

GETTING TO THE TESOL SPRING DAY IN STRASBOURG....

Strasbourg is very easy to get to by train. If you're coming from Paris, there are direct and indirect trains on the TGV Est line, and the journey takes about 2h20.

If you're coming from Switzerland, there are regular services on the TER Alsace from Basel SBB station, some of which are more or less direct. There is also service on the through train to Brussels.

If you're coming from Germany, there is a direct train from Stuttgart a couple of times a day, or you can take the Ortenau S-Bahn which connects Offenburg and Strasbourg.

All trains terminate at Strasbourg Gare Centrale, which is served by tram lines A, C and D.

BY TRAIN

If you're travelling to Strasbourg by plane, you have two options:

Strasbourg Entzheim Airport (SXB) is mainly served by Air France, Brussels Airways and KLM, although new Spanish low-cost Vueling runs between Barcelona and Strasbourg. To reach Strasbourg, take any train headed in the direction of Strasbourg—there's one about every 20 minutes or so.

Karlsruhe-Baden-Baden Airport (FKB) is just outside Baden-Baden, and is served by many airlines, notably Ryanair's service from London Stansted. A bus service runs to Strasbourg by a private company—timed to the London flights, it costs about €20 single.

BY PLANE

The A4 autoroute runs almost directly to Strasbourg—once in the area, follow signs to join the A35, and then exit the motorway at Baggersee (exit 6). From there, drive up towards Strasbourg—the Pôle Formation will be on the opposite side of the road after about ten minutes.

There is a park and ride service there—see over the page.

Traffic, like in all cities, is particularly difficult in the mornings and evenings—the A35 and the A4/A35 junction get particularly bad. Traffic information is on most stations, but notably France Bleu Alsace on 101.4 MHz.

BY CAR FROM PARIS AND THE WEST

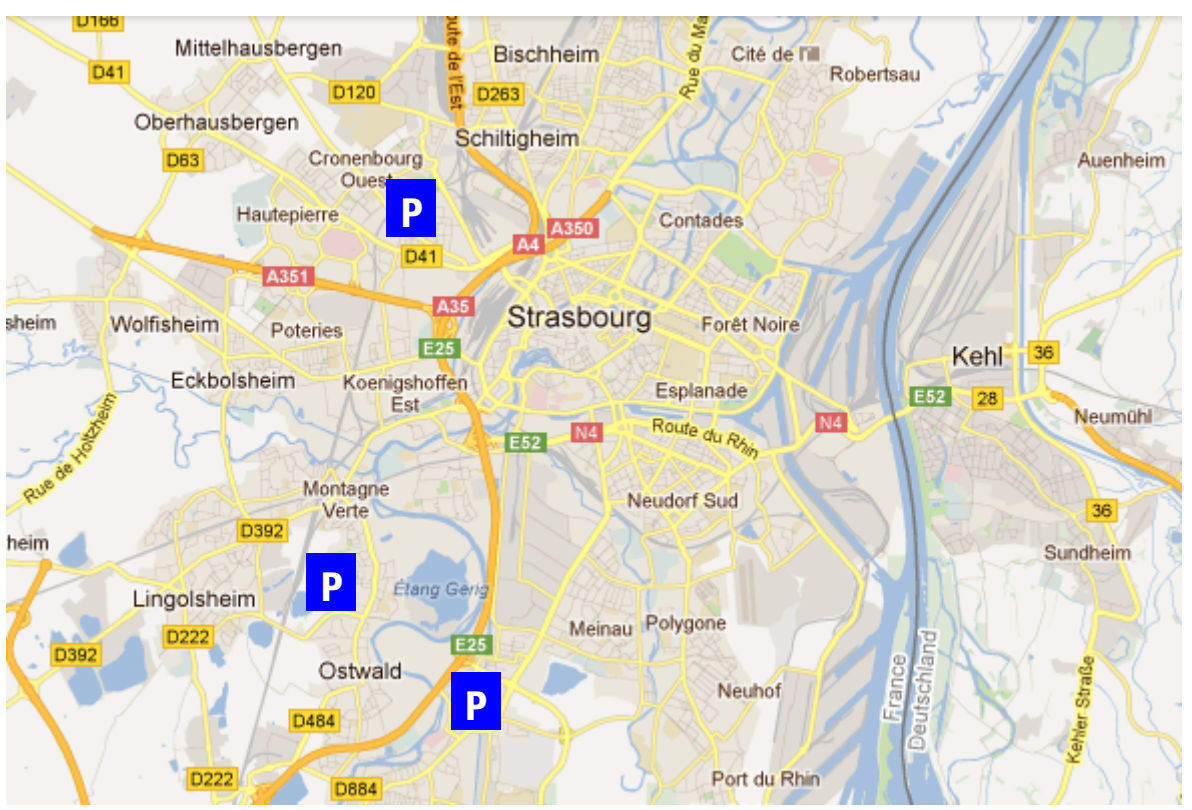
If, however, you're travelling from the south, the A35 autoroute that runs north-south through Alsace. You can join the motorway around Belfort, or if you're coming via Switzerland.

Otherwise, your best option for getting into the city centre is exit 4 (Porte de Schirmeck) or exit 2 (Les Halles), depending if you want southern or northern Strasbourg, respectively. We wouldn't recommend driving in Strasbourg city centre though!

BY CAR FROM THE SOUTH

STRASBOURG CITY CENTRE

Getting around Strasbourg by car is admittedly not easy. There are many roads that are one-way, many strange crossroads and of course, the tramway.



The best idea is to park at one of the Park and Ride stations (which are clearly signposted from the A35 and the A4), indicated on this map, and situated handily next to a tram line.

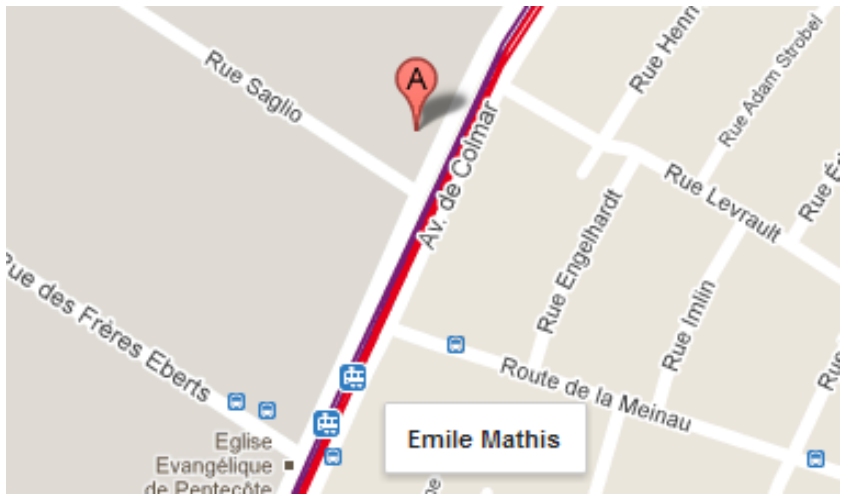
You can park and get return travel on the tramway for all occupants of the car for between €3.60 and €4, depending on the individual park.

We'd recommend using the park and rides at Rotonde or Baggersee, mainly because they're on the same line as the Pôle Formation... Not a bad deal, eh?

Public transport in Strasbourg is very simple. The Compagnie des Transports Strasbourgeois (www.cts-strasbourg.fr) runs six tram lines, A-F, and the venue for the conference is situated close to lines A and E.

The A line goes to the central station and the city centre, while the E line goes to the east, via the university district.

The nearest station to the conference is Emile Mathis, situated less than 3 minutes walk from the station. A return ticket costs €3, and can be bought with change from machines at all stations.



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