

Zaragoza is at about 320 km from Madrid and 290 km from Barcelona. Its privileged geographical position favours its communication with the rest of Spain and the world and it can be easily reached by public transport.

By air

Currently there are regular flights to Zaragoza from Bergamo/Milan, Brussels, Bucarest, Cluj, London and Paris, as well as domestic flights from Malaga and Palma de Mallorca. Information on flights to Zaragoza (in November 2014) can be found in the following link: <http://www.aena-aeropuertos.es/csee/Satellite/Aeropuerto-Zaragoza/en/Page/1056529994772/>

By train

Zaragoza is one of the main links in the railway network in Spain. The High Speed Train (named "AVE") runs to several Spanish main cities, including Madrid and Barcelona. Duration of the trip is only around one hour and a half from Madrid to Zaragoza and two hours from Barcelona to Zaragoza. There is approximately one connection per hour and each one-way ticket costs about 50–70 euros, although discounts and special offers can be obtained.

Please, check timetables and prices at <http://www.renfe.com/EN/viajeros/index.html>
Tickets can be purchased at this website.

By bus

Zaragoza is connected to Madrid and Barcelona also by bus. ALSA company operates this service. There is one bus almost every hour. The trip takes about 4 hours and costs about 20 euros, either from Madrid (bus station "Intercambiador Avenida de America" or directly at Barajas airport terminal 4) or from Barcelona (bus station "Barcelona Nord"). Tickets can be bought electronically.

Please, check timetables and prices at <http://www.alsa.es/en>

Practical Information for your trip

In Barcelona

To go from the airport ("Aeropuerto del Prat") to the train station ("Barcelona Sants") or to the bus station ("Barcelona Nord"):

- **Taxi:** it could take around half an hour depending on traffic conditions and cost about 40–50 euros.
- **Train:** it is named "Rodalies", line "R2 Nord" and there is one every half an hour. The train station is at the third stop called "Barcelona-Sants" and the trip takes about 20–25 minutes. To reach the bus station you must change at stop "Barcelona-Sants" to line "R4" up to the second stop "Barcelona-Arc de Triomf". A single ticket costs 4.1 euros and it is important to note that the tickets for Rodalies trains do not allow using neither the metro nor the bus service. More information can be found at <http://rodalies.gencat.cat/es/index.html>
- **Bus:** several lines connect also the airport to the city center ("Plaza Catalunya") in about 35 minutes. A single ticket costs 2.15 euros.

General information on public transport in Barcelona is available at <http://www.tmb.net>

See also the "Transport and access" section at Barcelona airport website <http://www.aena-aeropuertos.es/csee/Satellite/Aeropuerto-Barcelona/en/Page/1045569607459/>

In Madrid

To go from the airport ("Aeropuerto Barajas") to the train station ("Madrid Atocha") or to the bus station ("Intercambiador Avenida America"):

- **Taxi:** it could take around half an hour depending on traffic conditions and cost about 40–50 euros.
- **Metro:** line 8 runs from all the airport terminals to "Nuevos Ministerios" station in central Madrid in approximately 12–15 minutes. One-way ticket costs from 4.5 to 6 euros. There, you have to change line to arrive to the bus station (stop "Avda. de America", using for example line 6) or to Atocha train station (stop "Atocha Renfe", using for example line 10 +line 1). You can find details at <http://www.metromadrid.es/>
- **Train:** line C1 of "Renfe Cercanías" trains runs from terminal T4 of Madrid-Barajas airport to the city centre, stopping at "Nuevos Ministerios" and "Atocha". Single tickets costs 2.55 euros, but note that the service is free for passengers with AVE tickets connecting with a flight.

- **Bus:** route “Exprés” runs from the airport to the train station “Atocha Renfe” every 15 (35) minutes during the day (night); the trip takes about 40 minutes and a single ticket costs 5 euros. City bus route “200” goes to bus station (stop “Intercambiador Avenida de America”) and a single ticket costs 1.5 euros. Other routes go also to the city center.

General information on public transport in Madrid is available at <http://www.emtmadrid.es/>

See also the “Transport and access” section at Madrid airport website <http://www.aena-aeropuertos.es/csee/Satellite/Aeropuerto-Madrid-Barajas/en/Page/1049727006353/>

In Zaragoza

The Zaragoza Airport is located 9 km from the city. **From the airport**, the best option is to take a taxi to go to the city center. It costs about 25 euros. There is a bus service (single tickets cost 1.85 euros) but with very low frequency. See also the “Transport and access” section at Zaragoza airport website <http://www.aena-aeropuertos.es/csee/Satellite/Aeropuerto-Zaragoza/en/Page/1047408365822/>

High speed trains arrive at station “Zaragoza Delicias”, located next to the bus station “Zaragoza Estación Central”. To reach the city center **from the train and bus stations** you can either take a taxi, with a cost of about 10–12 euros, or use the city bus service. Route 51 can leave you at “Paseo de Pamplona” close to the Paraninfo Building where sessions will be held and also close to the hotels area.

Useful links:

Train station “Zaragoza Delicias”:

http://www.adif.es/en_US/infraestructuras/estaciones/4040/informacion_000020.shtml

Bus station “Zaragoza Estación Central”: <http://www.estacion-zaragoza.es/> (only in Spanish)

To move around in Zaragoza, you can use either taxis or the bus and tram services. Tickets for a single trip cost 1.35 euros and can be bought to the bus driver (provided you pay with coins or small notes) or in machines at tram stops.

Information on bus lines and on the tram service (only in Spanish) is available at <http://www.urbanosdezaragoza.es>

<http://www.tranviasdezaragoza.es>