
Information Sheet for Visitors to the Central European Wildfire Symposium 2027

17-18th March 2027 - TUD Dresden University of Technology,

Hülssebau, Helmholtz Strasse10

Getting There and Away - Dresden

Flying

Dresden does have an airport, though calling it a major international hub would be a stretch of the imagination. Direct flights are somewhat limited, serving mainly popular holiday destinations and a few larger German airports such as Munich, Frankfurt, and Düsseldorf. As such, many flying visitors will likely arrive via a connecting flight through one of these airports.

Fortunately, what Dresden Airport lacks in flight variety/shops/services, it makes up for in convenience. It offers an excellent connection to the city centre and main railway station, with trains running every 30 minutes. A Zone 1 ticket (currently around €3.40) is all that is required and can be purchased from the machines on the platform. This train stops in Dresden Neustadt and Dresden Mitte as well. Check your hotel location, as these may be better stops for you.

Alternatively, you can take Bus No. 77 from just outside the terminal (turn right upon exiting), then change at Infineon Nord Dresden to Tram No. 7. The tram continues to the main station, stopping at most major points across the city on the way—useful if you fancy seeing a good portion of Dresden before you’ve even checked into your hotel. Taxis are also available with prices ranging from almost bearable to needing to sell a kidney. Though, if you share, the cost will be slightly less painful.

Train

Whilst flights in and out of Dresden are limited, to say the least, it more than compensates for with its excellent rail and bus links.

By train, Dresden has direct connections to Prague, Vienna, Budapest, Villach, Stockholm, Copenhagen, Berlin, Hamburg, Frankfurt, and several other major German cities. Kraków and various destinations in Poland as well as Italy and the Netherlands are also easily reachable, albeit with at least one or more change—consider this part of the adventure. The train also offers the added luxuries of proper leg room, the freedom to walk about, forage for a sandwich, and toilets that are, generally speaking, vastly preferable to those found at 8,000m.

Bus

For those who prefer road travel and smaller toilets and no option to buy refreshments (or simply enjoy watching motorway verges whizz by for several hours), then the long-distance bus services are just the thing. FlixBus and RegioJet connect Dresden to destinations across much of the continent. The central bus station is conveniently located next to the main railway station, making onward travel pleasantly straightforward.

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Car

Dresden also has roads, several of them, in fact, and a few rather large ones connect the city efficiently to the rest of the country. Dresden has direct motorway access to Berlin, Prague, Leipzig, and eastwards towards Wrocław, making travel by car relatively straightforward, at least in theory. The motorway to Berlin also passes Berlin Brandenburg Airport, as does the main rail line, which may provide additional flight options for those travelling via Berlin, which is served by a number of budget airlines.

Parking in Dresden offers much the same delightful experience as in most major cities: limited availability, rising stress levels, and the occasional need to cry and/or swear. Parking at TU Dresden is, if anything, more tricky, potentially adding several hours to your day just searching for a space.

If you must travel by car, the wisest approach is often to choose a hotel with parking and then make full use of Dresden's excellent public transport network, thereby minimising both inconvenience and blood pressure.

Getting There and Away – The Venue

The Symposium will be held at the [Hülssebau](#), Helmholtz Strasse 10, Dresden. The venue is within easy reach of the city centre, just up the hill, in fact. Dresden's public transport network of buses, trams and even ferries is excellent and the best way to get around the city.

You can take the No. 3 tram (direction Coschütz) to [Dresden Münchner Platz](#). From there, it is a pleasant 2-minute walk through the university campus to the venue. The No. 3 tram has the added advantage of passing through the city centre and the popular Neustadt district. The No. 8 tram is also an option. Both the tram and the bus can be boarded outside the eastern entrance of the main station. Click [here](#) for a map of the tram and bus routes.

Taxis are also available at the train station, though fares may resemble a small contribution towards the national debt. Walking is another option; March is usually reasonably pleasant in Dresden, and the walk from the station to the venue takes around 15 minutes (mostly uphill, so consider it your pre-conference warm-up).

Tram tickets can be purchased at tram stops, onboard the tram, or if you are suitably modern/down with the kids, via the mobile phone app. If you prefer a paper ticket, a "4er Karte" is probably the best option. This ticket covers four journeys. Be sure to validate (stamp) your ticket when boarding. Please note that travelling without a valid ticket and getting caught will result in a €60 fine.

Lunch and Refreshments

Lunch will be provided free of charge to participants at the two university canteens. Meal vouchers will be provided during registration, so please try not to lose them. If you do lose them, you will unfortunately need to either pay for lunch yourself or embrace a brief period of involuntary fasting. Refreshments will also be available during the scheduled breaks.

Presentations

If you are bringing a poster presentation, please bring it with you when registering on the first day and hand it to the registration team. Posters should be in A1 format, preferably in portrait orientation.

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If you're giving an Oral Presentation, you will be asked to provide a digital copy no more than 1 week before the event.

[Other things to do in Dresden](#)

If you're making a trip out of it, Dresden has a few other things to offer other than the symposium. Like most large German cities, it has the usual restaurants, sausage stands and ice cream parlours scattered around the city. In the city centre the Frauenkirche is a popular attraction, as is the Zwinger, Opera House, and Brühlsche Terrace.

The Neustadt is the livelier part of the city, with a large selection of restaurants and bars to cater for every taste.

Outside of the city you could visit Kurort Rathen, Königstein Fortress, the Saxon Switzerland National Park, easily reachable with the train from the main station. Moritzburg Castle is also a popular destination, with plenty of forest walks close by. There's plenty to do in and around the city, but we are organising a symposium, not a holiday trip so if you need more information, you'll have to do a bit of research. However, if you're really stuck or need a recommendation then feel free to contact us.

[Accommodation](#)

Dresden is used to tourists, and as such has a large number of hotels of varying quality and comfort. Below are a few suggestions that have good transport links to the venue. Other hotels are of course available.

[Intercity Hotel Dresden](#)

[Ibis Dresden Zentrum](#)

[Holiday Inn Express Dresden](#)

[Barcelo Dresden Newa](#)

[A&O Hostel Dresden Hauptbahnhof](#) (budget)

[Ibis Budget Dresden City](#) (budget)