



UR2016 Logistical Information

We are excited to welcome you to Venice, Italy! Below you will find information about how to get around and how to get to the venues.

Important information

- We **highly recommend** buying a public transport tourist pass to take the public water bus (“**Vaporetto ACTV**” in Italian) available at ticket offices throughout town. This is the most inexpensive way to get around Venice. Please ensure you always validate your ticket before boarding the boat.
- **All participants need to purchase 3 single public water bus tickets for the water ferry (“vaporetto”), unless you have a transport pass, in order to leave the Arsenale (conference venue) on Wednesday - Friday.** These tickets can be purchased at a public transport office located throughout Old Venice.
 - This boat will take you to the Piazza San Marco area (San Zaccaria), a convenient spot to walk anymore in Old Venice, or to access public transport hubs for Mestre or Lido.
 - If you don't purchase these tickets, you will have to walk from the Arsenale, which is in a difficult area to access other parts of Old Venice.
- Wherever you are staying in the Venice area, **please keep in mind that it will take longer to get to your destination than you expect.** Sometimes it is difficult to get a taxi (water or land) or the public water boats are full. Please plan accordingly. All days of the UR Forum begin at **9am**.
- If you are attending a **Focus Day event** at the NH Laguna Palace on **Wednesday morning**, a boat will be available for transport from the NH Laguna Palace to the Arsenale. The boat has a capacity of 350 people, and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. **The boat will begin boarding promptly at 12:15pm and depart at 12:30pm from the hotel.** PLEASE ENSURE YOU BOARD THIS BOAT. Otherwise, it takes a long time (by public transport) or is very expensive (by water taxi) to get to the Arsenale for the opening ceremony. A lunch box will be provided before boarding.
- Please ensure you **keep your UR2016 badge** with you throughout the whole event.
- **Lunch** will be provided all days.

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Venue information

Please note UR2016 will be held in two different venues. See below for how to get to both venues.

- **Focus Days** (*Monday, May 16 – the morning of Wednesday, May 18*) – **NH Laguna Palace**, Viale Ancona, 2, 30172 Venice Mestre. Location [here](#).
- **Main Conference** (*the afternoon of Wednesday, May 18 – Friday, May 20*) – **Arsenale**, Sestiere Castello, 7016, 30122 Venezia. Location [here](#). **Note:** If you Google Map “Arsenale”, it will direct you to a different part of Arsenale than where UR will be. **Please use this [link](#) to find the exact location.** The public water bus (vaporetto) stop closest to the venue is “**BACINI - Arsenale Nord**”.

The part of Venice where Focus Days take place, [Mestre](#), is on the mainland. This part is not the historic area that most think of when they hear “Venice”. This area is known as “Old Venice”

Things to know about Venice

- In old Venice, you can only get around by foot or boat. There are no bikes or cars.
- [Piazzale Roma](#) is the main transport hub of old Venice and is the only place in old Venice that is accessible by land transport. Here, you can get a *land taxi* or *land bus* to Mestre or the airport; or a *water taxi* or *water bus* to get to the Arsenale or elsewhere in old Venice. You can also walk to the main areas of Old Venice.
- We recommend you have cash to pay for transportation costs, as not all taxis (water and land) will accept credit cards.

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I. Getting into Venice

By plane

Visitors flying to Venice may arrive through one of these airports: Venice-Marco Polo at Tessera, or Canova at Treviso.

From Marco Polo Airport...

...to Old Venice

Depending upon where your final destination is, there are several available options:

Public transport:

- *Land bus* number 5 ACTV or land bus ATVO airport shuttle are located outside the arrival hall and will take you to Piazzale Roma, the only place in Old Venice where busses can enter. From here you can walk by foot or take a water bus to your final destination.
- *Alilaguna (public water bus)* is available from the airport, taking you into old Venice. Different lines are available depending on your final destination. Find more info and time tables visit: www.alilaguna.it/en
 - Follow the signs indicating “Water Bus/ Darsena”.
 - Be aware that there is an approximately 15 min walk from the arrival hall to the pier (La Darsena).
 - *Price:* Euro 15. Tickets can be bought on board.
 - Time can vary between half an hour to an hour.

OR

Private transport:

- *Water taxis* (boats) are available from the airport, taking you directly to your hotel. The taxi information desk is located in the arrival hall. Be aware that there is an approximately 15 min walk from the arrival hall to the water taxi pier (La Darsena). Follow the signs indicating “Water Bus/ Darsena”.
 - *Prices:* a water taxi costs ~€120 for up to max. 4 persons. After that, there is a €10 fee for each additional passenger up to max. 8 persons with luggage / 11 persons with no luggage
 - *Water taxi numbers:*
 - Consorzio Motoscafi +39- 041 5222303 motoscafivenezia.it/eng/
 - Venezia Taxi +39- 328 2389661 vенеziataxi.it/en-us/home.aspx
 - Venezia Turismo +39- 041 2770563 vенеziaturismo.net/en/
- *Land taxis* (cars) are available from the airport, taking you to Piazzale Roma, the only place in Old Venice where cars can enter. From here you can walk by foot or take a water bus to your final destination.
 - *Price:* €40
 - Radio taxi +39.041.59.64 radiotaxivenezia.com/en/

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...to Mestre

- *Land taxis* (cars) are available from the airport outside the arrival hall. *Price*: ~€35

...to Lido

Public transport:

- Alilaguna water bus is available from the airport, taking you to the central bus/boat station in Lido (Santa Maria Elisabetta). Find more info and time tables on: www.alilaguna.it/en
- Follow the signs indicating "Water Bus/ Darsena". Be aware that there is an approximately 15 min walk from the arrival hall to the pier (La Darsena).
- *Price*: €15. Tickets can be bought on board.

OR

Private transport:

- *Water taxis* (boats) are available from the airport, taking you directly to your hotel. The taxi information desk is located in the arrival hall. Be aware that there is an approximately 15 min walk from the arrival hall to the water taxi pier (La Darsena). Follow the signs indicating "Water Bus/ Darsena".
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From Canova Airport (Treviso)

Public Transport

- ATVO's (www.atvo.it) Eurobus service runs throughout the day between the airport and Venice's Piazzale Roma with departures timed for incoming and outgoing flights. Tickets (5 euros single, 9 euros return, valid seven days) can be bought in dispensers in the arrivals hall, at Piazzale Roma or online. The journey takes one hour and ten minutes.
- <http://www.atvo.it/en-treviso-airport.html>

OR

Private Transport

- Taxi: A taxi ride from Treviso airport to Piazzale Roma in Venice with Radio Taxi Treviso costs 70 euros. taxitreviso.it ; +39 0422 431515

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By Car

If you are going to reach Venice by car you will need to leave your car at one of the car parks on the mainland, at Piazzale Roma or on Tronchetto Island or Mestre because inside the city there are no vehicles of any kind.

- ASM Venezia Piazzale Roma Garage avm.avmspa.it/en/content/parcheeggi-0; +39 041 272 7301
- Garage San Marco garagesanmarco.it/en; +39 041 523 22 13
- Parking Sant'Andrea avm.avmspa.it/en/content/sandrea-car-park-0; +39 041 272 73 04
- Venezia Tronchetto Parking veniceparking.it/it-IT/findparking/Venezia%20Tronchetto%20Parking/; +39 041 520 75 55
- Garage Europa in Mestre garageeuropamestre.com/en; +39 041 959 202

To take your car to the Lido, take the ferry from the Tronchetto-Ferry Boat stop to San Niccolò on the Lido. Here you can find all the information you need:

<http://actv.avmspa.it/en/content/actv-ferry-boat>

Many hotels have special deals with a car park: you should ask your hotel before choosing one at random.

By Train

Venice has two railway stations: Venezia-Mestre on the mainland and Venezia-Santa Lucia in Old Venice. If the train stops at Venezia -Santa Lucia train station you can take a vaporetto (public water bus) or water taxi to your final destination.

If the train stops at Mestre, and you are not staying in Mestre, you will need to hop on a local train (or any train which stops at Mestre and continues to Santa Lucia) or take a bus or a taxi just outside the train station (see information below).

II. Moving around in Venice, Mestre and Lido

Venice

The best way to move in Venice is walking. The public transport is the **Vaporetto ACTV (public water bus)**. *Please note, May is the high season and public boats are often crowded; you may have to wait for another boat to come.*

Here you can find all the prices and the timetables: muoversi.venezia.it/en

One way ticket € 7,50 – It is also possible to buy a travel card actv.it/touristtravelcardseng

PRICES:

- 20,00 € - 1-DAY TRAVELCARD
- 30,00 € - 2 DAYS TRAVELCARD

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- 40,00 € - 3 DAYS TRAVELCARD
- 60,00 € - 7 DAYS TRAVELCARD

Private transport:

Another option is to use a private water taxi within the city centre. The price is approximately € 70,00 up to four people with one large luggage each. For each extra person the charge is € 10,00 and for each extra piece of luggage the amount is € 5,00.

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Mestre

The public transport is the Autobus ACTV. Here you can find all the lines and the timetables: actv.avmspa.it/node/741

The price is € 1,50 one way and the buses connect Venice to Mestre 24/7. The trip is around 15 – 20 minutes from the centre of Mestre to Piazzale Roma.

Lido

You can reach the Lido of Venice using the Vaporetto boat or the ferry from the Tronchetto.

The Vaporetto boat connects Venice to Santa Maria Elisabetta 24/7, here you can find the lines and the timetables: muoversi.venezia.it/en.

With the ferry boat you can reach the Island with the car. Here you can find all the information you might need: actv.avmspa.it/en/content/actv-ferry-boat.

III. Getting to NH Laguna Palace (Focus Days)

...from Mestre

Take a land taxi or walk to NH Laguna Palace, Viale Ancona, 2, 30172 Venice Mestre

...from Old Venice

Step 1. Get to Piazzale Roma (for land taxi or land bus) or Santa Lucia train station (for train)

Please note, May is the high season and public boats are often crowded; you may have to wait for another boat to come.

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Step 2. Get to NH Laguna Palace

- *Private transport:*
- Land taxis (cars) are available from the main square of Piazzale Roma.
 - Price ~€25

OR

- *Public transport:*
- *Land bus* number 4 or 4L . Get off at the stop Corso del Popolo/Torino and take a right (Via Torino) and walk (approximately 5 minutes) until you see NH Laguna Palace on your left hand side (Viale Ancona 2).
- Another option is to reach the Santa Lucia train station, by foot or by water bus. From the station trains are going regularly to the Venezia Mestre stop. There is a 25-30 minute walk from the train station to the Laguna Palace (directions [here](#)).

...from Lido

Step 1. Get to Piazzale Roma (for land taxi or land bus) or Santa Lucia train station (for train)

- *Private transport to Piazzale Roma:*
- Water taxis are available on call, taking you directly to Piazzale Roma or Santa Lucia.
- *Price:* The price is ~€70 up to four people. For each extra person the charge is € 5,00 for up to 13 passengers.

OR

- *Public transport:*
- From the central boat station Santa Maria Elisabetta, water buses are available for transport to Piazzale Roma or the Santa Lucia train station (water bus stop: *Ferrovia*)
 - *Please note, May is the high season and public boats are often crowded; you may have to wait for another boat to come.*

Step 2. Get to NH Laguna Palace

Private transport:

- Land taxis (cars) are available from the main square of Piazzale Roma.
 - Price ~€25

OR

Public transport:

- *Land bus* number 4 or 4L . Get off at the stop Corso del Popolo/Torino and take a right (Via Torino) and walk (approximately 5 minutes) until you see NH Laguna Palace on your left hand side (Viale Ancona 2).

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- Another option is to reach the Santa Lucia train station, by foot or by water bus. From the station trains are going regularly to the Venezia Mestre stop. There is a 25-30 minute walk from the train station to the Laguna Palace (directions here).

IV. Getting to Arsenale (main conference)

Please note that if you Google Map "Arsenale" it directs you to the incorrect place. The Arsenale for the main conference of UR2016 is located here. *The public water boat (vaporetto) stop closest to the venue is "BACINI-Arsenale Nord".*

...from Mestre

There are two steps to get from Mestre to the Arsenale (BACINI-Arsenale Nord).

Step 1. Take a land bus or land taxi (~€25) to Piazzale Roma (see next steps below) **OR** take a train from the Venice Mestre train station to Santa Lucia Train Station.

Public transport:

Step 2. Take a water bus to Arsenale...

...from Piazzale Roma (land taxi dropoff/bus terminal) to Bacini-Arsenale Nord

Option 1: Public Boat 4.2 from Ple Roma, Parisi Stop E

- Please consider that the ride will take **50 minutes**.

Option 2: Public Boat 5.2 from Ple Roma, Sant'Andrea Stop B

- Please consider that the ride will take **35 minutes**.

...from Santa Lucia Train Station to Bacini-Arsenale Nord

Option 1: Public Boat 4.2 from Ferrovia (in front of Santa Lucia) Train Station

- Please consider that the ride will take **1 hour**.

Option 2: Public Boat 5.2 from Ferrovia (in front of Santa Lucia) Train Station

- Please consider that the ride will take **30 minutes**.

Please note, May is the high season and public boats are often crowded; you may have to wait for another boat to come.

Private transport

Step 2. Take a water taxi to Arsenale (drop off at BACINI-Arsenale Nord) from Piazzale Roma or Santa Lucia Train Station. This will take *20 minutes*.

Price: The price is ~ € 70 up to four people. For each extra person the charge is € 5,00 for up to 13 passengers.

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...from Old Venice

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Walking is a good way to get to the Arsenale.

Public transport:

Take the public boat (vaporetto) 4.2 or 5.2 to **Bacini-Arsenale Nord**. Depending on your location within Old Venice the trip can take at least 1 hour.

Please note, May is the high season and public boats are often crowded; you may have to wait for another boat to come.

Private transport

Water taxis are available on call, taking you directly to the Arsenale. *Price:* The price is ~€70 up to four people. For each extra person the charge is € 5,00 for up to 13 passengers.

...from Lido

Public transport:

- From the central boat station Santa Maria Elisabetta, waterbus 5.1 will take you to the boat stop BACINI-Arsenale Nord, where you can walk into the venue.
Boats are departing every 20 minutes from 6.14 am to 8.14 pm
 - Please consider the ride will take **17 minutes**

Please note, May is the high season and public boats are often crowded; you may have to wait for another boat to come.

Private transport:

- Water taxis are available upon call, taking you directly to Arsenale.
 - *Price:* The price is ~ € 70 up to four people. For each extra person the charge is € 5,00 for up to 13 passengers.

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V. Practical Information

Safety and Scams

Venice is a quiet city, but be aware that pickpockets operate in the areas around Piazza San Marco, Mestre and Venice train station in the Vaporetto (public water bus) and other busy tourist areas.

Local Laws and Customs

- Italy has strict laws against the use, possession or trafficking of illegal drugs. If you are convicted of any of these offences, you can expect to receive a heavy fine or a prison sentence from 4 to 24 years.
- Dress modestly if visiting a church or a religious shrine.

Tipping

It is not necessary but highly recommended to leave a little tip when you leave a restaurant.

Taxis do not expect a tip but it's usual to round up the change to the nearest euro.

Water

Tap water is perfectly safe to drink

Money

Italy's currency is the Euro.

Exchange rate:

1 USD = 0.88069 EUR

Sample price guide

Small bottle of water € 1.00 - € 2,00

Movie ticket € 8.00

Café espresso/ American Coffee € 1,00 – € 2,50

Local information

Time: GMT+ 1hours (summer)

Sunrise and sunset

Mid May: Sunrise, 05:40. Sunset, 20:35

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Weather

Average temperature 17°C (62°F)

Low temperature 12°C (54°F)

High temperature 21°C (70°F)

Dialing codes

The international country dialing code dialing for Italy is +39.

Electricity

230 Volt, 50 Hz

Plugs type: C and E

Working hours

Government offices: 9.00 am - 12:30 pm; 3:00 pm-5:30 pm (Closed Saturday and Sundays)

Banks: 8:30 am - 12:00 pm; 2:30 pm-4:00 pm (Closed Saturday and Sundays)

Shops: 9:30 am - 7:00 pm (In busy tourist areas some close around midnight)