

A Physicist's Guide to Using the Gautrain:



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The *Gautrain* runs between Johannesburg and Pretoria, as well as between O.R. Tambo International Airport and Johannesburg. Note that it does not run to Lanseria airport.

It is fast, safe, reliable and affordable. We encourage all Conference attendees to make use of it. This is a step-by-step guide to **getting from the Airport to Hatfield station in Pretoria**, from whence a **University of Pretoria shuttle will take you to your final destination**.

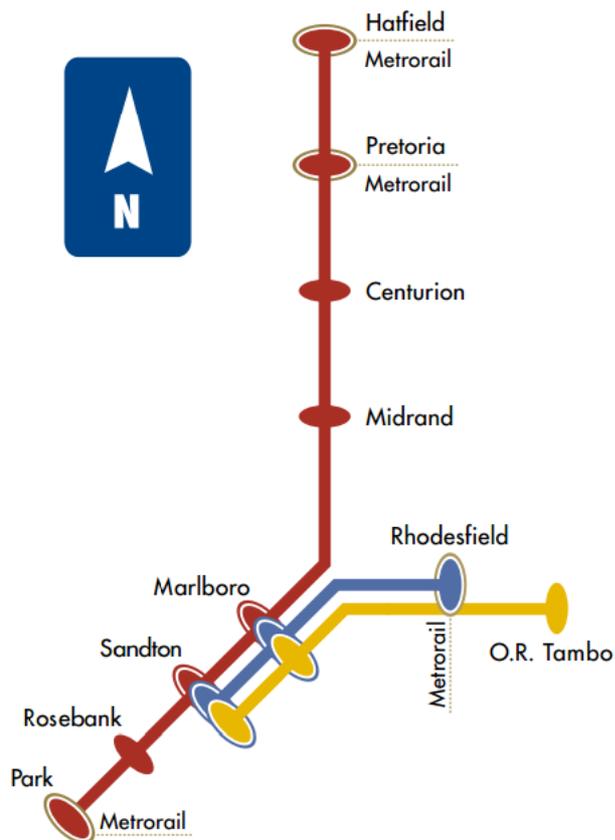
1. When your flight has arrived, and your baggage has been collected, **make your way to the *Gautrain* Station** located on the other side of the Airport: **follow the *Train* signs**. It is a long walk, so get a trolley.

2. At the station, **purchase a *Gautrain Gold Card* for R10** at the cashier. You will also need to load at least R125 onto the gold card, as this is the fare from the Airport to Hatfield station. **It is recommended to load R270 onto the card**, as this will cover your journey back to the airport as well as the possibility of using the *Gautrain* Bus Service (R6 per bus journey if rail is also used. R20 otherwise)



3. **Move towards the check-in gates and have your *Gold Card* ready. Hold the card over the green arrow at the gate:** the gate will then open with a 'beep' and your Gold Card balance will be displayed. **Move through the gate.**
4. Move towards the platform. You might have to **wait for the next train**, but the waiting period is a maximum of 20 min. If the train is there, **feel free to board**. If the doors are not open, **push the flashing yellow button next to a door**. Deposit your baggage in the baggage-racks close to the entrance, otherwise keep it with you and take a seat.





5. A mysterious voice will inform you exactly what to do, but in case of sudden deafness or momentary confusion the procedure is explained further: **The train will depart- enjoy the ride!** At some stretches, the train moves at 160 km/h. **TAKE NOTE: NO SMOKING, EATING OR DRINKING ON THE TRAIN.** You will be heavily fined.

6. **When you are informed that you are, “approaching Marlboro station”, be ready to leave the train.** Do not dawdle: the train will not wait for you. If the doors do not open automatically, press the flashing yellow button. Do NOT get off at the Rhodesfield station.

7. **At the Marlboro station, you will be directed to the Hatfield train by *Gautrain* staff.** Once again, **you might have to wait**, but a maximum of 10 min this time.
8. **Board the Hatfield train.** The Hatfield train stops a number of times before its final destination (Hatfield) **DO NOT get off at any station apart from Hatfield station.** It is closest to the University of Pretoria.
9. **When you have reached Hatfield, leave the train,** and make your way to the check-out gates. Once again, hold your *Gold Card* in front of the green arrow. Your balance will be displayed, and the gates will open.
10. Follow the signs to the ***Drop-off-and-Go* area, where a UP shuttle will be ready to pick you up.** You may also use the Gautrain buses – routes are displayed at the station.
11. If you are unsure, scared, momentarily confused, or if you would just like a chat, feel free to **contact Paul: 072 597 5467.** He will be happy to assist you. Also visit the ***Gautrain* website: <http://www.gautrain.co.za/>**