

HOW TO GET TO BRNO

Remember that the Brno MediTec Training will take place 08.-19. July 2019

Note also the Czech currency is the Czech Koruny (CZK). At the moment, 100 CZK = approximately 4 euro <http://www.xe.com/>

Hello All dear Participants,

Probably the safest way to get to Brno from Prague airport or Vienna Intl. Airport is booking and online paying for a bus ticket for busses operated by Student Agency. The link is <http://www.studentagency.eu/> (in English). As far as I have the experience, leave at least 1 hour slot between the scheduled arrival of a plane and bus departure. It is usually impossible to upgrade the ticket of a missed bus to a ticket for a later bus. One would have to buy a new one (price is about 10 Euro from both airports to Brno central bus station). There are several other bus operators having busses from both airports to Brno, but booking is not so straightforward. The only other option is to fly into Brno by planes operated by the Czech Airlines from Prague airport to Brno airport. To my knowledge there are no plane connections to Brno straight from Vienna Intl. airport. There are also several daily train connections from Prague main train station and Vienna train stations to Brno (to be used if some ones plane has a delay and people miss the booked busses – one would have to get information at the airport).

If someone finds a convenient flight to Bratislava airport (Slovak Republic), then getting to Brno via either bus or train should not be a problem (see the section “*From Bratislava airport to Brno by coach*”).

Should anyone have difficulties during the journey, I will have my cell phone Ales Bourek - +420603477645 round-the-clock to provide support (translation).

A helpful site for searching train connections is also <http://www.deutschebahn.com/site/bahn/en/start.html> (server of the German Rail company)

If you search by means of the Czech „IDOS“ server (Czech Railways), <http://jizdnirady.idnes.cz/vlakyaubusy/spojeni/> click on the English flag to get an English version or German flag to get a German version

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS KINDLY PROVIDED BY Aleš Bourek (One of your Brno host) and has been checked as much as possible

➤ □ BY AIR

There are four ways to get to Brno by plane.

1. Brno Turany airport (BRQ) is a minor airport about 7.5 km outside Brno. See all flights in and out: <http://www.brno-airport.cz/en/>

RyanAir (www.ryanair.com) operate direct flights between Brno and **Stansted (London)**.

From Brno airport to central Brno.

Brno airport is about 7.5 km outside Brno. There is no rail service but there is a bus service (no 76) that departs every half hour from outside the main terminal building to central Brno bus and train station. You can buy a ticket beforehand in the information centre or the ticket machine in the airport, or after exchanging your money into Czech Crowns, you can buy a ticket directly from the bus driver at approx. 30 CZK. LETIŠTĚ TUŘANY is the airport. HLAVNÍ NÁDRAŽÍ is main station. There is always an option of getting a taxi (the trip to the hotels that we plan to have you accommodated in should be around 500 CZK (about 20 Euro)).

3. Prague Václav Havel airport (PRG) –The **Czech Republic's** international airport is about 230 km (2:45 hours drive) from Brno. For a list of destinations connecting to this airport please see the “Airlines and Destinations” section of this Wikipedia article http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prague_Ruzyn%C4%9B_Airport

From Prague airport to Brno by train.

Prague airport is about 30 minutes away from the centre of Prague. There is no direct train or metro connecting the two, but an express bus and other bus lines serve to connect to Prague's metro system.

Trains to Brno leave from Prague's main station “Praha Hlavni nadrazi”

<http://www.pragueexperience.com/places.asp?PlaceID=1005> but also pass through Nadrazi

Holesovice <http://www.pragueexperience.com/places.asp?PlaceID=1150> about 15 minutes

beforehand. Both train stations are on Prague's “C” line, the red line on the pdf above.

To see **ALL** trains from Praha to Brno use this Czech language site (vlaky is trains only) choosing the first Praha and Brno choices in the pull down menus <http://jizdnirady.idnes.cz/vlaky/spojeni/> remembering that main stations are shown as hl.n (for hlavni nadrazi). “Následující” for later, “předchozí” for earlier. February is Únor. (To see **combined** bus and train journey use <http://jizdnirady.idnes.cz/vlakyautobusy/spojeni/>)

From Prague city centre to Brno by coach

Student Agency, which anyone can book, operates a bus connection from the main bus station in Prague “ÚAN Florenc” which is near the metro station Florenc (intersection of lines B/C)

<http://czech-transport.com/index.php?id=2103>. There are several connections a day to Brno from morning to late night, journey time 2.5 hour, cost approx. 10 EURO which you can book online.

There are return journeys on the evening. To book, on <http://jizdenky.studentagency.cz/> use the “bus tickets” tab, and the “from” menu scroll down through the Czech Republic Praha selections, ensuring you chose Praha, ÚAN Florenc” as your starting point. To see **all** coach journeys between Praha and Brno, **including LATER Student Agency buses not listed on their own site above** and journeys run by other bus companies see <http://jizdnirady.idnes.cz/autobusy/spojeni/>

3. Vienna airport (VIE) is **Austria's** biggest international airport (www.viennaairport.com) and 130 km from Brno. For a list of destinations connecting to this airport please see the “Airlines and Destinations” section of this Wikipedia article.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vienna_International_Airport

There are no flights between Vienna airport and Brno airport.

From Vienna to Brno by train.

Apparently, there is a fast transport link (S-Bahn) from the airport to the centre of Vienna calling at the railway station that serves Brno.

To see **ALL** trains from Vienna; Rakousko to Brno use this Czech language site (vlaky is trains only) choosing the first Vienna; Rakousko and Brno choices in the pull down menus <http://jizdnirady.idnes.cz/vlaky/spojeni/> remembering that main stations are shown as as hl.n (for hlavní nadrazi). “Následující“for later, “předchozí“ for earlier. (To see **combined** bus and train journeys use <http://jizdnirady.idnes.cz/vlakyautobusy/spojeni/>) The websites <http://www.raileurope-world.com/> and <http://www.raileurope.co.uk/> **may show only select trains that can be booked online.** Choosing “from” Vienna and to “Brno”, there seem to be trains every 2 hours or so, taking 2 hours, and costing approx.. 40 EURO. Czech website <http://jizdnirady.idnes.cz/vlaky/spojeni/> shows many train connections.

From Vienna airport by coach.

Student Agency operate a direct bus connection, that anyone can book, from Vienna airport) to Brno. Journey time is about 2hours 30 mins and 20 EURO each way.

To book, <http://jizdenky.studentagency.cz/> use the “bus tickets” tab, scroll down to the middle of the “from” choices to Austria and select “Wien, SchwechatAirport, Bbf, nast. 9” To see all coach connections use <http://jizdnirady.idnes.cz/autobusy/spojeni/> selecting Vienna or Vienna international bus terminal.

4. Bratislava airport (<http://www.letiskobratislava.sk> or <https://www.bts.aero/en/>) is **Slovakia’s** international airport and is approx 120 km from Brno. A list of destinations served can be seen in the link above but are primarily Ryanair destinations including Stockholm, London, Edinburgh, Rome, Milan , Paris). There is likely to be only one flight a day and it may not run every day. There are no flights between Bratislava airport and Brno airport.

From Bratislava airport by train to Brno.

There is a bus line (no. 61) every 20 minutes, and taking about 30 minutes, from the airport to Bratislava’s central train station that serves Brno.

<http://jizdnirady.idnes.cz/vlaky/spojeni/> shows at least 5 direct connections

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From Bratislava airport to Brno by coach.

There is an airport shuttle bus every half hour to Bratislava’s main bus station.

<http://www.letiskobratislava.sk>

Note that this Czech website shows a number of bus journeys with different bus companies to Brno but they do not appear to be bookable online. <http://jizdnirady.idnes.cz/autobusy/spojeni/>

On Student Agency’s own website in which coach journeys can be booked online

<http://jizdenky.studentagency.cz/> **only few bus connections** each day. Transport by bus takes about 2 hours. Price of transport: 10 EURO.

➤ **BY RAIL**

Brno is one of the most important Central European rail junctions, as it is situated on the international Balkan-Budapest-Prague-Berlin-Scandinavia rail route. Euro City trains on the Vienna-Prague route have stopped at Brno since1991. Train timetables on this Czech language site <http://jizdnirady.idnes.cz/vlaky/spojeni/> show more connections than I have been able to find on (<http://www.raileurope-world.com/> or <http://www.raileurope.co.uk/>), but there is no translate

button. See under “Prague airport to Brno by train for tips on using the Czech site. To see **combined** bus and train journeys use <http://jizdnirady.idnes.cz/vlakyautobusy/spojeni/>)

➤ **BY ROAD**

Brno is situated at the intersection of the D1 (Prague - Brno) and D2 (Brno - Bratislava) motorways. Both these motorways form part of the trans-European highways East-West (France - Ukraine: E50) and North-South (Scandinavia- the Balkans: E55, E65).

Brno is about 120 minutes drive from Vienna or 150 minutes drive from Prague.

Online coach booking <http://jizdenky.studentagency.cz/>. Full coach timetables

<http://jizdnirady.idnes.cz/autobusy/spojeni/> Bus and train journeys www.idos.cz

<http://jizdnirady.idnes.cz/vlakyautobusy/spojeni/>)

Here are 2 Czech language sites:

Bus company - CSAD (www.csad.cz), Brno public transport company - DPMB (www.dpmb.cz)

I sincerely hope this will be of help to you when you are planning the trip

Aleš Bourek, Brno, July. 1st, 2019