
How to get to IVM

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Route description public transport

From Amsterdam Central Station

- Metro 51 (18 minutes), under the station square, alight at Station Zuid stop (€ 3.20).
- Metro 52 (15 minutes), under the station square, alight at Station Zuid stop (€ 3.20).
- Tram 24 (35 minutes), left on the station square, alight: at VU Medisch Centrum tram stop (€ 3.20).

From Station Amsterdam Zuid WTC

- When arriving by train
 - Walking (10 minutes), leave the train platform at the Schiphol side (West: called 'VU/Parnassusweg'), go to the left (direction 'Buitenveldert') and cross the road. After 300 m cross the De Boelelaan and turn right on the bridge over the canal. IVM is situated behind the main building (1105) as can be seen on the figure below. Enter the building via the 1085 entrance (red stairs).
 - Tram 5 (1 minute), direction Amstelveen (€ 3.20). Leave the train platform at the Schiphol side (West: called 'VU/Parnassusweg'), go to the left (direction 'Buitenveldert'). Cross the road halfway and tram tracks. You can see the stop on the right and alight at the next tram stop: De Boelelaan/VU.
- When arriving by metro: Turn left in the main hall and cross the square (Gustav Mahlerplein), turn right into Claude Debussylaan. At the end turn left and at the traffic light cross the street and turn right, crossing the street again. University's main building is on the corner. Walk along the main building and the red building. New University building is the next one

From Schiphol airport

Travellers arriving at Schiphol can take the train to Amsterdam Zuid WTC (€ 3.00, 2nd class ticket) (the first stop, 6 minutes). The directions of the trains that stop at Amsterdam Zuid WTC are Almere Oostvaarders, Amersfoort Schothorst, Groningen, Enschede, Lelystad Centraal, Leeuwarden, Nijmegen, Utrecht Centraal or Venlo.

Travellers can also take Connexion Bus 341 in the direction of Station Zuid and alight at De Boelelaan/VU stop (22 minutes).

By car

The A-10 Amsterdam ring road can be reached from all directions. Follow the A-10 to the Zuid/Amstelveen exit S 108. Turn left at the end of the sliproad onto Amstelveenseweg; after about three hundred yards (at the VU Hospital building) turn left again onto De Boelelaan. The VU can be reached via city routes S 108 and S 109.

There is no free parking until 7 p.m. around the VU. The Campus P3 parking garage is under the New University building and can be reached via the Van der Boechorstraat. There is paid parking on the Van der Boechorststraat, on the De Boelelaan and on the Gustav Mahlerlaan (former Karel Lotsyiaan), VU Amsterdam parking lot to the right of the Hospital Outpatient Clinic and at the parking garage P2 VUmc below the ACTA building (entrance Mahlerlaan 3004). The parking lot at the VU Campus square is closed for visitors. There is even more parking space on the east side of Buitenveldertselaan at the junction with Willem van Weldammelaan, within 5 minutes walking distance of VU Amsterdam. A number of parking places for the handicapped are reserved in front of the VU Amsterdam Main Building and within its grounds. For more information about parking at the VU, please visit the following website: www.parkerenbijvu.nl.

Public Transportation in Amsterdam

To use public transport in Amsterdam, you can buy a single one-hour 'GVB disposable chipcard' – a Public transport ticket (€ 3.20) from vending machines at metro stations or stops. This is the cheapest option if you only take public transport once to IVM and once back (twice a day). However there are also chipcards for unlimited travel in Amsterdam which you can buy for 1 to 7 days use. This will save you money and time on your tram trips within Amsterdam compared to buying disposable chipcards.

These chipcards are activated the first time you use them and last for 24h, 48 or 72 h, depending which one you buy.

24 hours (1 day)	€ 8.00
48 hours (2 days)	€13.50
72 hours (3 days)	€19.00



Up to 7-day chipcards do exist (see below), but are only available for purchase at **GVB Tickets & Info Stationsplein opposite Amsterdam Central Station** (open Mon-Fri: 7am - 9pm Sat, Sun & holidays: 10am - 6pm) and at Amsterdam Zuid Train Station located near the VU (open Mon-Fri: 7am - 6pm).

96 hours (4 days)	€24.50
120 hours (5 days)	€29.50
144 hours (6 days)	€33.50
168 hours (7 days)	€36.50

You have to check in/out when you enter/exit the vehicle. Checking in and out is done by beeping the card against the special pink-coloured spots on the machines near entrances and exits (see photo, right).

Info available on internet (in English):

<http://en.gvb.nl/reisinformatie/Pages/Reisinfo-overzicht.aspx>

