

Visiting ICLEI – some useful travel tips!

The ICLEI European Secretariat is situated in Freiburg im Breisgau, a city in the province of Baden-Württemberg in South-West Germany, close to the French and Swiss borders.

Below you will find instructions on how to visit ICLEI by train, plane, bus and car, as well as how to reach us from within Freiburg. We look forward to welcoming you to the ICLEI European Secretariat soon.

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Arriving by train

Freiburg has a large railway station connected to Germany's high-speed rail network. This means the city is able to offer international, as well as national and local connections.

[Deutsche Bahn](#) operates the German network and offers a multilingual website that includes full details of all international connections to Freiburg.

[SBB](#) - Swiss Railways - offer many connections to Freiburg.

Regular night trains leave Freiburg, travelling to other German cities and international destinations including Amsterdam and Copenhagen.

Visit: www.citynightline.ch.

Other night train services are operated, offering connections from Freiburg (directly or involving one transfer), to various countries across Europe, including Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Hungary, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, and Spain.

Visit: www.sncf.com.

Arriving by plane

Freiburg is located quite close to several international airports. If you are travelling by plane, we ask you to offset the environmental impact of your trip.

To calculate your emissions please visit one of the following webpages:

[atmosfair](#), [myclimate](#)

Please note that there may be a discrepancy between the carbon offsetting calculations made by the different organisations.

International travel...

If you are coming to Freiburg, either from outside or within Europe, it is best to travel to the major international airports at [Frankfurt-am-Main](#), Germany and [Zurich](#), Switzerland. Both airports have train terminals and Freiburg is a two-hour trip away from either.

Some travel agents recommend that international passengers travel to the Stuttgart or Basel airports, which are geographically closer to Freiburg. However this often means

ICLEI is a membership organization of local governments and associations of local government.

ICLEI's mission is to build and serve a worldwide movement of local governments to achieve tangible improvements in global sustainability with special focus on environmental conditions through cumulative local actions.

ICLEI was founded in 1990 as the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives.

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transferring at Frankfurt which can make this option more costly in both time and environmental terms!

Therefore, for long trips we usually recommend using the Frankfurt-am-Main airport, which has frequent rail connections to Freiburg.

In Frankfurt Airport, the train station is close to Terminal 1 and just a ten minute walk from baggage collection points. If you have time, purchase the ticket in the station, although if you are in a rush it is possible to buy a ticket on the train for a small extra charge. Note that, unlike in some other countries, buying a return ticket is not cheaper than buying two singles - the price is always the same.

Trains to Freiburg leave every hour at xx:56 (four minutes to the hour), with direct trains (direction Basel) every other hour. If you miss the direct train, it is easy to travel to Mannheim (direction München) where the Freiburg train (direction Basel) always leaves from the opposite track of the same platform five minutes after your arrival.

If you travel to [Zurich](#), the journey will take the same length of time, but connections are less frequent and all trains require you to change in Basel and sometimes another station.

Travel within Europe...

Freiburg has excellent links by rail to many European cities and we urge you to use the train if possible. However, if a flight is essential, there are various options, in addition to the Frankfurt and Zurich airports mentioned above.

Basel-Mulhouse '[EuroAirport](#)' lies on the border of France, Germany and Switzerland, approximately one hour south of Freiburg. This airport is easily accessible by public transport. There is an airport shuttle bus to and from [Freiburg](#), and you can also take bus number 50 to the Basel SBB railway station, which has a direct line with frequent trains to Freiburg.

The airport in [Strasbourg](#), France is fairly close and Strasbourg can be reached by train from Freiburg.

[Stuttgart](#) has an airport and a train station, but train links to Freiburg can be more irregular than from other airports and many flights transfer through Frankfurt.

In addition, there is the smaller [Karlsruhe/Baden](#) airport, used by low-cost airlines but also with in-frequent public transport links.

Arriving by bus

If you wish to travel by bus from an airport, please see the information on plane journeys for airport transfer information.

If you wish to take buses within the State of Baden-Württemberg, see [here](#).

Information on buses in the South Baden area is available [here](#). Also, [VAG Freiburg](#) provides details on bus and tram transit in the local Freiburg area.

Arriving by car

Car-sharing

If you are coming to Freiburg on your own and are interested in saving money and the environment by car-sharing, visit: www.blablacar.de.

Driving directions from the East...

You enter Freiburg on the B 31. Follow the B 31 / Schwarzwaldstraße over the Dreisam River. Turn right at the first intersection after the bridge at the sign "Innenstadtring" and follow the road called Schwabentorring, which partially runs parallel to the tram line. The road changes to "Schloßberggring" and then "Leopoldring" as it by-passes the inner section of the city. The ICLEI office is located on the right hand side just before the intersection at the Victory Monument ("Siegedenkmal"), Leopoldring 3 (2nd Floor).

Driving directions from the North...

Exit the A5 at "Freiburg-Nord" and turn left at the traffic lights towards Freiburg. Follow the road up to where the B3 branches off in the direction of Freiburg/Denzlingen (right-hand side) and follow the B3 until you reach traffic lights. Keep driving straight and follow the road, which makes a right-hand curve after an underpass. You are now on Habsburger Straße. At the end of the road turn left onto Leopoldring. The ICLEI office is directly on this corner, Leopoldring 3 (2nd Floor).

Driving directions from the South...

Exit the A5 at "Freiburg-Süd" and follow the B31 to the right towards Freiburg. After driving through Freiburg for some time, the road passes under two closely-set bridges. At the next intersection (Basler Landstraße and Heinrich-von-Stephan-Straße), turn to the left in the direction of the main train station ("Hauptbahnhof" or "Hbf."). Drive over the Dreisam River and pass the train station (on the left) and continue straight along Heinrich-von-Stephan Straße which changes to Schnewlin-Straße and then Bismarckallee. Turn right onto Friedrichstraße and follow until the intersection at the Victory Monument ("Siegedenkmal"). Drive around the monument and the ICLEI offices appear on the left hand side just as the Friedrichstraße joins Leopoldring, Leopoldring 3 (2nd Floor).

Parking your car...

ICLEI is close to several car parks, and these typically cost 10-15€ for half a day.

In Freiburg? How to find us...

Walking from the train and bus stations to the European Secretariat...

The office is a 15 minute walk from the train and bus stations. Exit the train station arrivals halls, cross the Bismarckallee and walk towards the inner city along Eisenbahnstraße (past the post office). At the next crossing, continue straight up Rathausgasse until you reach the main shopping street, Kaiser-Josef-Straße. Turn left and follow the tram tracks until you reach the end of the road, where there is a road and tram

crossing. Walk past the ‘Sozial und Jugendamt’ on the right, and cross the road at the pedestrian crossing, in the direction of the shop ‘Trautmann’.

Turn right and walk towards the pharmacy, with its digital clock/thermometer – you will pass a driveway on the left and then, also on the left, a doorway to the offices of Leopoldring 3. You will see the ICLEI sign on the door, and find us on the second floor.

Travelling by tram from the Train and Bus Station...

Go up the stairs from the station onto the tram bridge (you can access this from all platforms), to reach Freiburg’s tram network. You can take tram 4 towards Zähringen and get off at the stop Siegesdenkmal. Crossing the road in the direction of the tram, you will see the shop ‘Trautmann’ – walk past this shop towards the pharmacy, with its digital clock/thermometer. You will pass a driveway on the left and then, also on the left, a doorway to the offices of Leopoldring 3. All this will take no longer than one minute from the moment you exit the tram. More information on trams and buses is available [here](#)."

By taxi...

There are various taxi services in Freiburg and the journey from the train station to ICLEI should cost around 6€.

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