

INFO ABOUT TRAVEL TO AND WITHIN PISA

2nd Coastal Altimetry Workshop

Pisa, 6-7 November 2008

Getting to Pisa

By plane: Pisa has an international airport with daily flights to London, Paris, Bruxelles and other important European cities (the vast majority of which are offered by low cost companies) and also New York (with Delta), as well as to Rome, Milan, and other Italian cities. The timetable of incoming and outgoing flights together with a list of carriers is available at the Pisa International Airport website ([Galileo Galilei Airport, PSA](#)). The airport is very near to the center of Pisa and it is connected both by train (a 5 minute trip) and by bus to the Railway Central Station. The train schedule is available [here](#). Please refer to "Pisa Aeroporto" for the airport rail station and "Pisa Centrale" for the Railway Central Station. The bus LAM Rossa ([L/R](#)) (direction S. Iacopo) connects the airport to the Railway Central Station as well as the area of Piazza dei Miracoli (the complex of Leaning Tower, Cathedral, Baptistery and Monumental Cemetery). The bus schedule is available [here](#) (Italian language). Bus tickets may be purchased at airport. The tickets must be validated on boarding the bus, and kept until you have left the bus stop. You may be controlled also after descending from the bus. Taxis from the airport to downtown (and most of the hotels) will cost about 8-10 Euros (Radiotaxi 050-541600).

By train: The Railway Central Station (Pisa Centrale) is located on the main line from Turin and Genoa to Rome. There are more than 20 trains daily from Rome (3 hr.). From Florence, 40 daily trains make the trip (80-90 min.). Three to four trains an hour run from nearby Livorno (15 min.); and there are trains running approximately every hour from Siena (100-110 min.). Lucca zips 24 runs here every day (20-30 min.). On the Lucca line, day-trippers could get off at the San Rossore station, just a few blocks west of Piazza dei Miracoli and its Leaning Tower. All other trains, and the Lucca one eventually, pull into Pisa Centrale station. From here, the bus LAM Rossa ([L/R](#)) (direction S. Iacopo) will take you to Piazza dei Miracoli. The train schedule is available [here](#).

By car: Pisa is near the intersection of two highways: A12 north-south (Sestri Levante - Livorno) and A11 east-west (Pisa - Florence). Informations about italian highways can be found [here](#)

Getting around Pisa

The small size of the city, the fact that most places of interest are concentrated in the historic centre and the large pedestrian areas make it ideal for walks. Motorists can leave their cars at the free shuttle parks and reach the city centre on foot or by bus (shuttles C and E). Pay and display car parks are available close to the pedestrian area for those who are not fond of walking, or are simply in a hurry. Access to the limited traffic zone (ZTL) is controlled by cameras, and all infringers are identified and fined. See the web site of the [Compagnia Pisana Trasporti](#) (Italian

language only) for information about all bus lines. Bus tickets may be purchased at the station, tobacconists, newsagents. Check with your hotel concierge for the nearest bus stop and bus routes.

Getting to meeting venue

The workshop will be held at the main campus of Sant' Anna School for Advanced Studies (venue: "Aula Magna"), located in Piazza Martiri della Libertà, 33, a central square in the historical center of Pisa (300 m from Piazza dei Miracoli, Duomo and the tower). Please click to see a [map](#) with indication of location of the meeting venue. From within the center of the city the cheapest and fastest way to reach the location is by walk. Walking from the Railway Central Station (Pisa Centrale) to the campus takes about 20 min. The venue can be also reached using city [buses](#). A taxi is the best option for people staying outside the city centre.

VISA

A valid passport is required for entry in Italy from outside of the European Schengen area. Participants from some countries will also need a visa. They can obtain it at the Italian Embassy or Consulate in their country. For further information about visas, please check the web site of the [Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs](#). On request, the secretariat will send a personal invitation to participate in the workshop. This invitation is meant only to help visitors to raise travel funds or to obtain a visa, and is not a commitment on the part of the organizers to provide any financial support. Visitors who require an entry visa should apply in advance to the Italian Embassy.

Getting to Nice (OSTST and GODAE meetings) from Pisa

The city of Nice can be reached by plane, train and car.

By plane: There is no direct connection with Nice from Pisa, but it is possible to schedule connected flights

By train: There are several trains daily from Pisa towards Genoa and Turin. You have to get off at Genoa and connect to trains with direction Nice (some involve a further change in Ventimiglia, at the French border). You can plan the train schedule [here](#). The trip is long (~6 hours overall) but with great views as the rail line runs all along the Ligurian coast (and it is also possible to stop over in cute coastal villages as the CinqueTerre). There is also a direct EURONIGHT sleeper train between Pisa and Nice, leaving Pisa at 00:38 and getting to Nice at 8:40.

By car: take the A12 motorway at "Pisa Centro" (near airport) and follow A12 towards the North (Livorno-Sestri Levante). From Genova follow on the A10 Ventimiglia/Menton/Marseille (called "Dei Fiori"); You can see complete travel schedule [here](#) (from Google maps). Informations about italian highways can be found [here](#). If you rent a car you have a chance to stop in beautiful coastal places along the route like CinqueTerre, Portofino, SanRemo, etc.