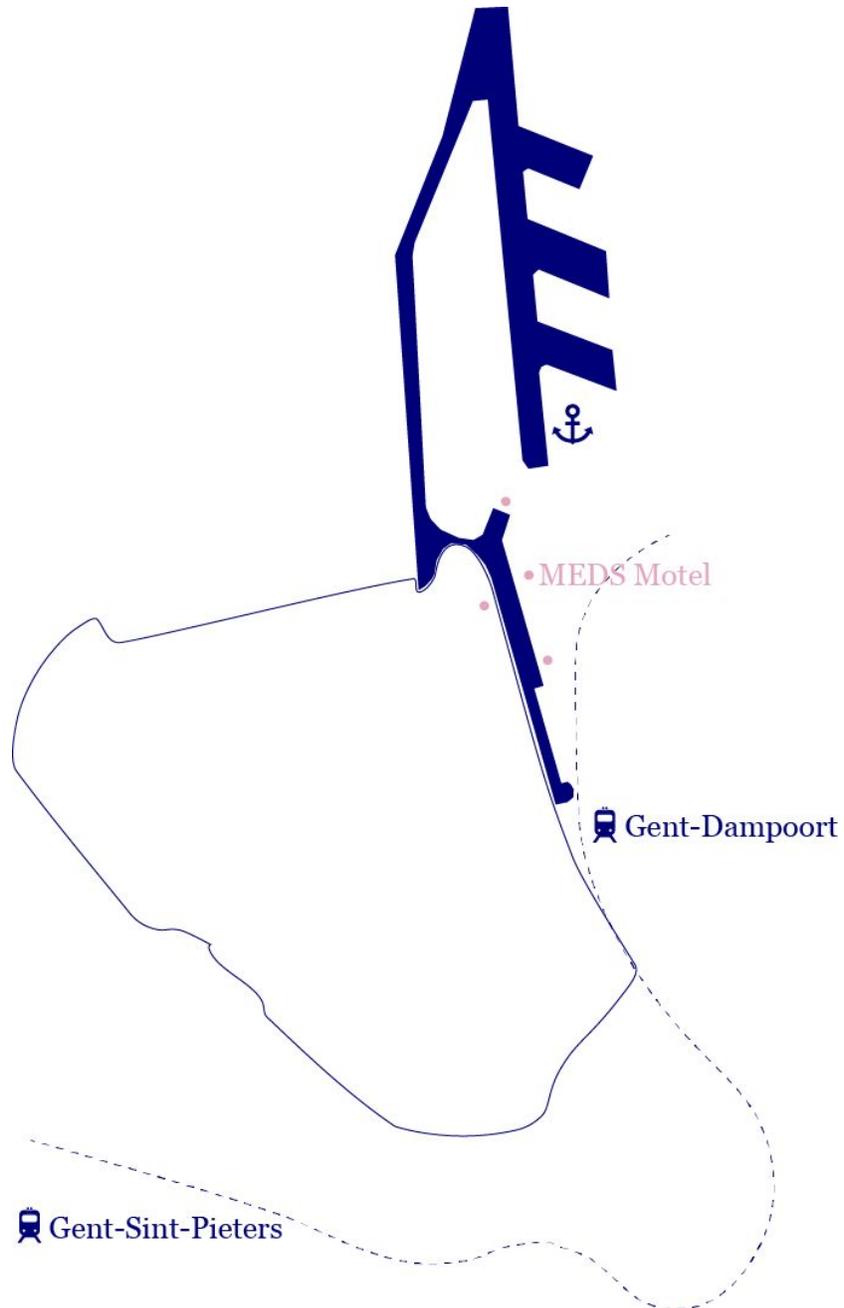


How to get to the MEDS Motel

Address

MEDS Motel
Koopvaardijlaan 172
9000 Gent



How to get to Gent (Gent-Sint-Pieters)?

There are two airports in Belgium. It depends on which airport you land, how you go to Gent.

A. Brussels Airport - Zaventem: take the train to 'Gent-Sint-Pieters'.

B. Brussels South Charleroi Airport: take the Flibco Bus to Gent.

You should **BOOK THIS IN ADVANCE** (<https://www.flibco.com/en#/booking>). Take the bus to "Gent- Sint- Pieters". The price of this bus varies from 5 till 15 euros for a one way trip.

Note: If it is not possible for you to take this bus (due to schedule hours) the second best option would be to take a bus to train station Charleroi-zuid. From there you need to take the train to "Gent-Sint-Pieters". This option will be more expensive than the Flibco bus.

For more info about taking a train in Belgium see "*how to take the train*".

How to get from Gent to "Gent Dampoort"?

"Gent Dampoort" is the train station the closest to the MEDS Motel. So eventually you need to try to get here. It is a small train station so you will always need to go to Gent-Sint-Pieters first, to take a transit there. From Gent-Sint-Pieters you can choose the following options:

A. By train:

It will take about 10 minutes to get there and a ticket costs 2,2 euros. If you already came by train to "Gent-Sint-Pieters", you can still use this ticket to get to Dampoort, so no need to buy another ticket.

B. By bus:

All of the following busses go from Gent-Sint-Pieters to Gent-Dampoort:

- > bus 71 (Nazareth - Gent - Oostakker)
- > bus 34 (St-Martens-Leerne/De Pinte - Latem - Gent - Wetteren)
- > bus 76 (De Pinte - Gent - Lochristi - Wachtebeke)
- > bus 72 (Merelbeke Molenhoek - Gent - Oostakker) until the stop 'Gent-Dampoort'.

C. By taxi:

If you don't feel like taking public transport you can always take a taxi. In the 'Kiss & Ride' zone at the station 'Gent-Sint-Pieters' you are able to take a taxi if you want. Follow the signs 'Kiss & Ride' underneath the bus stops terminals to the underground level. You will have to pay around € 15 till € 16 (for the distance of 5,8 - 6,4 km to the MEDS Motel). For more info about taking a taxi in Belgium see "*how to take a taxi*".

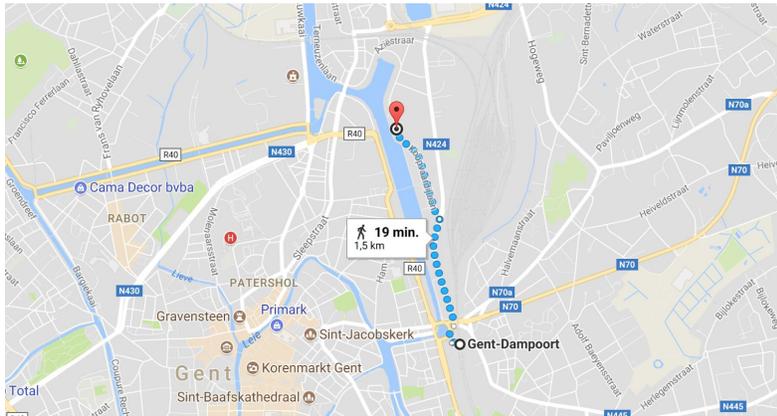
Take this taxi straight to the MEDS Motel, address stated at the top of this document.

D. By Bike:

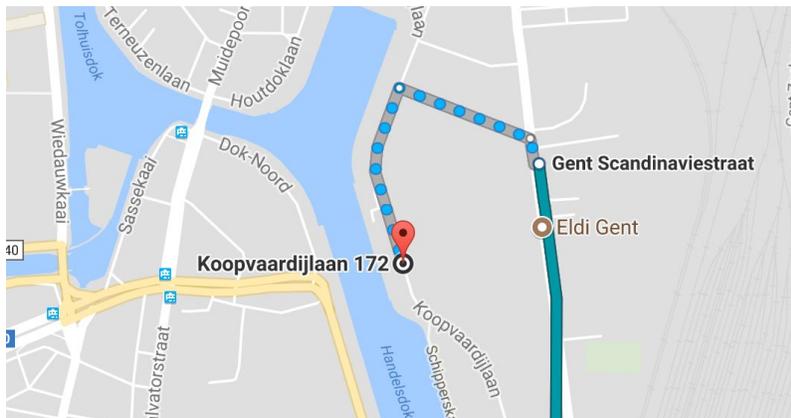
We provide every participant with a free bike. If you can take your luggage and ride a bike, you can already go pick up your bike and just bike straight to the MEDS Motel. See the document “My Bike” on the website, to know where and how to get your bike.

How to get from “Gent Dampoort” to the MEDS Motel?

A. By foot: Walking 1.5 km is the easiest way to get to the MEDS Motel.



B. By bus: Take **bus 6** (Gent Watersportbaan - Mariakerke Post) until the stop ‘Gent Scandinaviestraat’ from there walk to the MEDS Motel for about 7 minutes.



How to take the train?

You can buy a ticket for the train at a ticket booth inside the station or at a ticket machine.

Types of ticket:

A. If you are over 26 years old:

> Standard ticket: Choose for this ticket: '2nd class', 'adult', 'one-way', and the place of Destination. (<https://www.belgianrail.be/en/timetable-and-buy-tickets/Search/secure/buy-your-ticket-step-1.aspx>)

B. If you are under 26 years old:

It is possible to buy different sorts of 'discount' tickets.

> Go Pass 1: This is a one way ticket that costs € 6,20 for each destination in Belgium

> Go Pass 10: With this ticket you can make 10 trips (from one station to another) for € 52. This is valid for all destination in Belgium and for one year. This one is really nice to share with multiple people.

(<http://www.belgianrail.be/nl/vervoersbewijzen/passes-kaarten/go-pass-10.aspx>)

> Vacation deal 'Go Unlimited': With this ticket you can travel unlimited through Belgium for € 12/week or € 25/month. This makes it possible to travel before, during and after MEDS to discover more of Belgium. You need to make a personal MOBIB card for this deal at an info booth in the station and they charge € 5 for making this card. The best deal to take if you are planning to take the train multiple times in Belgium! (<http://www.belgianrail.be/nl/vervoersbewijzen/passes-kaarten/go-unlimited.aspx>)

Note: When traveling from and to 'Brussels Airport Zaventem' you always need to pay the diabolito tax (€ 5,50) on top of your ticket cost.

How to take the bus/tram?

Types of ticket:

> 10 trips card (10-rittenkaart): You can buy this card at an info point inside the train station or at an info point of 'De Lijn' outside the station of Gent-Sint-Pieters. With this card you can take 10 trips with the bus for € 15, so every trip costs € 1,5. Every trip is valid for 60 minutes, so within this time you can take any tram or bus to any destination, and has no expire date. When you step on the bus/tram you have to put this card into a yellow ticket machine inside the vehicle and it is possible to share this card with multiple people. You let this card go inside the machine for everyone person (if they ask for the amount of stops on the machine you press '1').

(<https://www.delijn.be/nl/vervoerbewijzen/ritkaarten-dagpassen/lijnkaart.html>)

> Text ticket (sms-ticket): Before you step on the bus or tram you have to text 'DL' to '4884'. You will receive a confirmation text right after you send this text message and this is the transport license. The ticket (text) will cost € 2,00 and will be taken from the money on your sim-card. Don't forget to take into account the international charging when texting abroad. This ticket is also valid for 60 minutes.

(<https://www.delijn.be/nl/vervoerbewijzen/ritkaarten-dagpassen/sms-ticket.html>)

> Apps: When installing one of the apps of the traffic system, you can buy a ticket for only € 1,80 and it is valid for 60 minutes. The apps are: 'Be Mobile', 'Olympus Mobility' and 'Ticket Touch by PayPal'.

(<https://www.delijn.be/nl/vervoerbewijzen/ritkaarten-dagpassen/m-ticket.html>)

Note: Don't forget to buy the ticket through the app before you step on the bus or tram!

> Ticket on the bus/tram: You are able to buy a ticket on the bus or tram itself. Therefore you go directly to the driver of the vehicle after you stepped on and ask him/her for a ticket to your destination. This ticket will cost € 3 and you can only pay by cash. This ticket is again valid for 60 minutes.

How to take a taxi?

At any time you can call ABC taxi: +32 489 39 92 24.

The prices:

> € 8,50 starting price (including the first 3 km) during the day

> € 11 starting price (including the first 3 km) during the night

> € 2,20/kilometer after 3km

Apps

> 'Google Maps' app: Google Maps or another app that can navigate you around is always useful to have!

> 'NMBS' app: This is the app of the Belgian Rail system and makes it easy to check the routes from one place to the other, the time and the delays that may occur for example.

(<http://www.belgianrail.be/en/customer-service/information-services-and-travel-tools/timetable-on-mobile/apps.aspx>)

> 'De Lijn' app: With this app you can search how to get to a certain destination by tram or bus, it tells you where you can take the bus/tram and what time and shows you the shortest way.

(<https://www.delijn.be/nl/overdelijn/campagnes-acties/app.html>)

> App of your flying company: To avoid unnecessary use of paper, ink and printing, we would like to stimulate you to download your tickets through your mobile app. Let's make it easy! For example: Ryanair app

(<https://www.ryanair.com/gb/en/plan-trip/flying-with-us/our-app>).