

Travelling to the Columbus earth center

If you have any questions or need assistance to arrange your trip to Kerkrade, please contact Mischa Horninge at m.horninge@columbusearthcenter.nl or +31455676051.

Address

Columbus earth center
Museumplein 2
6461MA Kerkrade
The Netherlands

Shuttle service from Aachen

Aachen is close to Kerkrade (a 20 min drive). For the Annual Ecsite Space Group Meeting a shuttle service will be arranged to bring you to the hotel or Columbus earth center from Aachen Hbf.

Please inform us of you arrival time upon registration to facilitate your travels.

By air

There are several international airports which are close to Kerkrade:

Dusseldorf (DUS) – by train from Düsseldorf to Aachen. Thalys www.thalys.com (1h14) or Deutsche Bahn (1h30): <https://www.bahn.com/en/view/index.shtml>. From Aachen: by shuttle service provided for the meeting (0h20) or by train (0h55) <https://www.nsinternational.nl/en>.

Eindhoven (EIN) – by shuttle bus from Eindhoven airport to Eindhoven train station and by train to Kerkrade Centrum (1h19) – book tickets through: <https://www.ns.nl/en>.

Brussels (BRU) – from Brussel Midi/Zuid to Aachen by Thalys, or with Belgian train line <https://www.belgiantrain.be/en/home> to Maastricht (1h45) and from there to Kerkrade Centrum (0h30m) www.ns.nl/en.

By car

Navigate to Hambosweg 6, Kerkrade. This address is the Columbus earth center parking lot, parking is free of charge. The parking lot is right next to the main entrance.

By train

The Columbus earth center is right next to the train station of Kerkrade (<1 min walk). Train tickets and routes can be looked up and booked through: <https://www.nsinternational.nl/en>.

High speed train connections from Belgium, Germany and France are easiest by Thalys: www.thalys.com. The most nearby Thalys train station is Aachen hbf. See the shuttle service at the top of this page from Aachen to Kerkrade.

Alternatively, a train ticket can be bought from Aachen Hbf to Kerkrade Centrum (0h55): <https://www.nsinternational.nl/en>

Accommodation

A number of hotels are available in the area. A shuttle service will be arranged for hotel pick up and drop off at certain times from the following hotels to Columbus earth centre.

[Hotel Winselerhof](#)

4-star hotel located 4 km away from the venue. €130 for a double room/night, including breakfast.

Address: Tunnelweg 99, 6372 XH Landgraaf, The Netherlands | info@winselerhof.nl | +31 45 546 4343

[Hotel Golden Tulip Parkstad](#)

4-star hotel located 5 km away from the venue. €75 for a one person room/night or €85 for 2 persons shared room/night, including breakfast.

To book a room at the Golden Tulip for this rate, please confirm your booking by sending an e-mail to Info@Goldentulipparkstad.nl , referring ref. “**Optie Columbus**” in the subject line.

Address: Roda JC Ring 59, Kerkrade, The Netherlands | +31 45 543 6470 (other info)