hauptbahnhof = Central Station). The ride takes about 11 minutes. Be sure to get off at the third stop since the train will continue on. The stops are mostly in the basement of Frankfurt Hauptbahnhof. **Note:** Doors will not open automatically; press the door handle or the button next to the door once the train stops.



Step 2 After arriving in **Frankfurt/M-Hbf**, take the escalators up two levels while following the signs for "Exit / Long distance trains 1-24".

Step 3 Look at the huge departure display (big and easy), or at the big paper yellow-orange train schedules entitled "Abfahrt/Departure" (tiny print). The Frankfurt/M central station also has a large electronic reader board which will list delays and schedule changes.



Step 4 Find the next *RE*, *RB*, *HLB* train to Siegen via Gießen. If you don't have a mobile phone that works in Germany, then read *Step 5* about contacting your designated pick-up person using a public telephone *before* you leave the Frankfurt/M Hbf.

Most trains to Siegen via Gießen (Giessen) leave from tracks 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, or 16. It should say "Siegen" on the front and sides of the train and also on the reader boards inside the carriage.

Note: You should sit down in a carriage (car) near the back of the train (the end closest to the station) as some trains will split in two in Gießen and the front half will travel north in another direction (towards Kassel). You want the back half, which heads towards Siegen (or Dillenburg).

In addition to these trains are others that require changing trains. If you take one of these, you will have to change in Gießen, taking a train towards Siegen, Köln, or Aachen. Please note that the connections can be very tight, with only a few short minutes for changing in Gießen!

Don't worry if when your train is leaving Gießen for Haiger you notice that it going backwards in the direction of Frankfurt. After a while it will take a new track that heads for Haiger.

Step 5 Call or text your designated pick-up person to say when your train should arrive in Haiger. If you don't have a mobile phone that works in Germany, then you will need to do this from a **public pay phone** once you are upstairs in the Frankfurt/M-Hbf train station (you'll need coins or a phone card). But if you have a mobile phone that works in Germany, a good time to do this is as soon as you roll out of Frankfurt/M Hbf.

Step 6 Relax and enjoy your last step to Haiger. ☺ ... Then get off the train in Haiger. **Note:** in Haiger the train will not stop very long, so you will need to be ready to get off quickly.

Step 7 Once in Haiger someone from Wycliffe Germany or the Harvest team will pick you up and take you to the Wycliffe center (a 10 to 15 minute drive). The cost for the pickup is € 10.00 per Person and will be charged along with your accommodation to the account that you have specified.

If you need a public telephone in Haiger, there's one outside the train station (coins or phone cards).

Alternatively: If you prefer to be independent and come at the right time of day, you can take a local train (the "Hellertal-Bahn" alias RB 96) directly to Holzhausen (about a 10 minute ride), but it is not that frequent. In Holzhausen where it stops, it's about a 6 minute walk to the Wycliff Centre. In Haiger it departs from track 101 ☺ and you purchase your ticket (cash only) on the train (€ 2.70).

When you reach Holzhausen you'll turn right onto the road heading down hill (and north-east) and walk through the tunnel. After the tunnel, immediately turn left and walk about 600 feet (200 meters), then turn left and go through the tunnel. At the top of the short hill is the Wycliffe Centre and Karimu.

Note that this train runs only about every 2 hours and the timing doesn't always work with trains coming in to Haiger from the south. The connections with trains coming from the north tend to work out better. You always have the option of getting off of the DB train in Dillenburg (one stop before Haiger) to catch the Hellertalbahn from there at track 5.

The time table (page 1 – Holzhausen to Haiger/Dillenburg; Page 2 Dillenburg/Haiger to Holzhausen) can be accessed here: <http://www.kl-medien.de/hellertalbahn/Streckenfahrplan2012.pdf>

Additional info re. train connections:

<https://www.bahn.com/en/view/index.shtml>

use: "Frankfurt(M) Flughafen Regionalbf." and "Haiger"

The types of trains are listed under "products."

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HLB = "Hessische Landesbahn" an economical regional train service for the state of Hessen,

IC = "Inter-city" a more expensive option (makes fewer stops),

ICE = "Inter-city Express" the most expensive and sometimes the fastest option

"Pricing information/Fares not available" - means that the ticket is for a regional area. It costs € 15.50 and should be purchased from a local green RMV machine on the day of travel - two hours or less before departure.

For just regional trains online:

<https://www.rmv.de/auskunft/bin/jp/query.exe/en>

use: "Frankfurt (Main) Flughafen Regionalbahnhof" and "Haiger Bahnhof"

The [Hessen-Ticket](#) (also just for local trains in the state of Hesse) is cheapest for families or groups, costing € 35 and it is good for up to 5 people and any number of children under 6. The Hessen-Ticket cannot be used weekdays before 9:00 AM, but it's good all day on weekends.

The [Gruppentageskarte](#) (Group Day Ticket) is like the Hessen-ticket, but good all day, every day and costs around € 45.

Important Phone numbers:

<i>Number to dial</i>	<i>from outside Germany</i>	<i>from within Germany</i>
Karimu Center:	0049 2736 449 660	02736 449 660

Deutsche Bahn Website

You can find out the train schedule for your specific travel time frame at this website:

<http://reiseauskunft.bahn.de/bin/query.exe/en>

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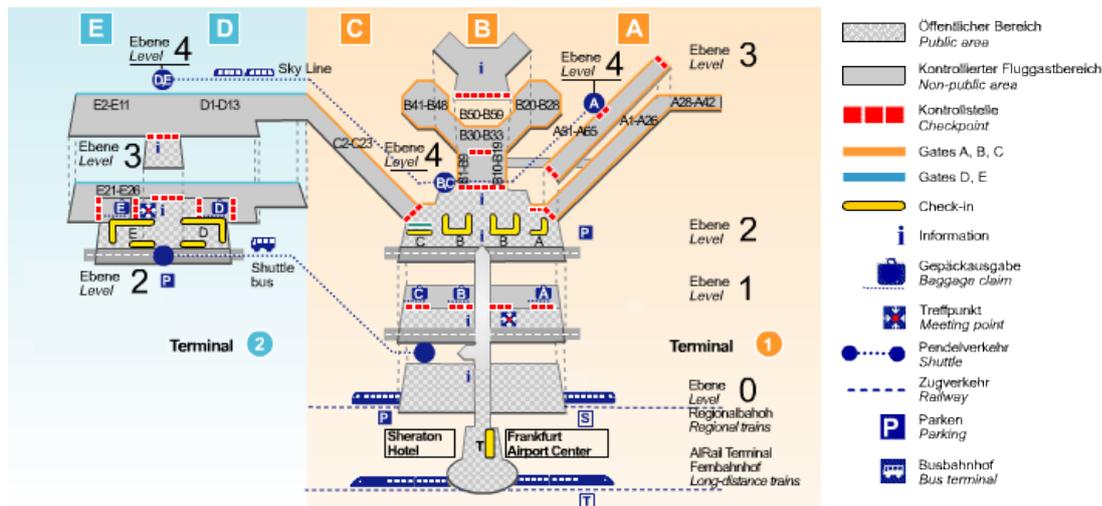
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Frankfurt/Main Airport pick-up:

Arrangements can be made with the reception from Karimu to arrange a pick up service with a taxi at the Frankfurt/Main airport. This would usually happen when train connections are not possible or when you are arriving late in the evening. Price for a round-trip airport pick-up or drop-off is 160.00 EUR (the expense will be divided equally between the passengers and charged to the budget you specify).



If arrangements have been made for someone to pick you up at the airport, after claiming your luggage, go to the Meeting point in **Terminal 1**. Your driver will be waiting for you there at the appointed time.



Car rentals

Frankfurt Airport has a Car Rental center in both Terminal 1 and Terminal 2. A list of rental car companies with their contact information is available on the Frankfurt Airport website.

Sixt has a small office about 3km from the Wycliff Germany Centre (Kalteiche 3, Haiger). The nearest office for all other major rental car companies are located in Siegen (about 25km from Holzhausen).



Driving directions FRA airport to Holzhausen

As you leave the airport follow the signs to the A5 **5** direction Kassel (and later direction Hamburg/FWestkreuz). Stay on the A5 until you come to the Gambacher Kreuz. There you change to the A45 **45** in the direction of Dortmund. You stay on the A45 until you exit at Haiger/Burbach (exit 24). When you exit at Haiger/Burbach you follow the sign towards Limburg on the B54 for a few hundred meters. At the traffic light turn right. After 100 meters turn left to Holzhausen. Follow the road over the hill until you see the Holzhausen sign. Immediately after the sign turn right into the village and follow the Wycliff signs. The center is uphill to the right. The whole trip will take you about an hour and half (depending on traffic).

Electricity/Voltage Information

Germany's electricity is 220V/50Hz. Note that most modern laptop, cell phone and digital camera chargers are dual voltage and will work perfectly in Germany with just a simple adapter plug.

Exchanging Money

Because Burbach-Holzhausen is in a more rural area, it is difficult to exchange USD for EUR at local banks. If you need to exchange USD it would be best to do so in Frankfurt. The airport has several cash exchange counters.

If you plan to draw cash with a credit or debit card you can do so either in Frankfurt or at one of the local banks in Holzhausen.