

THE TALL SHIPS RACES 2026

TRAVEL SUGGESTIONS

Would you like for somebody else to book your travel to- and from the host ports? No worries, Manon Eeken from Travel Counsellors can help you out! Check out the [Travel Counsellors website](#), or contact Manon at:

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

Useful websites

Flights: www.skyskanner.com

Buses: <https://www.flixbus.com/>

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RACE 1: AARHUS (DK) – HARLINGEN (NL)

HOW TO REACH AARHUS

BY PLANE

- Aarhus Airport is around 40 minutes' drive from Aarhus city center, but there are few international flights: <https://www.aar.dk/>
- Billund Airport has more international connections; you can take a bus 912X directly from the airport into Aarhus city centre, which will take approx. 1,5 hour: <https://www.bll.dk/en-en>
- Copenhagen Airport is well-connected, but it's the farthest from Aarhus. A Flix Bus trip from the airport to Aarhus takes approx. 4 hours. A train takes 3 hours but is more expensive.
<https://www.cph.dk/en/parking-transport/bus-train-metro-taxi>
<https://www.dsb.dk/netbutik/resultat/>

BY TRAIN

The train station in Aarhus is near the harbor. Train from Copenhagen takes around 3 hours. Train from Hamburg takes between 4,5-5 hours. Learn more at <https://www.dsb.dk/en/>

BY BUS

The bus station is near both the harbor and the train station. It is easy to reach Aarhus by bus from different cities in Denmark and Europe.

From Europe and other cities in Denmark: <https://www.flixbus.dk/>

From Copenhagen: <https://www.kombardoexpressen.dk/>

Public transport in and around Aarhus:

If you need transportation in and around Aarhus you can use the route planner: <https://www.rejseplanen.dk>

GETTING TO THE HARBOUR – AARHUS

The event area in Aarhus is within a walking distance from the Aarhus Central train station – approx. a 15-minute walk.

HOW TO GET BACK FROM HARLINGEN

In order to travel back home from Harlingen, we recommend taking a train to Amsterdam, and once there, a train or flight to your final destination.

BY TRAIN

If you are traveling from Harlingen to Amsterdam by train, you will need to make a change in Leeuwarden. Train from Harlingen to Leeuwarden takes around 25 min and costs € 5-8, and then from Leeuwarden to Amsterdam Centraal would be around 2 hours and cost around € 20-30. This route includes a transfer in Almere station – check prices and timetables at www.ns.nl/en/

Once you reach Amsterdam Centraal, if you are traveling back home by plane, you can take the intercity train to Schipol Airport. There are connections every 10-20 minutes and it takes 15-20 minutes to reach the airport. The ticket costs approx. € 5.

There are also some direct trains from Leeuwarden to Schiphol airport (approx. every 2 hours). You can find them at www.ns.nl/en/

If you are traveling home by train, Amsterdam Centraal has several international connections – check destinations, prices and timetables at <https://www.nsinternational.com/en/>

BY BUS

The nearest international bus station to Harlingen is in Groningen, with 34 direct Flixbus destinations. Check www.flixbus.nl.

If you are travelling home by Flixbus or BlaBlacar bus from Amsterdam – the majority of international busses depart from Amsterdam Sloterdijk. To get there, take a 5 min train ride from Amsterdam Centraal. Check the timetable at www.ns.nl/en/

Bus timetables& tickets: <https://www.flixbus.com/>

<https://www.blablacar.nl/bus>

HOW TO GET TO HARLINGEN TRAIN STATION - FROM THE HARBOUR

It takes around 20 minutes to walk from Harlingen harbour to the train station.

If you prefer, you can easily get there by bus, train, or taxi in 5 minutes – but you need to account for waiting times, likely longer due to the event.

CRUISE IN COMPANY: HARLINGEN (NL) – ANTWERP (BE)

HOW TO REACH HARLINGEN

BY PLANE

The nearest international airport, with plenty of connections, is Amsterdam Schiphol (AMS). If that's not convenient for you, you can also try Rotterdam The Hague Airport (RTM), Groningen Airport Eelde (GRQ), Eindhoven Airport (EIN) and Maastricht Aachen Airport (MST).

From Schiphol airport you can take a train to Leeuwarden, and then change for Harlingen. You can also choose a more frequent connection with more changes (via Amsterdam Centraal or Zwolle). Find your preferred route at <https://www.ns.nl/en/>

BY TRAIN

In order to reach Harlingen, you will most likely have to change in Leeuwarden. Trains between Leeuwarden and Harlingen travel around twice per hour; the journey lasts 25 minutes and costs around € 6.

You can reach Leeuwarden by train from many places in the Netherlands. To find your connection, go to <https://www.ns.nl/en/>

For international connections – check destinations, prices and timetables at <https://www.nsinternational.com/en/>

BY BUS

The nearest international bus station to Harlingen is in Groningen, with 34 direct Flixbus destinations. Check www.flixbus.nl.

From Groningen to Harlingen you can take a train with a change in Leeuwarden – find the details of your journey at <https://www.ns.nl/en/>.

BY TAXI

At the airports and in front of practically all of the train stations, cabs are waiting to take you all over the country. They aren't cheap, though: for short distances (5 km) you will pay upwards of € 15.

GETTING TO THE HARBOUR – HARLINGEN

Once you get to Harlingen Station, you will need to get to the berth where the ships will be moored. You can easily get there either by bus, train, taxi in 5 minutes, but you can also have a nice walk and see the city, which will take around 20 minutes.

HOW TO GET BACK FROM ANTWERP

BY TRAIN

Antwerp has good train connections, with national and international trains such as Thalys and Eurostar making calls in Antwerpen-Centraal. If you are travelling to London/UK, you may need to take a national train to Brussels and from there the Eurostar train to London.

Eurostar - <http://www.eurostar.com>; Thalys – <https://www.thalys.com>; Deutsche Bahn – <http://www.bahn.de>; Dutch international trains – <https://www.nsinternational.com/en/>; Belgian national trains – <https://www.belgiantrain.be/en>

BY PLANE

You can fly out of Antwerp International Airport (ANR), Brussels International Airport (BRU) or – for most budget airlines – Brussels South Charleroi Airport (CRL).

Antwerp Airport (7 km from Antwerp City Centre) www.antwerp-airport.be

You can reach the airport via Antwerpen-Berchem station, from which you can and take bus 51, 52 or 53 directly to Antwerp Airport. In order to reach Antwerpen-Berchem you can either take a tram (with connection) from the event area, or make your way first to Antwerpen-Centraal and then take a train to Antwerpen-Berchem.

Find the bus schedules at www.delijn.be/en/.

You can also consider a taxi straight to the airport – it might be worth it if you decide to share with another trainee!

Brussels Airport is located around 45 km from Antwerp City Centre: www.brusselsairport.be

You can reach it by train called Brussels Airport Express in approx. 34 minutes from Antwerpen-Centraal or Flixbus from Rooseveltplaats (45 minutes).

Brussels South Charleroi Airport (115 km from Antwerp City Centre): www.charleroi-airport.com

You can reach the Charleroi airport easily by shuttle in 1,5 hours for approx. € 20. Book your tickets at <https://www.flibco.com/en>

HOW TO GET TO ANTWERP TRAIN STATION – FROM THE HARBOUR

To make your way to Antwerp Central Station (Antwerpen-Centraal) you can take a walk (approx. 2 km / 30 minutes) or take a tram (approx. 20-25 minutes). A taxi would take around 15 minutes, but might not be easily available during the event.

RACE 2: ANTWERP (BE) – STAVANGER (NO)

HOW TO REACH ANTWERP

BY TRAIN

You can easily reach Antwerp by train. National and international trains such as Thalys and Eurostar stop in Antwerpen-Centraal Station and Antwerpen-Berchem. There are fifteen trains to and from Antwerp every

hour. If you are travelling from London, you may need to take Eurostar train to Brussels, and then a national train to Antwerp.

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BY PLANE

Antwerp Airport (7 km from Antwerp City Centre) www.antwerp-airport.be

You can take bus (De Lijn): 51, 52, or 53 to Antwerpen-Berchem (15 min) and transfer to bus 21, 32 or tram 9, 11 to Antwerp City Centre (Rooseveltplaats).

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You can reach Antwerp from the Charleroi airport easily by shuttle in 1,5 hours for approx. € 20. Book your tickets at <https://www.flibco.com/en>

GETTING TO THE HARBOUR IN ANTWERP

We recommend reaching the event area by public transport. You can take tram 24 from Antwerpen-Centraal to the Museum aan de Stroom stop. It should take around 20 minutes.

It would take you around 30 minutes to walk the 2 km between the station and the harbour – a rather long walk, considering all the sailing gear you will have to carry with you!

HOW TO GET BACK FROM STAVANGER

BY PLANE

Stavanger Airport (SVG, <https://avinor.no/en/airport/stavanger-airport/>) offers some international flights (Denmark, UK, the Netherlands and even Spain) as well as several flights to Oslo and Bergen per day.

From Stavanger bus terminal you can take bus number FB40 directly to the airport – it takes around 25 minutes, with approximately 3 departures per hour, for € 15-20. You can find the timetable and buy your ticket at <https://www.flybussen.no/en/trip>. Don't panic when you see the prices – they are displayed in Norwegian Kroner (NOK)!

If there are no direct flights to your hometown from Stavanger, then a connecting flight via Oslo is likely your most convenient option <https://avinor.no/en/airport/oslo-airport/>.

You may also consider flying out from Haugesund (HAU) airport, which is 2h away from Stavanger; again with a connection in Oslo.

Check <https://www.vybuss.no/#/> for national busses.

Due to large distances, we do not recommend taking international trains or coaches from Stavanger.

HOW TO GET TO STAVANGER BUS STATION - FROM THE HARBOUR

Stavanger bus terminal is located within walking distance of the harbour. Just follow the directions in town, or ask a local volunteer – they'll be happy to help!

RACE 3: STAVANGER (NO) – AALBORG (DK)

HOW TO REACH STAVANGER

BY PLANE

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From the airport you can take the bus number FB40 directly to the Stavanger bus terminal – it takes around 25 minutes, with approximately 3 departures per hour, for € 15-20. You can find the timetable and buy your ticket at <https://www.flybussen.no/en/trip>. Don't panic when you see the prices – they are displayed in Norwegian Kroner (NOK)!

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HOW TO GET BACK FROM AALBORG

BY PLANE

The Aalborg Airport (<https://www.aal.dk/en>) is situated only 6 km from the city centre and Aalborg Harbour. There are daily flights to and from Copenhagen Airport, from where many international airports can be reached directly.

It is very easy to take a bus (line 13) or train from the harbour directly to the airport in approx. 20 minutes.

Alternatively, you can travel to the Copenhagen Airport by Flixbus (<https://www.flixbus.com/>) directly from the Aalborg bus terminal (which is around 1 km / 15 minute walk from the event area). It takes around 6-7 hours to reach the Copenhagen Airport with Flixbus.

BY TRAIN

DSB (Danish State Railways) and Arriva covers the country with a dense network of train services. Aalborg Train Station is situated in the centre of the city and just 1 km from the harbour.

Useful website: www.dsb.dk

BY BUS

Nordjyllands Trafikselskab <https://www.ntrejse.dk/> operates locally in the region and runs an extensive network of local busses in Aalborg. In addition, Aalborg is linked to Copenhagen, Århus and other major cities in Denmark as well as Europe by several long-distance bus routes a day – check <https://www.flixbus.com/>

BY FERRY

From Norway and Sweden there are ferry connections to the Danish Ports of Hirtshals, Hanstholm and Frederikshavn, all of which are approx. 1,5 hour by train or coach from Aalborg.

Useful websites: www.stenaline.com / www.colorline.com / www.fjordline.com