



## Travel Information:

- **From Zürich Airport – Switzerland** (Zürich Flughafen / <http://www.zurich-airport.com>)  
(travel time to Riva about 3 hours and 30 minutes)

The easiest way to travel to Riva is by train. There is also a bus service to Lugano train Station (FFS), then from Lugano train station (FFS) to Riva San Vitale you will need to take a train.

TRAIN: at the airport follow the signs to the train station: (please note that every 10 minutes there is a train going to the city center of Zürich, (this information is in case you overnight in Zürich).

To check the timetable for trains going to Riva San Vitale please go to: <http://www.sbb.ch/en/index.htm> then please enter the correct names as follow (note that you may be requested to switch trains one or two times depending on time of the day you decide to travel):

From: **Zürich Flughafen**

To: **Capolago-Riva S. Vitale [Station/Stop]**

If you spend one day in the city of Zürich than type in the appropriate to/from: **Zürich HB** [it stands for Hauptbahnhof (Central Station)].

When you reach your destination: Capolago-Riva San Vitale, you will need to get off the train rather quickly (therefore plan to be ready at the train doors with your luggage before the train stops). When the train is on full stop push the button to open the train doors.

The Center is located in Riva San Vitale, 15 minutes (on foot) away from the train station. The following website- map will help you in locating CESA: <http://map.search.ch/riva-s.vitale/via-settala-8.en.html> (open this link and click on the red circle, CESA name and contact information will pop-up).

To locate the train station of Capolago-Riva San Vitale, on that same map, insert for city “Capolago” and for street address “via Carlo Scacchi” then press enter. Now click on the train icon and you will see where the Station is located .

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- **From Milano Malpensa Airport - Italy:** <http://www.sea-aeroportimilano.it/it/malpensa/index.phtml>  
(travel time to Riva about 1 hour or longer depending on transportation chosen)

From Milano Malpensa to Riva San Vitale there are two options:

1. **BUS&TRAIN:** from Milano airport take the bus to Mendrisio (about 1 hour ride), than take a train from Mendrisio to Capolago-Riva San Vitale train station (about 5 minutes).

The bus who services Mendrisio is called "STAR BUS" (this website is in two languages):  
<http://www.starstation.ch/>

**RESERVATION is MANDATORY** and can be done online:

[http://www.starstation.ch/pagina\\_prenotazioni.php](http://www.starstation.ch/pagina_prenotazioni.php)

You will be traveling from Terminal 1 to Mendrisio

In Mendrisio you will be dropped off at Hotel Coronado.

<http://map.search.ch/mendrisio/via-francesco-borromini-10>

From there walk to the train station, (about 7 minutes on foot); on the street "via al Gas" walk to the end, and then turn right on "via Francesco Catenazzi" walk for about 200 yards and use the underpassage (under train tracks) way to reach train station.

The bus service is either Euro 20 or CHF. 30.00 (be ready with cash). The time-table is posted in their homepage (address is indicated above). If you travel at 5:00 am from Lugano or at 11:00 pm from Malpensa there is a supplement of CHF 20 / Euro 15. If you buy roundtrip tickets you will save money!

At Mendrisio train station take the train to Capolago-Riva San Vitale. Trains run during the day every 30/60 minutes. However check the schedules at: <http://www.sbb.ch/en/index.htm>

From: **Mendrisio [Station/Stop]**

To: **Capolago-Riva S. Vitale [Station/Stop]**

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2. If you happen to be a group of students arriving at the same time it is worth checking to make reservation with a taxi service company. <http://www.panicuccitaxi-parking.com/EN/contatti.htm> their e-mail: [info@taxiservice.it](mailto:info@taxiservice.it) . They do a good service. Please tell them the number of luggage you have!

The service from Malpensa costs about CHF 170.00 for a car (2 people max), but they also have minivans (up to 8 passengers, but total passengers also depends on the amount of luggage), please ask them for prices.

This taxi service will pick you up at the arrival gate and drop you off at the Center's front door. The company works with CESA often, therefore if you send them an e-mail please make sure to mention that you are a student at the Virginia Tech, Center for European Studies and Architecture in Riva San Vitale, Switzerland.

This company accepts credit card (however if you travel as a group they will not accept each individual credit card, therefore be prepared to each pay cash your share (exact amount)).

- **From Lugano-Agno Airport - Switzerland:** <http://www.lugano-airport.ch/>  
(travel time to Riva about 40 minutes to 1 hour depending on transportation chosen).

[The name of this airport may be confusing. We locals call it Agno Airport since it is located in the town of Agno, however Lugano city runs it. Therefore if you see either names (Agno or Lugano airport, be advised that we mean the same airport).

From Lugano-Agno Airport to Riva San Vitale there are two options:

1. SHUTTLE OR TAXI service to Lugano Train-station (FFS), (about 10 minutes drive, depending on traffic) then train to Riva San Vitale:

**Shuttle service** [bus] info: <http://www.lugano-airport.ch/EN/Accesso/ShuttleBus.cfm>  
Direct information from its website: <http://www.shuttle-bus.com/schedule.htm>  
The cost for this service: [http://www.shuttle-bus.com/fares\(i\).htm](http://www.shuttle-bus.com/fares(i).htm)

**Taxi services** please visit this website:

<http://www.lugano-airport.ch/EN/Accesso/Taxi.cfm>

[taxi are not generally waiting for customers at the airport and need to be contacted by phone, advance reservation]. At your own cost you can call the taxis directly from the Airport (please be prepared to wait for this service depending on taxis availability).

Once you arrive at the Lugano train station station:

Check the timetable <http://www.sbb.ch/en/index.htm> for trains to Riva San Vitale, please enter the correct names as follow :

From: **Lugano [Station/Stop]**

To: **Capolago-Riva S. Vitale [Station/Stop]**

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2. TAXI SERVICE to Riva San Vitale cost average CHF 80.00 for a car, if you need a van due to the amount of luggage the cost may be higher.

- **From Bergamo Orio al Serio Airport (low-cost Airlines) - Italy:**  
<http://www.sacbo.it/Airpor/portalProcess.jsp?languageID=2>  
 (travel time to Riva about 1.30-2.30 hours depending on transportation chosen).

From Bergamo Orio al Serio Airport to Riva San Vitale there are two options:

1. **BUS&TRAIN: Choose one of the two bus services from Bergamo Orio al Serio Airport to the Milano Centrale (Central) Train Station:** (it takes about 1 hour drive, depending on traffic).  
<http://www.sacbo.it/Editorial/newsCategoryViewProcess.jsp?editorialID=2656&currentMenu=2175>

Bus schedules listed here (the table are to/from Airport, please scroll to find appropriate table):

- <http://www.autostradale.it/interna.aspx?gr=2&sez=60&sot=2&ae=2>  
 (one way costs Euro 7,90) Tickets sold at the Autostradale office desk;
- <http://www.orioshuttle.com/?a=1&arg=0&l=e>  
 (one way costs Euro 8:00) Tickets sold directly on the bus

**From the Milano Centrale Train Station to Riva San Vitale:**

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The service from Orio al Serio costs about CHF 290.- for a car (2 people max), but they also have minivans (up to 8 passengers, but it all depends on the amount of luggage), please ask them for prices.

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- **From Milano Linate (Milano city Airport) - Italy:** <http://www.sea-aeroportimilano.it/en/linate/index.phtml> (travel time to Riva about 1:30 - 2:00 hours depending on transportation chosen).

From Milano Linate to Riva San Vitale there are two options:

1. **BUS & TRAIN:** additional information at this website: [http://www.sea-aeroportimilano.it/en/linate/index.phtml?mod=per\\_mi\\_scroll&to=come\\_arrivare](http://www.sea-aeroportimilano.it/en/linate/index.phtml?mod=per_mi_scroll&to=come_arrivare)

Details and suggestions: take the Starfly Linate Bus service to Milano Centrale Train station. Tickets need to be purchased in the arrival areas at the Agenzia Starfly Linate desk, the cost is of about Euro 3.00. It takes about 20 minutes (depending on traffic) to reach the Milano Centrale Train Station.

From the Milano Centrale Train Station to Riva San Vitale:

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