

# Travel Guide for GP Bochum

## Tournament Location

RuhrCongress Bochum

Stadionring 20

44791 Bochum

<http://www.ruhrcongress-bochum.de/>

## Staff Hotel

Ramada Hotel Bochum

Stadionring 22

44791 Bochum

<http://tinyurl.com/Staff-Hotel-Bochum>

## Airports in NRW

Bochum itself doesn't have an airport, but there a lot to be found in North Rhine-Westphalia. Here is a list of them, short description of how to get from there to the site/staff hotel and how much it will cost. The cost is listed as single ticket/4 single tickets (4er ticket)/group ticket (up to 5 people). Do not forget to stamp the ticket, either before boarding the train or on the bus.

### Dortmund (<http://www.dortmund-airport.de/>)

There are 3 travel options to the site

- 1.) Take the airport shuttle (<http://tinyurl.com/airport-Shuttle-DTM>) to Dortmund Hauptbahnhof/Hbf (main station) then take the Regional Express 1 (RE 1) to Bochum Hbf (main station) and from there the bus 388 to Ruhrcongress Bochum. This will take about 1h 15 min and cost 6€ for the airport shuttle and €4.50/€15.70/€17.30 for public transport. Tickets for the train/bus can be bought at ticket machines at the main station, choose price level B.
- 2.) Like 1.), but use public transport only for €4.50/€15.70/€17.30. This will take 1h 20 min to 1h 45 min. Check your travel directions here: <http://www.vrr.de/en/fahrplanauskunft/index.html>. Tickets for the train/bus can be bought at ticket machines at the airport or on the bus, choose price level B.
- 3.) You could take a taxi, but it is going to be really expensive (Approx. €70) and still will take about 45 min

### Düsseldorf (<http://www.duesseldorf-international.de/>)

From the train station at the airport take the Regional Express 1 to Bochum Hbf and from there the Bus 388 to Ruhrcongress Bochum. Public transport will take approx. 45 min and cost €10.90/€24.20/€33.40. Tickets for the train/bus can be bought at ticket machines at the train station (price level D).

You can check your travel directions here: <http://www.vrr.de/en/fahrplanauskunft/index.html>

### Weeze (<http://www.airport-weeze.de/>)

Don't let yourself be fooled by this being listed as Düsseldorf sometimes. It's in the middle of nowhere!

At first you need to travel with a shuttle bus to one of the main train stations in the Ruhr area (Essen or Duisburg). Best choice would be Essen Hbf, since it is the closest (1h 10 min/14 €/ <http://tinyurl.com/airport-Shuttle-NRN>). Then take public transport (RE 1 and bus) to Bochum Ruhrcongress. From Essen to Bochum it will take about 20 min, and cost €4.50/€15.70/€17.30 (price level B).

These last two are inadvisable because it takes ages to get to the site.

Köln-Bonn/Cologne

<http://www.flughafen-koeln-bonn.de/index.php>

about 3 h, check [www.bahn.de](http://www.bahn.de)

Münster-Osnabrück

<http://www.fmo.de/>

2h 40 min, check [www.bahn.de](http://www.bahn.de)

## Getting there by train

Go to Bochum Hauptbahnhof (main station) and then take the bus 388 to Bochum Ruhrcongress. When you're traveling in groups, consider the 'Schöner Tag Ticket'. It's a group ticket for 35 € for up to 5 people for all public transport in North Rhine Westphalia for a day.

## Public transport

The first three airports and Bochum are part of the same public transport system (VRR). You can check out its website for timetables, travel plans and tickets at <http://www.vrr.de/en/index.html>.

## Things to do in Bochum and the Ruhr area

The Ruhr area is former industrial area with a lot of former mining and milling sites which now have been turned into museums. In addition the density of towns offers a variety of museums, shopping centers, musical theaters and much more within easy travel distance. So there is actually a lot to be done around Bochum.

Here are a few suggestions:

<a href="http://www.bergbaumuseum.de/">http://www.bergbaumuseum.de/</a>	mining, only about 15 min walk from the site
<a href="http://www.planetarium-bochum.de/">http://www.planetarium-bochum.de/</a>	
<a href="http://www.eisenbahnmuseum-bochum.de/">http://www.eisenbahnmuseum-bochum.de/</a>	railway
<a href="http://www.starlight-express-musical.de/">http://www.starlight-express-musical.de/</a>	
<a href="http://www.tierpark-bochum.de/">http://www.tierpark-bochum.de/</a>	zoo, about 10 min walk from the site
<a href="http://www.ruhr2010.de/">http://www.ruhr2010.de/</a>	about the activities of the European Capital of Culture
<a href="http://www.ruhrpark.de/">http://www.ruhrpark.de/</a>	shopping
<a href="http://www.bermuda3eck.de/locations.html">http://www.bermuda3eck.de/locations.html</a>	bar, restaurants etc.

If you have further questions you can contact Ute Kronenberg ([Ute@geekgirls.de](mailto:Ute@geekgirls.de)), Jens Strohäker ([jstrohaecker@googlemail.com](mailto:jstrohaecker@googlemail.com)) or Michael Wiese ([Michael@morphling.de](mailto:Michael@morphling.de)).