Guidelines for the venue to the 18th Swiss Climate Summer School 2019
Monte Verità, Ascona, Switzerland

Venue

The 2019 Climate Swiss Summer School will take place at the Conference and Cultural Center Monte Verità: http://www.monteverita.org/
Monte Verità stands on the hills overlooking Ascona and Lake Maggiore. Situated on seven hectares of tranquil, lush parkland with breathtaking panoramas of Lake Maggiore, it offers visitors a truly unique experience.
Situation map: Switzerland / Monte Verità: http://map.classic.search.ch/ascona/monte-verita
Arrival: Sunday, 08 September 2019, early afternoon. Registration starts at 14:00 at Monte Verità, hotel rooms are ready at 15:00 and the opening of the Summer School is at 16:00.
Departure: The Summer School closes on Friday, 13 September 2019 at noon after lunch. Due to flight schedules, overseas participants may have to stay for another night near Zurich airport and leave on Saturday morning.
In order to reach the Monte Verità Centre in Ascona, whether you fly or travel by train from within Europe, you must first get to **Locarno**, the closest railway station to Ascona. (Note that *Locarno* should not be mixed with *Lugano*, another city in the south part of Switzerland).

From Zurich to Locarno

Participants travelling from outside of Switzerland should first travel to **Zurich** (if you arrive by plane fly to Zurich-Airport (ZRH).
The easiest way to reach Zurich Main Station (or Zürich Hauptbahnhof, often shortened to Zürich HB) from the Zurich airport is to take a train (every 10-15 minutes, duration 10 minutes). From the Zurich Main Station (HB), you can catch the train to **Locarno** Railway Station (Locarno Stazione).
Train schedule from Zurich to Locarno: http://www.sbb.ch/en
The ticket from Zurich HB to Locarno costs CHF 63.00 (one way). Make sure that you have a valid train ticket before you enter the train. The train ticket to Locarno (single or return) can be bought in Zurich Main station, or directly at the airport, or in advance through the SBB website (Payment can be made with a credit card and tickets are sent to you as pdf or on your mobile): https://www.sbb.ch/ticketshop/b2c/adw.do?125

We suggest that you take one of the following trains on Sunday 08 September 2019 (Due to logistics reasons and changing trains, we strongly recommend the first connection):

Station/Stop	Time		Platform	
Zurich HB	dep	11:32	8	(track can change, check on site)
Bellinzona	arr	13.27	3	
Bellinzona	dep	13.32	6	
Locarno Stazione	arr	13.59	3	

Duration 2:27 hours

Station/Stop	Time		Platform	
Zurich HB	dep	12:10	7	(track can change, check on site)
Arth-Goldau	arr	13.01	8	
Arth-Goldau	dep	13.05	6	
Bellinzona	arr	13.57	3	
Bellinzona	dep	14.02	6	
Locarno Stazione	arr	14.29	2	

Duration 2:19 hours

Please send us an email about your proper arrival time at Locarno Stazione right after your travel booking.

From Locarno to Monte Verità

Shuttle bus to Monte Verità: A large shuttle bus will be available at 14:00 in Locarno to take you directly to Monte Verità (*duration: 20 minutes*)

Before and after that time, there will be some small shuttle buses (only for 11 people) organized by Monte Verità from 1pm until 3pm. If a large group arrives at the same time, you may have to wait.

Public transportation from Locarno to Monte Verità:
In case you cannot get any of the shuttles indicated above, you can reach Monte Verità through public buses:
Bus Nr. 1 and 316 from Locarno railway station to Ascona (stop Ascona Posta) and then Bus Nr. 5 ("Buxi") from Ascona to Monte Verità. https://www.sbb.ch/en/timetable.html
Duration: 15-20 minutes for Line Nr 1 and 10 minutes for Line Nr. 5. Costs: 2.20 CHF for a one way ticket from Locarno to Ascona plus 2.20 CHF for a one way ticket for the Buxi from Ascona Autosilo to Monte Verità.
Schedules: Line Nr. 5 ("Buxi") Dep. Ascona Autosilo at: 10:30, 12.05, 16:00, 18:00.

Taxi
There are several taxis available at Locarno railway station. The cheapest rates are usually with the EcoTaxis. Phone +41 91 792 21 01 or 0800 321 321 (free number only from Swiss phones).
Duration: 15 min. Costs: about 24 CHF

Departure from Monte Verità to Zurich on Friday 13. September 2019

A large bus will take all participants to Locarno Railway Station in time to catch the following train back to Zurich:

Station/Stop	Time		Platform	
Locarno Stazione	dep	13:31	3	(track can change, check on site)
Bellinzona	arr	13.58	2	
Bellinzona	dep	14.02	1	
Rotkreuz	arr	15.13	3	
Rotkreuz	dep	15.18	5	
Zürich HB	arr	15:50	9	

Duration 2.26 hours

Connection to Zurich Airport

Station/Stop	Time		Platform	
Zürich HB	dep	17.02	11	(track can change, check on site)
Zurich Airport	arr	17.12	1	

Duration 10 min

If you need a hotel before or after the Summer School 2019

Suggestions to stay in Zurich in the vicinity of the train station:
- Hotel St. Josef   http://www.st-josef.ch/
- Hotel Leoneck   http://www.leoneck.ch
- Hotel Krone Limmatquai http://www.hotel-krone-limmatquai.ch/

Suggestions to stay in Locarno/Ascona:
- Hotel Vecchia   http://www.vecchia-locarno.ch
- Hotel La Perla   http://www.laperla.ch/
- Hotel Luna   http://hotel-luna.ch/
- La Meridiana   http://www.garni-la-meridiana.ch/

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