

# Getting to Liberec

## By Plane

Although Liberec does not have its own passenger airport, it is ideally located between two International airports: **Prague Václav Havel Airport** and **Dresden Airport**. The one in Prague is the bigger of the two, with many more airlines serving it, but it is worth checking out the other option as well, especially for people planning to arrive from Germany, Spain, Russia and France. The extremely budget-conscious may also try **Brno-Tuřany Airport**, but it is located very far from Liberec, and it offers connections to Britain, the Netherlands and Russia only.

### Getting to Liberec from Prague Václav Havel Airport

Prague has an excellent, cheap, but luxurious bus connection to Liberec, running from 6:30 am (7:00 am at weekends) to 11:00 pm. These buses, however, leave from **Černý Most Bus Terminal**, which is located rather far from the airport, so expect a 50-60 minute ride by public transport from the airport to the terminal.

The easiest, cheapest and most convenient way to the terminal is to take **bus 100** in front of the airport, get off at its terminus (Zličín), and take the underground/subway/metro to **Černý Most** station. It is impossible to miss it, since there is only one line serving this station (**Line B**), and one has to travel from one terminus to the other. The basic, 90-minute, transfer ticket of Prague public transport covers these two journeys with ample leverage. It costs **32 CZK** (approximately 1.2 EUR, 1.6 USD or 1.1 GBP) and can be bought from the ticket machines at the bus stop in front of the terminal or from designated machines at the airport (near the exits). Be prepared that the machines at the bus stop only accept coins.

The terminus of the underground shares the same building with the bus terminal. After leaving the train, either take the stairs or the elevator **down** to the level of the terminal and find **platform 6**. All buses to Liberec leave from here. Although in theory it is possible to buy the tickets directly from the driver, the line is extremely popular and buses are mostly sold out in advance. It is therefore **strongly recommended** to buy your tickets **in advance** at the website of the bus company, **Student Agency**, here: <http://jizdenky.studentagency.cz>. One can choose English by clicking on the EU-flag in the upper right corner. A single ticket to Liberec costs **95 CZK** (approximately 3.7 EUR, 4.7 USD or 3.2 GBP). These are express buses that do not stop anywhere on the way, but they have two stops in Liberec. Choose **Liberec, Fügnerova-Blažkova** when buying the ticket, as this stop is located at the Liberec public transport terminal, in the heart of the city. All local bus and tram lines are accessible here. This stop is the first one served, so once the bus stops in Liberec, get off and collect your luggage. The ride takes one hour and five minutes; there is service on board (hot drinks for free, small snacks and cold drinks available at a low price), free wi-fi, Czech dailies and a toilet on each bus. Buses with a small yellow “F” next to them in the reservation system also offer a 230 V standard socket between every two seats and a small personal entertainment system in front of every seat for the same price.

### Getting to Liberec from Dresden Airport

Dresden has excellent train connections to Liberec, with direct express trains running four times a day, and with the possibility to get to the town with only one change in **Zittau** in-between the expresses.

At the airport, take train **S2** (there is no other train serving the station) to the main railway station, **Dresden Hauptbahnhof**. It takes only 21 minutes, and there are trains running every half-hour from

4:47 am to 11:47 pm. A single ticket costs **2 EUR** (approximately 50 CZK, 2.6 USD or 1.7 GBP). Once at the main railway station, one can take the **direct expresses** at 7:09 am, 11:09 am, 3:09 pm or at 7:09 pm, or take some of the **regional trains** and change at **Zittau**. The expresses take 2 hours and 9 minutes to get to Liberec, other combinations take between 2 hours and 46 minutes to 3 hours and 17 minutes. A single ticket to Liberec costs **25.6 EUR** (approximately 660 CZK, 33 USD or 22 GBP), or you can ask for the special **Saxen-Böhmen pass** that is sold for **22 EUR** (approximately 570 CZK, 28 USD or 19 GBP). In Liberec, there is a tram stop just in front of the train station.