How to reach us by train and bus

Take the train from Aachen or Cologne to Düren’s main train station ("Hauptbahnhof"). Then take the local train to Jülich ("Rurtalbahn" or RTB) and get out at the "Forschungszentrum" stop. Please note that this is a request stop! The SB11 bus serves Forschungszentrum Jülich from here. From 06:00 to 19:00, the bus timetable coincides with the arrival and departure times of the Rurtalbahn. You can also walk to Forschungszentrum Jülich in around 20 minutes. The main entrance is about 1.3 km from the Rurtalbahn stop.

Bus between Aachen and Jülich: The SB11 bus route connects Forschungszentrum Jülich to the local public transport system.

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To register for a tour, fill in our online form in the Visitor Service section at www.fz-juelich.de.

Information on the JuLab Schools Laboratory, which takes school groups from classes 4–13, is available at www.fz-juelich.de/julab.

What our visitors say:

"The tours of the institute were really interesting and not at all boring because all of the visitor guides were eager and excited, and their enthusiasm when telling us about Jülich's first-rate research was infectious."

Visitor group from Kronach, Bavaria

"The students thoroughly enjoyed it, and we ran over the allocated time at every step of the tour because the students were so interested and asked so many questions – a sure sign of a perfect meeting between students and researchers."

Secondary school advanced physics class

"From the minute we arrived to when we left, our guides were attentive, friendly, helpful, (...) simply perfect! The programme was interesting, informative, and enlightening."

Adult education group

Guided Tours of Forschungszentrum Jülich
Welcome to our campus!
Dear Visitors,

Welcome to Forschungszentrum Jülich! Learn all about the fascinating world of science by taking a guided tour. Find out how our more than 5,600 employees work towards providing comprehensive solutions to the challenges facing society in the fields of energy & environment and information & the brain. Together with our visitor guides, discover how we lay the foundations for future key technologies on our green campus situated in the middle of a forest. We look forward to seeing you here!

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Forschungszentrum Jülich

Important information before you visit:
• Tours must be booked in advance (please give sufficient notice)
• Tours are available Monday–Friday
• Tours are free of charge
• We accept reservations for groups of 10–40 people
• If possible, please travel to Jülich in your own bus, which should ideally be available to you during your entire time on campus
• Lunch is available in Forschungszentrum Jülich’s canteen (additional cost)
• Visitors must present a valid passport or ID card at the Visitors’ Reception of Forschungszentrum Jülich
• Groups of senior secondary school students are also welcome

What’s in store

When you arrive at Forschungszentrum Jülich, a scientist will give you an overview of our research centre and the research topics we cover. During a bus tour, you will then get to know our two-square-kilometre campus with its research facilities. By visiting an institute, you will gain deeper insights into research goals and methods in a particular research field. A tour takes about 2.5 hours.

Energy and climate tour

Be it photovoltaics, fuel cells, or plasma physics – Jülich scientists work on environmentally friendly energy forms for the 21st century. On this tour, you will learn more about how innovative materials and enhanced technologies support efforts to transform the energy sector, and what a climate-smart energy supply could look like in future.

Bioeconomy tour

In the institutes for biotechnology, plant sciences, and agricultural research, you will focus on questions that will have a crucial impact on the future of humankind: How can we tackle world food problems? Can we compensate for the decline in important raw materials with new plant alternatives? What influence do humans have on the soil as part of the environment, specifically through the use of fertilizers or pesticides, for instance?

Health tour

Learn all about the highlights of Jülich health and brain research. Find out what research approaches are employed at Jülich to study the brain, what large-scale equipment is used to do so, and what benefits can be obtained for humankind.

“Digital society” tour

Thanks to the newly constructed Helmholtz Nanoelectronic Facility, Forschungszentrum Jülich has the largest and most state-of-the-art cleanroom facility in Europe. New findings in the nanometre range help to develop the components used by all of us in modern information technology. Glass walkways provide visitors with direct insights into the laboratories.

Campus by bike

Discover our sustainable research and green campus by bike. The tour stops at several locations to visit research institutes. It takes a total of two hours, of which 45 minutes will be spent cycling. We provide good-quality bikes free of charge. However, you can also come on your own bicycle.