

TRAVEL GUIDE

TNC 0 TWENTION CHALLENGE 5 The Netherlands

Introduction

This document elaborates on the means and ways to get to and get around in Enschede, as well as possible staying options and activities.

Campus map

Find the map of the campus on the last page of the document or through the following link: https://www.utwente.nl/download/campusmap.pdf

From your airport to Twente

When travelling from one of the Dutch airports, you can reach Enschede through the public transport systems. For all public transport in the Netherlands, you can stay up-to-date with departure and arrival times through the <u>NS travel planner</u> or <u>9292</u> webpages (both also available as apps). Through these applications, you can purchase tickets (we recommend using NS travel planner for purchasing your train tickets). In all Dutch bus systems, you can check in and out using your debit card, credit card or smartphone ("<u>OVpay</u>"). Simply present your card in the bus to the check-in card reader when you board and present it again when you get off. **Please note you cannot pay with cash for your bus or train tickets**.

For both <u>SCHIPHOL</u> AIRPORT and <u>EINDHOVEN</u> AIRPORT (the two main airports for your travel), signs and information points are available to guide you to the train station (for both, located right next to the airport).

To reach Enschede, take the train directly to **Enschede train station**. To reach the University of Twente, either take the train to **Hengelo train station** and take Bus line 9 to Enschede (passing two stops on the University of Twente campus: **UT/Kennispark** and **UT/Westerbegraafplaats**); or, taking longer, continue on to Enschede train station and take Bus line 9 in the opposite direction to Hengelo (again exiting for UT/Kennispark or UT/Westerbegraafplaats).

You can find a description video on traveling from Schipol Airport to Enschede here.



Possible hotels around the University campus

For staying in Enschede, you can consider one of the following hotels (ordered from near to far from the University Campus).

- On campus, you can stay at the <u>U Parkhotel</u>
- Opposite of the campus is Fletcher hotel De Broeierd
- Central in Enschede, close to the train station is IntercityHotel
- Slightly away from the centre is Van der Valk Enschede
- In Hengelo, there is City Hotel Hengelo

Travel within Enschede

Within the area of Enschede and the University of Twente, you will be able to travel around by bus. For this, you can check in and out using your debit card, credit card and smartphone ("OVpay"). As mentioned above, please note you cannot pay with cash for your bus or train tickets. You can find the time schedule of the busses on the 9292 webpage/application.

Bike renting

If you wish, you can travel as the Dutch do by renting a bike. Possible options for this are through Actief Twente, the Intercity Hotel in the city centre or any of these options. When cycling, please make sure to keep the Dutch rules on cycling in mind. Most notably: helmets are not mandatory but can be highly encouraged for novice cyclists; cycling paths are indicated with red street colouring and are often separated from the car lanes; lights are mandatory (and important!) at night and are usually installed on a rental bike but can otherwise be bought at any supermarket (do make sure to take clip-on lights off when stalling your bike to avoid theft); it is forbidden to hold a cell phone in your hand when cycling, so use a cell phone holder or stop on the side of the cycle path to use it. Please also note that, as the Netherlands is a true cycling country, you are not supposed to walk on cycling paths or cross them without looking. If needed, walk strictly on the side of cycling lanes.

In the city centre of Enschede there are many (guarded) <u>bicycle parking spots</u> you can use for free. Most remain open all day; please note that for some you need to press the intercom when picking up your bike late at night. On the University of Twente campus, make sure to store your bike in the designated spots.



Connecting to WIFI

On the University of Twente, Eduroam (education roaming) enables students, researchers and other members of staff to use their education or research institute's wireless network. If you use Eduroam at your own institute, you can connect similarly on the <u>University of Twente network</u>. In Enschede, you can also make use of the free network called "<u>Enschede stad van Nu</u>".

Things to do in Enschede

There are various activities to do and events held in Enschede all year round. You can find an overview here Good to note, during The Negotiation Challenge, there will be an Easter fair held at the Enschede Volkspark with various activities.





