

Flying by Rail for XP and fun

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Flying gets boring
quite fast

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Airport lounges
make it slightly
less boring

How to get to a lounge?

- Pay ~ **€ 50** per entry
- Travel **Business class** (*and possibly **cancel** or **reschedule ticket** while in the lounge*)
- Get **Mastercard World Elite** (*ask the bank that provides your mortgage*)
- Get **Flying Blue Gold Status**

How to get a Flying Blue status

- Miles are very promoted but **virtually irrelevant**
- You get **XP** for each leg of a flight
 - **5 XP** for short haul economy class
 - **2 XP** for newly introduced **Basic fare** ~~seam~~ without cabin bag - **BEWARE**
- You need **180 XP per year** for **Gold status**
 - **~ 18 return trips per year**
 - lounge access
 - SkyPriority
 - seat selection 72 hours before departure
 - free checked-in bag

Ways to get
more XP for
less flying

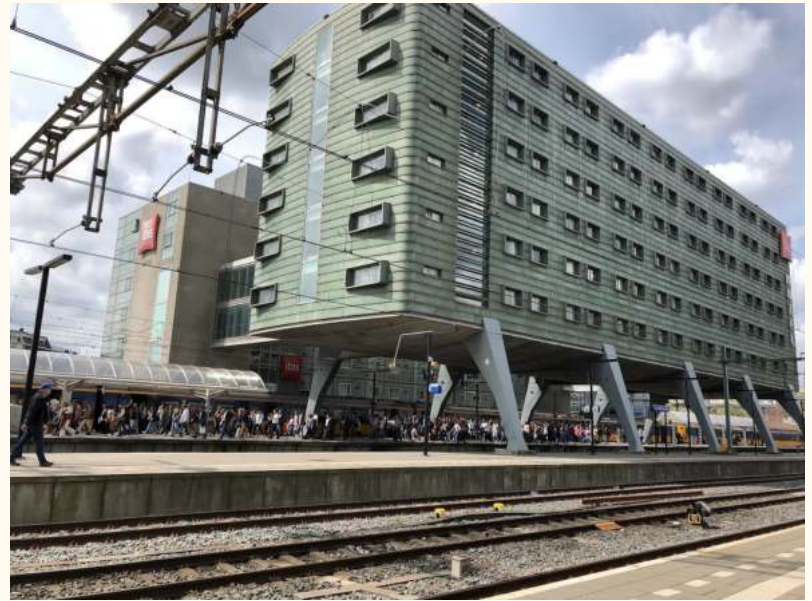
Flying Blue American Express Silver Card

- **15 XP per year**
- Costs **€ 75 per year** after first year for free
- You might get a **retention offer** by threatening them to cancel
- It's a **charge card** - you have to repay everything every month
- **€5 per one XP**



Flying Blue + Accor Live Limitless

- Special bonus for **connecting loyalty programmes**
- Extra **5 XP** for the **first hotel stay**
- Extra **5 XP** for the **first flight**



Sustainable Aviation Fuel

- ~ **€ 10 per 1 XP**
- You can **pay with Miles**
- Only three discrete choices
- Valid for the **whole trip**

Contribute to extra SAF

i Your ticket includes a EUR 1.50 SAF surcharge. [Learn about this surcharge](#)

Purchase SAF equal to a share of the fuel needed per passenger for this type of flight.

Purchase 40% SAF*

Expected reduction in CO₂ emissions: **25 kg.**

XP Flying Blue members gain **2 XP.**

EUR 10.03 or 2000 Miles

Select

Purchase 60% SAF*

Expected reduction in CO₂ emissions: **38 kg.**

XP Flying Blue members gain **2 XP.**

EUR 15.05 or 3000 Miles

Select

Purchase 100% SAF*

Expected reduction in CO₂ emissions: **64 kg.**

XP Flying Blue members gain **3 XP.**

EUR 25.44 or 5100 Miles

Select

If everything fails,
make an XP trip

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Booking **illogical routes** to get **more XP**

- Prefer **flights with layovers** to direct flights
- Fly somewhere just **for the sake of flying**

Probably OK if you enjoy flying, but there should be a better way!

Eurostar
codeshare with
KLM / Air France

A flight operated by a train

on the route

**Paris - Brussels - Antwerp -
Amsterdam**

- Code shared with Air France and KLM
- Counts as flight segment



Exploiting the air fare system

- Flights from/to Belgium are generally **cheaper** than **just the leg from/to Amsterdam**
- There is **never Basic fare** ~~seam~~ offer
- You will get **5 XP for the train journey from Belgium**

Random example (available on 1 April 2026 for 30 May 2026)

- **KL 1361** AMS - PRG: **€ 142 Basic fare (2 XP)**, **€ 174 Light fare (5 XP)**
- **KL 220** ZWE - AMS + **KL 1361** AMS - PRG: **€ 126 Light fare (10 XP)**

More features of Air&Rail



- **Priority lane** for **Security at Schiphol**
- You might get upgraded to **Eurostar Premier**



You can enjoy the Railway Cathedral



What can possibly
go wrong?

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Common issues

- Dealing with **irregularities** is mostly a **manual process**
 - You have to **call them** every time
- If you **miss the train** segment, the rest of your itinerary **might be cancelled**
 - You can **buy yourself out** for **€ 150** (see KLM T&C)
- They might rebook your train to a **regular flight** BRU - AMS
 - Be sure to sit on the **right hand side** you you can enjoy the view of the **coastline** of the Netherlands



Missed train works just like a missed flight



- ←  Guestrooms 501-505 uneven
- ←  Guestrooms 502-516 even
-  Guestrooms 518-562 even
-  Guestrooms 539-549 uneven

No Time For Questions

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