

FAQ1. Do i need a VISA for the Netherlands?

Most foreign nationals wishing to stay in the Netherlands for up to three months require a short-stay visa or Schengen visa (Schengenvisum). Nationals from the EU, EEA or Switzerland are exempt from the visa requirement. You can check whether you need to apply for a VISA [here](#).

FAQ2. How do i get a letter of invitation for the IAHPR conference?

If you need a letter of invitation for the IAHPR conference to apply for a VISA, you can send an e-mail to j.a.vantil@utwente.nl. Please include your full name and the address of the embassy you will be applying for your VISA and include "letter of invitation to IAHPR" in the subject line of your e-mail. The letter will be sent to you as soon as possible.

FAQ3. Do you have recommendations for hotels in the area?

There are two hotels close to the conference venue. These are the [U-park hotel](#) (reference code GA001270) and the [Fletcher Hotel](#) (reference FH105-RSV-00000000). Both are within walking distance (<1km) of the conference venue. Use the reference codes for a discount on your stay there.

Would you rather stay in the center of a (small) Dutch city? Then choose the [Intercity Hotel Enschede](#) or the [City hotel Hengelo](#). With public transport, it will take you around 15 minutes to get from your hotel to the conference venue.

Do you want a really special experience? Then consider staying at the B&B in the [Oude West Indie school](#) in Enschede, at [boutique hotel 't Lansink in Hengelo](#) or at ['t Wapen van Hengelo](#). Distance from these hotels to the conference venue is between 15 and 20 minutes by public transport.

Do you want the true rural experience? Then consider staying at [Op 't Oorbeck](#) in Twekkelo. You probably need to rent a bike to get to the conference venue, but the upside is, after the conference dinner, you are already "at home".

FAQ 4. How do I get from Schiphol Airport to the University of Twente?

Schiphol Airport is also a train station, making it very easy to catch a train. You can purchase tickets at the station using the yellow ticket machines—simply enter "Enschede" or "Hengelo," depending on your destination, and choose either a first- or second-class one-way ticket. Alternatively, you can buy a ticket via the NS app, but you'll need to link a payment method first.

To travel from Schiphol Airport to Enschede, you will need to change trains in either Utrecht or Amersfoort. The connecting train is usually on the opposite side of the platform, making the transfer quick and easy. The journey takes between 2 and 2.5

hours and costs approximately €50 for a first-class ticket and €30 for a second-class ticket. Trains are usually busiest between 7:00–9:00 AM and 4:00–6:00 PM, and it can be hard to find a seat in second class during those times. If you want the best chance of getting a seat, you may want to consider buying a first-class ticket. Seat reservations are not possible in the Netherlands.

If you're traveling with others, taking a taxi might be a worthwhile option. A taxi from Schiphol to Enschede costs approximately €250–€300. Feel free to contact us if you'd like help exploring the best travel options for you.

FAQ 5. What are some options for downtime activities in the area for me or my family?

While Enschede is not one of the major cities of the Netherlands, there are nice activities you can do in the area. Public transport is pretty good. Below is a short list in and around Enschede, but if you want more inspiration, feel free to contact us!

- 🎨 Rijksmuseum Twenthe (Enschede) – A beautiful art museum showcasing a mix of classic and modern works. *(10 min by bus from Enschede Station)*
- 🏰 Grote Kerk & Oude Markt (Enschede) – Visit the historic church and enjoy the lively square filled with cafés. *(5 min walk from Enschede Station)*
- 🎭 Wilinktheater & Muziekcentrum (Enschede) – Catch a concert, play, or cultural performance. *(5 min walk from Enschede Station)*
- 🏭 Museumfabriek (Enschede) – An interactive museum that combines science, history, nature, and technology housed in a former textile factory. *(10 minutes by bus from Enschede Station)*
- 🏭 Oyfo Techniekmuseum (Hengelo) – A hands-on technology and science museum housed in a former factory building. *(10 minute walk from Hengelo Station)*
- 🏰 Landgoed Singraven (Denekamp) – A historic estate with a picturesque watermill. *(1 hour by bus from Enschede Station)*
- 🍺 Grolsch Brewery Tour (Enschede) – Learn about the famous Dutch beer and enjoy a tasting session. *(25 min by bus from Enschede Station)*
- 🏰 Burg Bentheim (Bad Bentheim, Germany) – A stunning medieval castle with great views and history. *(30 min by train from Enschede Station)*
- 🏰 Münster, Germany – A charming city with beautiful old streets, the historic Prinzipalmarkt, and museums. *(1 hour by train from Enschede Station)*
- 🏰 Deventer, the Netherlands – A charming city with beautiful old streets, you can climb the tower of the historic Lebuinuskkerk, and visit museums like the Deventer History Museum or the toy museum. *(1 hour and 15 minutes by train from Enschede Station)*