

1. From Zurich airport to Zurich main railway station (Zürich Hauptbahnhof or Zurich HB)

The best way to travel to the city from the airport is by public transport ([train](#), [tram](#) or [bus](#), depending on where you have to go). Taxis are quite expensive (50-60 Swiss Francs or more) and the travel time (depending on road traffic) is likely to be longer.

Maps of Zurich airport [here](#).

As soon as you clear customs and walk into the arrival area, you will see signs directing you to trains and tram/bus.



Follow the signs until you reach a big hall (sort of circular-shaped, with many shops and restaurants) from where you can reach the train platforms access (one floor below) or exit the airport to the trams/buses stops area (one floor above). Lift and escalators are available.

Trains to Zurich main station (Zurich HB) leave from the platform labelled “**Gleis 3 / Gleis 4**”. Several ticket machines and staffed ticket counters are available in the area that leads down to the train platform.



There are frequent direct connections to Zurich HB, with a travel time of about 10-15 minutes.

If you follow the signs for bus/trams you will exit the airport at the ground level and reach the bus/tram stops area.



The best choice of transport depends on your immediate destination

Directly to the conference venue:

- Follow the signs to the tram/bus stops
- Once outside the airport walk straight to the tram stop (in the background of the image above).
- Take **tram nr. 10** until the stop "*ETH Zurich/Universitätsspital*" (travel time ca. 30 minutes). The ETH stop of tram nr. 10, if you are coming from the airport, is on the North side of ETH (point **(10)** on the map below).



To Zurich city center

- Take any of the trains to Zurich HB, then public transport (or walk) depending on your final destination.
- Train timetable available at <https://www.sbb.ch/en/home.html> (indicate Zurich airport as departure and Zurich HB as arrival).

To any other destination in Zurich (from Airport or main station)

You can search connections and timetable for trains, buses and trams at

http://www.stadt-zuerich.ch/vbz/en/index/timetables/online_timetable.html

In the destination you can either indicate the name of the bus/tram/train stop nearest to your destination or the address itself and you will be given directions to the nearest stop to your destination address.

Be advised that your final destination may not require going through Zurich main station, so check the above link for directions. Perhaps you have a short bus trip from the airport instead of going through Zurich main station.

Tickets

All participants registered for the conference (and registered accompanying persons) will receive a pass for Zurich public transport system valid from Monday July 8th until Friday July 12th for zone 110 (see [here](#) for details). The ticket will be given out together with the badge at the registration desk.

If you arrive on Sunday, July 7th, you can buy a day ticket (for 13.60 CHF) which will be valid for 24 hours from the time of purchase for as many trips as you want within zones 110 and 121 (Zurich city and airport). The validity is printed on the ticket. Tickets do not need to be stamped, you just need to have it with you in case of controls. One 24-hours pass should allow you to circulate until you receive the 5-days pass at the registration desk, valid from Monday.

Ticket machines are available at all stops and inside the airport. They are touch-screen machines with on-screen instructions. All ticket machines can be set for English (in addition to German, French and Italian) and accept credit cards. Several machines also accept cash in Swiss Francs. Most of the ticket machines at the airport are set with a direct button to purchase a ticket to Zurich city, with the option of choosing the 24-hours ticket.

2. From Zurich main station to the conference venue (ETH Zurich – Rämistrasse 101)

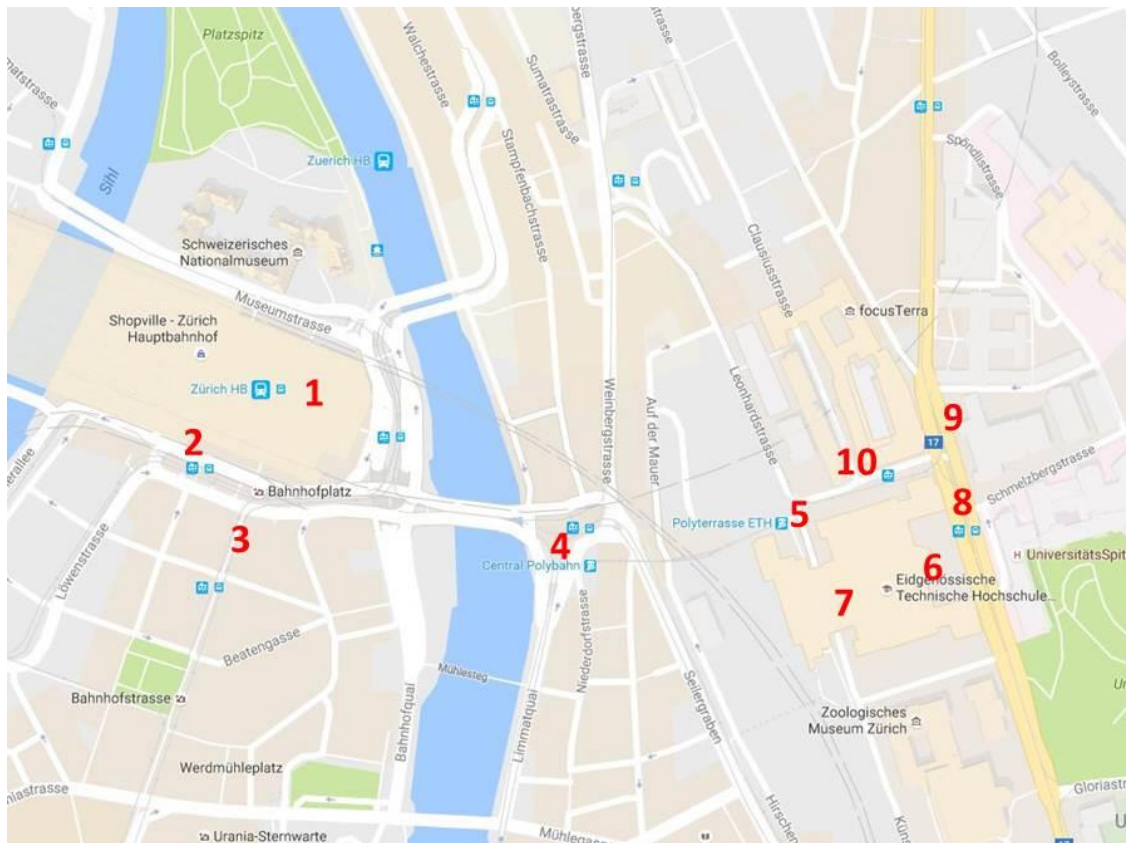
From Zurich main station **(1)** there are several options:

- reach the tram stop “Bahnhofplatz/HB” **(2)** by walking out of the station on the right side (with the trains behind your back) of the big main hall. From this stop, you can take tram nr. 10 (direction “Flughafen” –Airport-) and get off at the 3rd stop “ETH/Universitätsspital **(9)** and walk the short distance to ETH main entrance **(6)**
- reach the tram stop “Bahnhofstrasse/HB” **(3)** on the same right side of the station and take tram nr. 6 (direction “Zoo”) and get off at the 3rd stop “ETH/Universitätsspital **(8)**, just in front of ETH main entrance **(6)**
- Cross the river over the Bahnhofbrücke (the bridge just in front of the main station front entrance) to “Central “ **(4)** and take the quick ride up the hill with the 100+ years old Polybahn. At the top station **(5)** walk to your right to the panoramic terrace of ETH, enjoy a nice view on Zurich and enter ETH from its West entrance **(7)**
- Walk (ca. 15 minutes walk uphill, a good exercise!). The road starts climbing from “Central” **(4)** until ETH.

- Be advised that the tram stop for both lines nr. 6 and nr. 10 for the return trip back to the main station/city center has a slightly different location **(10)**, on the north side of ETH main building.



The "Polybahn" bottom station at the top of Niederdorfstrasse



1. Zurich main railway station (Zurich HB)
2. Tram stop "Bahnhofplatz/HB"
3. Tram stop "Bahnhofstrasse/HB"
4. Tram stop "Central" and bottom station of the "Polybahn" to ETH
5. Top station of the "Polybahn" from ETH
6. Main entrance (East side) of the congress venue (ETH Zurich main building, Rämistrasse 101)
7. ETH terrace and second entrance (West side) to main building (Nice view of Zurich from there)
- 8; 9. Tram stops "ETH/Universitätsspital" for lines nr. 6 and nr. 10, respectively, coming from the main station
10. Tram stop "ETH/Universitätsspital" for both lines nr. 6 and nr. 10, bound for main station (and coming from Zurich airport with tram nr. 10)

From any other location in Zurich:

- http://www.stadt-zuerich.ch/vbz/en/index/timetables/online_timetable.html
- indicate “ETH/Universitätsspital” as destination
- in alternative, use the “public transportation” option with the route planner of Google maps (indicate “Rämistrasse 101 Zurich” as destination)

3. Travel by car

If you travel by car, be advised that Zurich has hardly any free long term parking options (and it is not, in general, a car-friendly city). If you can arrange parking with your accommodation, we advise to leave the car at the hotel and use public transport to go to and from the congress venue.

Some information for parking at ETH is available at

<https://www.ethz.ch/services/en/service/rooms-locations-transport/parking.html>

Another option (recommended if you do not have free parking from your accommodation) is to buy daily permission for the “Blue Zones”. They are parking spaces distributed all over the city and marked by blue lines where long term parking is allowed during the day if the regular permit (15.- CHF/day) is purchased and exposed on the dashboard. Nights (from 19:00 to 8:00) and Sundays are free of charge.

The permit can be bought online at

<https://e-gov.stadt-zuerich.ch/egpakv/uctagesbewilligung/nutzungsbedingungen.xhtml?handwerker=false>

(the page is only in German but it is relatively easy to navigate)

You just need to input the car’s licence plate number and the dates (you can buy up to 10 days at once) and you can pay by credit card. The permits (one page for each day) will be sent to you as pdf by email and you must print them and expose the appropriate day on your dashboard.

There are some blue parkings within walking distance from ETH, but during daytime they get occupied rather fast. Provided you find a blue space near ETH, this option is more convenient than parking at ETH for the whole day, plus the permit is valid all over the city.