

# Travel Information – Monte Verità (Congressi Stefano Franscini)

## Venue Overview

Monte Verità is a culturally rich hilltop location in the canton of Ticino, Switzerland, above the town of Ascona on Lake Maggiore. It hosts the ETH Zurich's Congressi Stefano Franscini (CSF) conference centre, which offers meeting spaces, accommodation, a restaurant, and scenic surroundings. ([ETH Zürich](#))

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## How to Get to Monte Verità by Public Transport (Train & Bus)

### 1. International Arrival Options

The venue is accessible by train from major European hubs:

- **Zurich Airport (ZRH) to Monte Verità: approx. 3:12 hours**  
After arriving at Zurich Airport, take a train to Zurich Main Station (Zürich HB) — connections run several times per hour. From there, board a train toward Locarno. ([Congressi Stefano Franscini \(CSF\)](#))
- **Milan Airports (MXP / LIN) in Italy to Monte Verità: approx. 3 hours – 3:30h**  
Trains from Milan Centrale or Milan Nord can get you to Locarno (via Swiss or Italian rail services). From Linate Airport, take a bus to Milan Centrale and then connect by train to Locarno. ([Congressi Stefano Franscini \(CSF\)](#))

**Swiss domestic train schedules** can be checked and tickets purchased via the Swiss Federal Railways (SBB) online timetable. ([Congressi Stefano Franscini \(CSF\)](#))

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### 2. From Locarno Railway Station to Monte Verità

Once you arrive in **Locarno (the nearest major rail station)**, you have multiple options to reach Monte Verità:

#### A. Free Shuttle Bus (for Event Participants)

- A shuttle bus (typically an 8-seat vehicle) is provided for CSF event attendees on the *arrival day* of the event.
  - It operates for about **4–5 hours**, with the schedule published by the specific event organizers.
  - Look for the white shuttle bus with the Monte Verità logo near *platform 4* at Locarno Railway Station. ([Congressi Stefano Franscini \(CSF\)](#))
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#### B. Public Bus

- Take **Bus Line No. 1** from *Locarno railway station* toward *Ascona Centro* — the trip takes about **15–20 minutes**. ([Congressi Stefano Franscini \(CSF\)](#))
- From *Ascona Centro*:

- **Walk to Monte Verità:** ~25–30 minutes uphill, following the *Strada Collina* route. ([Congressi Stefano Franscini \(CSF\)](#))
  - **Taxi:** Taxis can be found near the *Autosilo Ascona* bus stop. ([Congressi Stefano Franscini \(CSF\)](#))
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### C. Taxi from Locarno

- Taxis are available directly at Locarno Railway Station.
  - For slightly lower fares (around **CHF ~40**) you can contact **EcoTaxi** — reservations recommended: +41 91 792 21 01 or 0800 321 321 (free from Swiss numbers). ([Congressi Stefano Franscini \(CSF\)](#))
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### 3. Tips for International Train Travel

While no direct international train goes to Monte Verità itself:

- Routes from **Zurich to Monte Verità** generally involve transfers, usually via **Bellinzona and Locarno**, with total travel times between ~2¼ to ~3½ hours by public transport. ([Rome2Rio](#))
  - Tickets and timetables should be verified in advance through rail providers or booking platforms.
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### 4. Practical Travel Notes

- Monte Verità sits above Ascona. Councils encourage visitors to plan their arrival in *Locarno* first and then use local connections. ([Frontiers Conference](#))
  - If you want to **visit Monte Verità ahead of an event**, this is often possible by appointment. ([Congressi Stefano Franscini \(CSF\)](#))
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### References

- Public transport details from Monte Verità's official CSF guidance. ([Congressi Stefano Franscini \(CSF\)](#))
  - Additional travel guidance for reaching Monte Verità by train and regional connections. ([adabd.uzh.ch](#))
  - Regional travel options between Zurich and Monte Verità. ([Rome2Rio](#))
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