

# THE TALL SHIPS RACES 2025

## TRAVEL SUGGESTIONS

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If you prefer to arrange your own travel, you can use our advice below.

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## RACE 1: LE HAVRE (FR) – DUNKERQUE (FR)

06/07/2025 – 12/07/2025

### HOW TO REACH LE HAVRE

Le Havre is a French city in Normandy that connects to the end of the river Seine. Le Havre is one of the easiest ports to reach for ships from the seaside, which resulted in Le Havre becoming one of the most important ports in France.

#### BY PLANE

The nearest international airports are in Paris; either **Paris Charles de Gaulle airport (CDG)** or **Paris Orly airport (ORY)**. Websites like [Skyscanner](#) or [Cheaptickets](#) show you the latest (and cheapest) options to fly. A budget airline airport that serves Paris is called Paris Beauvais. A shuttle to Paris takes approx. 1h30m. You can find connections on the [Airport's website](#).

From one of these airports, you can travel to train station Saint-Lazare in Paris city center. Saint-Lazare station has a direct trainline to Le Havre station, check out [SNCF](#) or [Trainline](#) for tickets.

#### Paris Charles de Gaulle airport (CDG) to Saint-Lazare

There are several easy public transport options like a bus or the RER line, a metro-like train, from the airport to the train station. Check out [RATP](#) for the best route and [ticket options](#).

#### Paris Orly airport (ORY) to Saint-Lazare

Check out [FlixBus](#) to see if there is a bus available from Paris Orly airport directly to Le Havre station. Or you can take a direct metro from Orly airport, check out [RATP](#) for the best route and [ticket options](#).

*\*There is an airport in Le Havre (Le Havre Octeville LEH), but there are not many (or no) international flights coming in this airport.*

#### BY BUS

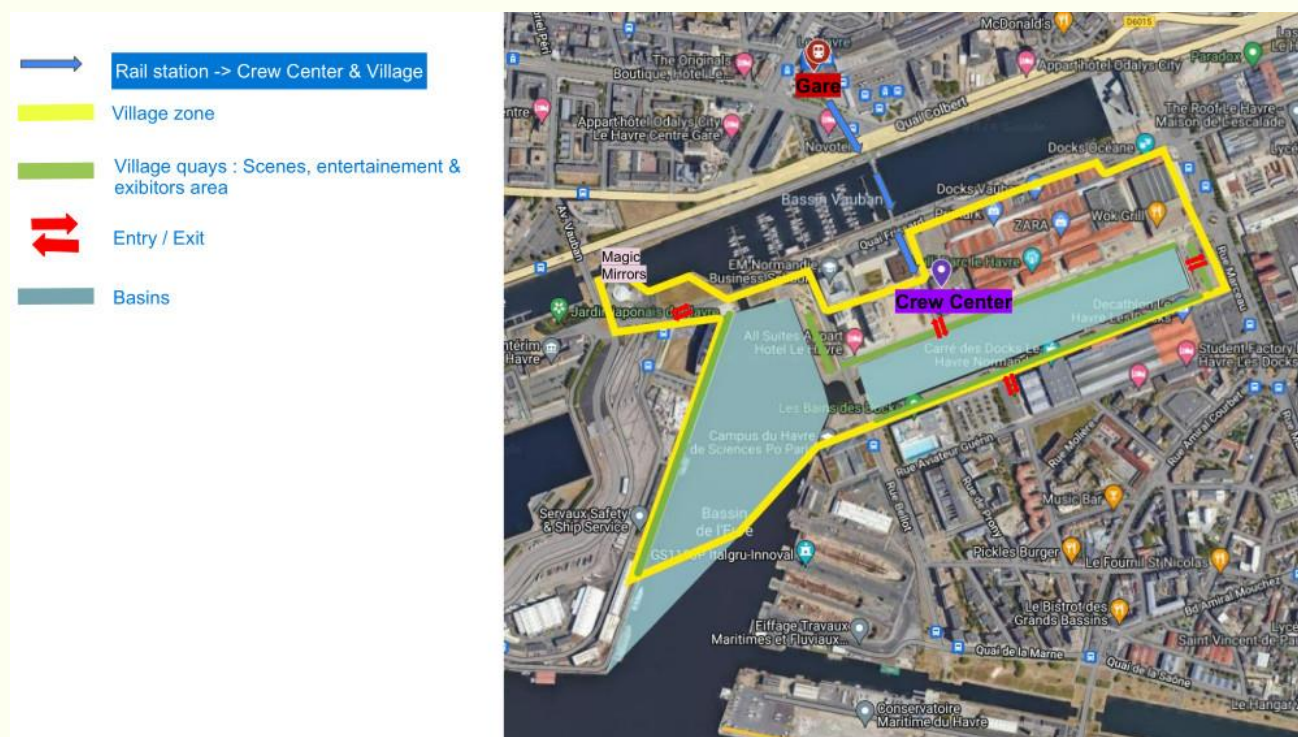
You can travel to Le Havre by bus. Good to know: some bus routes have a transfer in Paris, which also makes it possible for you to fly to Paris first, if that is easier. The FlixBus stops at Le Havre station, near the harbour. Check out [BusBud](#) or [FlixBus](#) to see what options are available for you.

#### BY TRAIN

To get to Le Havre train station you will probably travel through Paris. Paris has several train stations and one of the biggest is Paris Gare du Nord. This station has the most international connections. From Gare du Nord you can take the RER line, a metro-like train, to Saint-Lazare station. Saint-Lazare station has a direct trainline to Le Havre station. Check out [RailEurope](#) or [Trainline](#) for train tickets. For public transport in Paris, take a look at [RATP](#) for the best route and [ticket options](#). Easy peasy!

## GETTING TO THE HARBOUR – LE HAVRE

Luckily, the Central harbour of Le Havre is very close to the train station. You can get there on foot in just a few minutes!



## HOW TO GET BACK FROM DUNKIRK

### BY PLANE

The nearest international airports to Dunkirk are Lille-Lesquin airport (FR) or Brussels airport-Zaventem (BEL) as well as two Paris airports. Websites like [Skyscanner](#) or [Cheaptickets](#) show you the latest (and cheapest) options to fly.

#### Dunkirk to Lille-Lesquin airport (LIL)

You have several options to get to Lille airport. One of them being a direct train to Lille train station: Lille Flandres Av. le Corbusier. At the train station there is a bus line towards the airport called [Flibco](#), you'll find time and ticket information through their website.

You can also check out [BusBud](#) to travel to Lille by bus. Or check [Google Maps](#) for a route that matches your wishes.

#### Dunkirk to Brussels airport (BRU)

From Dunkirk you can take an intercity train to Lille. In Lille you can transfer on a train to Brussel-Zuid/Midi train station and make your last transfer to Brussel Airport – Zaventem.

You can also check out [BusBed](#) for bus options from Dunkirk to Lille and to transfer to Brussels from there. Check out [Google Maps](#), for your best travel option.

### **Dunkirk to Paris**

You can get to Paris by train with [SNCF Connect](#) or by bus - check out [BusBud](#) to see what route would be available for you. There are two large international airports – Paris Charles de Gaulle (CDG) or Paris Orly (ORY), from where you can fly directly to most countries.

### **BY BUS**

There are many busses going out from Dunkirk. Some routes might have a transfer, but it's an easy and sustainable travel option. Check out [BusBud](#) or [FlixBus Global](#) to see what route would be available for you.

### **BY TRAIN**

From Dunkirk station (Gare de Dunkerque) you can travel by train. Check out [RailEurope](#) or [Trainline](#) for your best travel route and train tickets.

### **BY FERRY**

There are a few ferry options from Dunkirk to the UK or Ireland. Check out the [DFDS website](#) for travel information.

## **HOW TO GET TO DUNKIRK TRAIN STATION - FROM THE HARBOUR**

### **ON FOOT**

The Dunkirk train station (Gare du Dunkerque) is a walking distance from the harbour: YES! It can only take 10-20 min to walk to the station – depending on where your ship will be moored.

At the moment we do not know yet if there will be shuttle service available.

## RACE 2: DUNKIRK (FR) – ABERDEEN (UK)

12/07/2025 – 21/07/2025

### HOW TO REACH DUNKIRK

Dunkirk is a deep-water seaport and has excellent nautical accessibility. That's why it's France third ranking port and even the seventh largest port in the North Sea range to this day! Dunkirk also played an important part in history, You might have heard of it before, with terms like "[The Mirical of Dunkirk](#)" or "Operation Dynamo".

#### BY PLANE

The nearest international airports to Dunkirk are Lille-Lesquin airport (FR) or Brussels airport-Zaventem (BEL). Websites like [Skyscanner](#) or [Cheaptickets](#) show you the latest (and cheapest) options to fly.

##### **Lille-Lesquin airport (LIL) to Dunkirk**

You have several options to get to Dunkirk from Lille airport. Option one, is to take the bus from the airport, called [Flibco](#), to Lille city centre. From Lille train station (Lille Flandres Av. le Corbusier) there is a direct train going to Dunkirk train station (Gare du Dunkerque).

Option two, is to also take the bus from the airport, called [Flibco](#), to Lille city centre. From there you can take a different bus to Dunkirk. Check out [BusBud](#) to travel to Dunkirk by bus. Or check [Google Maps](#) for a route that matches your wishes.

##### **Brussels airport Zaventem (BRU) to Dunkirk**

From Brussels airport you can take a train to "Brussel-Zuid/Midi" train station. There you take a train to Lille, to make a final transfer to Dunkirk train station. Just like that, you will be where you need to be!

You can also check out [BusBed](#) for bus options from Brussels to Dunkirk. Or check out [Google Maps](#), for your best travel option.

#### BY BUS

There are great bus connections going to Dunkirk. Some routes might have a transfer (in Lille or Paris for example), but this could be an easy and sustainable travel option. Check out [BusBud](#) or [FlixBus Global](#) to see if the bus is the way to travel for you.

#### BY TRAIN

You can travel by train to Dunkirk station (Gare de Dunkerque). Good thing, because the station is very close to the harbour: YES! Check out [RailEurope](#) or [Trainline](#) for your best travel route and train tickets. Maybe [Rail](#) can provide you with some extra information, if needed.

#### BY FERRY

There are a few ferry options from the UK or Ireland to Dunkirk. Check out the [DFDS website](#) for travel information.

## GETTING TO THE HARBOUR – DUNKIRK

At the moment we don't know if there will be a special shuttle service available yet, so please check the information when you get there!

### ON FOOT

The Dunkirk train station (Gare du Dunkerque) is a walking distance from the harbour: YES! It can only take 10-20 min to walk to the station – depending on where your ship will be moored exactly.

The picture shows the walking route from the train station to the Crew Center, and the mooring area (in red). To open that route in Google Maps [click here](#).



## HOW TO GET BACK FROM ABERDEEN

### BY PLANE

From Aberdeen you can travel by train or bus, to several airports within the UK. The airport we would recommend traveling to is Edinburgh airport. It's an easy travel from Aberdeen to Edinburgh, and this airport will probably have more (and cheaper) flight options for you to get home, than say Aberdeen airport. Websites like [Skyscanner](#) or [Cheaptickets](#) show you the latest (and cheapest) options to fly.

#### Aberdeen to Edinburgh airport (EDI)

From Aberdeen train station you can take a direct train to Haymarket station in Edinburgh. See [ScotRail](#) for more travel information. Once you are at Haymarket station, you can take a bus (Airlink 100) to Edinburgh airport. See [LothianBuses](#) for travel information about the bus line. The whole journey will take up about +/- 3 hours in travel time.

You can also travel by FlixBus from Aberdeen bus station to Edinburgh Ingliston Park & Ride. See [FlixBus Global](#) for travel options that suit you. Once you are there, you are only a bus ride (Skylink bus 400) away from Edinburgh airport. See [LothianBuses](#) for travel information about the bus line. Or check out [Google Maps](#), for your best travel option. This way of travelling will also take about +/- 3 hours of travel time.

#### Aberdeen to Aberdeen airport (ABZ)

Aberdeen is an international airport, so there is a possibility that you can fly directly from Aberdeen (with a possible transfer in London), to your city. Be mindful that the prices to fly from Aberdeen are much higher, than for example Edinburgh, and there are fewer flights going in and out. Check out [Stagecoach](#) for the bus information between Aberdeen bus station and Aberdeen airport.

### **BY BUS**

If you are staying in the UK, you can check out [BusBud](#) or [FlixBus Global](#) for travel options by bus. The Aberdeen bus station is walking distance from the harbour.

### **BY TRAIN**

If you are staying in the UK, you can check out [ScotRail](#) or [Lner](#) for travel options by train. The Aberdeen train station is walking distance from the harbour.

### **BY FERRY**

If you want to travel within the UK, you are able to leave Aberdeen through ferry. Check out [Northlink Ferries](#) for travel information.

## **HOW TO GET TO ABERDEEN TRAIN STATION - FROM THE HARBOUR**

### **ON FOOT**

Yes! The Aberdeen train station is a walking distance from the harbour. It only takes a 10-minute walk to get from A to B.

### **BY BUS**

The main road (A956), next to the harbour, has several bus stops going towards Aberdeen station. Step off at bus stop "Guild Street" to walk the last 3 minutes to the station. Check out [FirstBus](#) or [Google Maps](#) for more bus information.

### **BY TAXI**

Check [Uber](#) (or the Uber app) for a quick ride from the harbour to the train station.



## RACE 3: ABERDEEN (UK) – KRISTIANSAND (NO)

21/07/2025 – 01/08/2025

### HOW TO REACH ABERDEEN

Aberdeen is a beautiful Scottish city with the largest seaport of North-East Scotland. Good to know Aberdeen is split between Old- and New Aberdeen. Would you like to know how to pronounce it in Scottish Gaelic? Try this “Obar Dheathain”, see how you go!

#### BY PLANE

By plane you can travel to several airports within the UK, to eventually get to Aberdeen. Even though Aberdeen has an international airport itself, we would recommend traveling to Edinburgh airport or to Glasgow airport, since it's much cheaper (and easy to get to Aberdeen from both big cities). Websites like [Skyscanner](#) or [Cheaptickets](#) show you the latest (and cheapest) options to fly.

##### Edinburgh airport (EDI) to Aberdeen

From Edinburgh airport you can take the bus (Airlink 100) to Haymarket Station in Edinburgh city centre, see [LothianBuses](#) for travel information. From Haymarket station you can take a direct train to Aberdeen train station with ScotRail, see [ScotRail](#) for more information.

You can also take a different bus (Skylink 400) to Edinburgh Ingliston Park & Ride and transfer to a FlixBus to Aberdeen bus station, see [FlixBus Global](#) for travel options that suit you. Or check out [Google Maps](#), for your best travel option.

##### Glasgow airport (GLA) to Aberdeen

There are several options how you can get from Glasgow airport to the city centre, check out [Traveline Scotland](#) | page, then you might take a bus or a train to get to Aberdeen. Check out [Omio](#) for best route options.

##### Aberdeen airport (ABZ) to Aberdeen

Aberdeen is an international airport, so you probably have the option to fly to Aberdeen (with a possible transfer in London), from your city. Be mindful that the prices to fly to Aberdeen are much higher, than for example Edinburgh, and there are fewer flights going in and out. Check out [Stagecoach](#) for the bus information between Aberdeen airport and Aberdeen bus station.

#### BY BUS

If you are already in the UK, you can check out [BusBud](#) or [FlixBus Global](#) for travel options by bus.

#### BY TRAIN

If you are already in the UK, you can check out [ScotRail](#) or [Lner](#) for travel options by train. The Aberdeen train station is on walking distance from the harbour.

#### BY FERRY

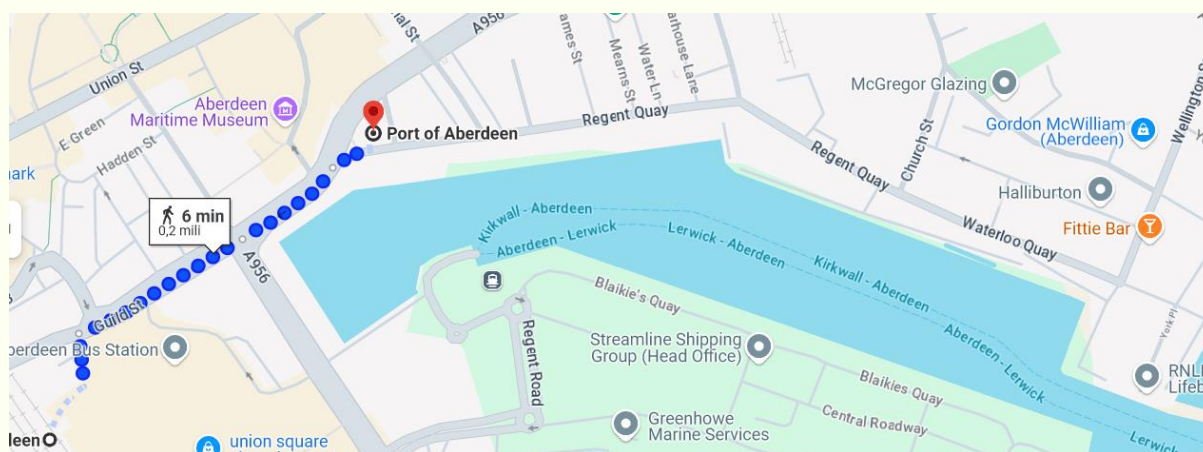
If you are already in the UK, you are able to enter Aberdeen through ferry. Check out [Northlink Ferries](#) for travel information.



## GETTING TO THE HARBOUR IN ABERDEEN

The event will take place around The Port of Aberdeen – [click here](#) for an approximate Google Maps location. The port is located right next to the Aberdeen train and station, making your transfer really convenient!

The vessels are scheduled to be moored along the Regent Quay, Waterloo Quay, Upper Quay and the Blaikie's Quay – i.e. around the basin visible on the map below. The blue route shown is a 6-minute walk from the train station to the Port of Aberdeen authorities' office, which will be in the event area. You can always visit the Tall Ships Aberdeen [website](#) for an updated berthing map.



## HOW TO GET BACK FROM KRISTIANSAND

### BY PLANE

You can travel to several airports within Norway, to get home from Kristiansand. Even though Kristiansand has an international airport itself: Kristiansand Kjevik airport (KRS), it's possible that a flight from Oslo is easier (and possibly cheaper). Websites like [Skyscanner](#) or [Cheaptickets](#) show you the latest (and cheapest) options to fly.

### Kristiansand to Kristiansand Kjevik airport (KRS)

To get to Kristiansand Kjevik airport, you can take a bus, line 35 (+/- 30 min) from the Kristiansand train station (Kristiansand stasjon – Rutebilstasjon). For more travel information you can go to [Agder Kollektivtrafikk](#), or check out [Google Maps](#).

### Kristiansand to Oslo airport (OSL)

To travel from Kristiansand to Oslo it will take about +/- 5 hours travel time by public transport.

From Kristiansand train station you can take a train or bus to Oslo station. From Oslo station you transfer to a different train to get to Oslo airport. [Vy Buss](#) provides bus transfer to Oslo, and [BusBud](#) is an easy website to look at- and book your best travel option. [FlytoGet](#) is the train service to the Oslo airport from Oslo city centre, check out their website for more info.

**BY BUS**

If you are staying in Norway, you can check out [Omio](#) or [FlixBus Global](#) for travel options by bus.

**BY TRAIN**

If you are staying in Norway, you can check out [RailNinja](#) or [Omio](#) for travel options by train. The harbour is walking distance to Kristiansand train station.

**BY FERRY**

If you are staying in Norway or going to Denmark, you can check out [FjordLine](#) for travel options by ferry.

**HOW TO GET TO KRISTIANSAND TRAIN STATION - FROM THE HARBOUR****ON FOOT**

The event area in Kristiansand will be located right next to the train and bus station. Depending on where your vessel will be moored, it should not be more than a 15–20-minute walk.

Due to the proximity, and the crowds visiting the event, it will likely not be practical to take a taxi or Uber to the station.

## RACE 4: KRISTIANSAND (NO) – ESBJERG (DK)

01/08/2025 – 08/08/2025

### HOW TO REACH KRISTIANSAND

Oh Kristiansand, as the Norwegians say “the smiling capital of the south”. Would you like to see the classic Norwegian wooden houses? Well, in Kristiansand you are in the right place. If you prefer white beaches and palm trees, over the woods and stretched out fields, Kristiansand also got you covered! And of course, there is lots more to discover in this beautiful city.

#### BY PLANE

You can travel to several airports within Norway, to get to Kristiansand. Even though Kristiansand has an international airport itself: Kristiansand Kjevik airport (KRS), it's possible that a flight to Oslo is easier (and possibly cheaper). Websites like [Skyscanner](#) or [Cheaptickets](#) show you the latest (and cheapest) options to fly.

#### Kristiansand Kjevik airport (KRS) to Kristiansand

To get from the airport to Kristiansand train station, you can take a bus, line 35 (+/- 30 min). For more travel information you can go to [Agder Kollektivtrafikk](#), or check out [Google Maps](#).

You can also use a taxi service. You can check [Uber](#) (or the Uber app) for a ride to the port. If you rather use a local taxi service, you can use [Adger Taxi](#), they also provide rides to and from Kristiansand airport.

#### Oslo airport (OSL) to Kristiansand

To travel from Oslo airport to Kristiansand it will take +/- 5 hours by public transport.

From Oslo airport you can take a train to Oslo Central train station. [FlytoGet](#) is the train service to the Oslo airport from Oslo city centre. From the train station you can transfer to a different train or a bus to Kristiansand train station. [Vy Buss](#) provides bus transfer to Oslo, [BusBud](#) is an easy website to book your bus options.

#### BY BUS

If you are coming from Norway, you can check out [Omio](#) or [FlixBus Global](#) for travel options by bus.

#### BY TRAIN

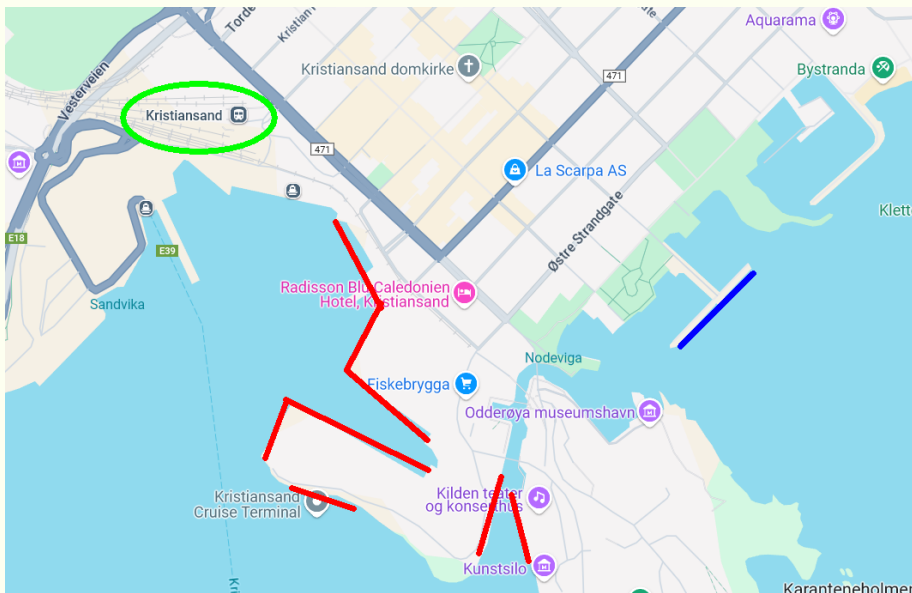
If you are coming from Norway, you can check out [RailNinja](#) or [Omio](#) for travel options by train. The harbour is walking distance to Kristiansand train station.

#### BY FERRY

If you are coming from Norway or Denmark, you can check out [FjordLine](#) for travel options by ferry.

### GETTING TO THE HARBOUR – KRISTIANSAND

There will be two areas for the vessels in Kristiansand: Main Harbour (class A and B – large ships) and Guest Harbour (class C and D – yachts). Both are located within a walking distance of the train station.



On the map you can see the mooring areas:

Red: Class A and B,

Blue: Class C and D.

Circled in green is the train and bus station.

For a Google Maps route from the train station to the event main entrance area, [click here](#).

## HOW TO GET BACK FROM ESBJERG

### BY PLANE

The closest airport to Esbjerg city (and harbour) is Esbjerg airport. Unfortunately, this airport is very small and there aren't many international flights coming in or going out. That's why we would recommend to travel to a bigger airport like Copenhagen airport and fly out from there.

#### Copenhagen airport (CPH)

To get to Copenhagen airport from Esbjerg, you can take a direct train (+/- 3,5 hours travel time). For tickets and travel info you can check out [Omio](#) or [RailEurope](#). The train service is provided by [DSB](#), you can check out their website for more info.

#### Esbjerg airport (EBJ)

From Esbjerg train station to Esbjerg airport, you can take a direct bus (line 11) that takes about 20-minutes. Check out [Sydtrafik](#) for ticket and travel information, or check out [Google Maps](#).

### BY TRAIN

Would you like to travel to Esbjerg by train? You can see if this is an option for you through several websites like [Rome2Rio](#), [Omio](#) or [RailEurope](#).

## HOW TO GET TO ESBJERG TRAIN STATION - FROM THE HARBOUR

### ON FOOT

The Esbjerg train station is only a +/- 15-minute walk from the harbour.

### BY BUS

If you prefer to take the bus, you can! Bus line 12 will get you to the station from the harbour.

### BY TAXI

The station can be a short ride away with a taxi. You can check [Uber](#) (or the Uber app) for a ride from the harbour to the train station. You can also use a local taxi service called [Esbjerg Taxa](#).