

## **OV Chip card for travelling by public transport**

There is no separate OV-chipkaart for tourists. As a tourist you purchase an anonymous OV-chipkaart or a disposable chip card. Both cards can be bought at a counter of a public transport company, vending machines at stations, tobacco and convenience stores or supermarkets.

### **Buy a card**

You can choose between an anonymous card or a disposable chip card.

<b>Type</b>	<b>Usage</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
Anonymous card	Suitable for more than a day or longer distances	Plastic card which travel products or credit. The card costs € 7.50
Disposable card	Suitable for single use or for a short period	Card is loaded with a travel product that has a limited duration, for example a week. Usually a disposable card is more expensive

You buy both cards at counters of public transport companies or machines, at airports, railway stations and in tobacco and convenience stores (e.g. AKO) or supermarkets. You can also buy a disposable card in trams and busses. You can recognize a sellingpoint by the pink OV-chipkaart logo.

### **Load card before travelling**

Before you can travel load the card with credit. You can do so at a counter of a public transport company or a machine. Payment options vary per machine. It is never possible to pay with a credit card.

### **Travelling by national railway carrier NS**

To travel with the national railway carrier Nederlandse Spoorwegen (NS) you have to load credit and the product 'Reizen op Saldo' on your card. You do this at an NS-counter or at a railway ticket machine. [www.ns.nl/en/travel-information/traveling-with-the-ov-chipkaart](http://www.ns.nl/en/travel-information/traveling-with-the-ov-chipkaart)

### **What to do when leaving?**

An anonymous card is valid for five years. You can keep the card and use it the next time you visit the Netherlands. The credit stays valid. Or you can ask the remaining credit back at a counter of a public transport company.