
Travelling to Lugano

Via La Santa 1, Lugano-Viganello, CH

The city of Lugano is situated in the Canton of Ticino, Switzerland, on the shore of Lake Lugano (or Ceresio) between the mountains of Monte San Salvatore to the South and Monte Brè to the Northeast.

By plane

The closest airport is Milano Malpensa, the largest international airport of Northern Italy. From Terminal 1 or Terminal 2 it is possible to reach Lugano directly by the S50 train (direction: Biasca), which runs every hour from 4.30am until 1.00am (see <https://www.tilo.ch/en/Collegamenti/Collegamenti-S50.html>), or by a shuttle bus (see <https://www.ticino.ch/en/commons/details/Shuttle-bus-Lugano-Malpensa/43909.html> for information about different companies). Another airport nearby in Northern Italy is Milano Orio al Serio; a shuttle bus takes you to Milan, from where you reach Lugano by train.

As an alternative you might consider flying to Zurich Airport, two hours and fifteen minutes from Lugano by train. There is at least one fast Intercity train every hour directly from Zurich Airport to Lugano. For additional information check the website of the Swiss Federal Railways: <https://www.sbb.ch/en/buying/pages/fahrplan/fahrplan.xhtml>

By train

Lugano has good railway connections to many cities in the southern and northern part of Europe. When arriving from north, trains pass through the Gotthard Base Tunnel, the longest railway tunnel in the world, which was inaugurated in 2016 (<https://www.alptransit.ch/en/gotthard/gotthard-base-tunnel/>). The station is close to the city centre (about 10 minutes by foot) and is served by a cable car, buses, and taxis. Here you can look up the distances to the main Swiss and European cities and find additional information: <https://www.luganoregion.com/en/travel-essentials/getting-here/lugano-by-train>. Check the website of the Swiss Federal Railways (FFS-SBB) to find your best solution: <https://www.sbb.ch/en/buying/pages/fahrplan/fahrplan.xhtml>

From Lugano railway station, you can reach the Lugano Campus by bus, on foot or by bike.

- By bus
Bus TPL Line 6, direction Cornaredo. Alight at the *Campus Universitario* stop.
Travel time: around 8-10 minutes' ride in normal traffic conditions.
Other lines that stop at *Campus Universitario* : Bus TPL Line 5, Bus ARL

Line 461

- On foot
See [route on map](#) (possibility to take the funicular from inside the station towards the city centre).
Travel time: approximately 20-25 minutes.
- By bike
Bikesharing: [Publibike FFS](#) – Campus Est
Bicycle path in Lugano. See [map](#)
Travel time: approximately 8 minutes.

By car

Lugano is served by the motorway axis that connects northern Europe to the Mediterranean area.

From Milan: take the Laghi A9 motorway in the direction of Como-San Gottardo or the A8 motorway in the direction of Varese-Stabio (Gaggiolo). Advised exit: Lugano Sud.

From Zurich: take the A2 motorway in the direction of San Gottardo-Chiasso-Italy. Advised exit: Lugano Nord.

Please remember that to drive on Swiss motorways it is necessary to be equipped with the motorway sticker that must be applied onto the car windshield (the cost: CHF 40.-, valid from January to December) it may be purchased at Customs offices (Gaggiolo - Stabio, Ponte Tresa, Chiasso).

Public transport in the Lugano area

Public transport - mainly by buses within cities and by trains between cities - is organized in the Arcobaleno integrated fare network, which divides the Ticino Canton in different fare zones. A single ticket in the zone of Lugano city (zone 100, CHF 2.30) entitles you to travel as often as you wish for 60 minutes within that zone, using any of the available lines. For bus lines and timetables for the Lugano area see: <https://www.tpls.ch/en/#>.

For information about bus accessibility, visit the following page:

<https://www.ticino.ch/en/commons/details/Public-transportations-in-Lugano/84573.html>.

To reach the USI East Campus:

From the railway station, use bus number 6, direction Cornaredo and get off at Campus Universitario stop.

From the city centre, use bus number 5, direction Viganello and get off at Campus Universitario stop.