



Travel Information:

- **From Zürich Airport – Switzerland** (Zürich Flughafen / www.zurich-airport.com)
(travel time to Riva about 3 hours)
COST: approx. Swiss Francs 75.-

There is free limited WiFi and it is advisable to download the airport app.

The easiest way to travel to Riva is by train.

TRAIN: at the airport follow the signs to the train station: (please note that every approx. 8/10 minutes there is a train going to the main train station of Zürich).

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

From: **Zürich Flughafen (Airport)**

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

When you reach your destination (look at the TV screen with stops approaching...): Capolago-Riva San Vitale, you need to be prepared 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 the Center and the shortest walk to it (BLUE DOTS): <https://goo.gl/maps/inXr4EH4tF92> - DOWNLOAD it into your PHONE, so that you have it all the times with you.

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- **From Milano Malpensa Airport - Italy:** <http://www.milanomalpensa-airport.com/en>
(travel time to Riva about 1 hour and 30 minutes or longer depending on transportation chosen)
COST: approx. Swiss Francs 20 for bus + Swiss Francs 4.50 for the train.
From Milano Malpensa to Riva San Vitale there are 3 options. For the BUS&TRAIN option the difference is times and frequency of busses (please check both options before deciding) both busses can be reached by exiting door no. 4 and going toward parking no. 5.

1. **OPTION 1: BUS&TRAIN:** this service is called “**Malpensa Express-Giosy Tours**” <http://malpensa-express.com/en/schedules.html>, from Milano airport take the bus Malpensa Express, operated by Giosy Tours buses to Chiasso Dogana (about 50 minutes ride), than take a local train S-10 (the train is named TILO) from Chiasso to Capolago-Riva San Vitale train station (about 12 minutes ride). This service has most buses stopping in Chiasso BUT at some specific times the stop is in Mendrisio at Hotel Coronado (this is closed to the Center), but you are still required to take the train to Capolago-Riva San Vitale train station.

You must pay cash the driver (either Euros or Swiss Francs), no credit cards accepted. **Reservation is recommended** and can be made online at:

<http://malpensa-express.com/en/reservation.html>

In Chiasso you will be dropped off at Swiss-Italian border bus station area (called Dogana in Italian). From there walk up the “via Giuseppe Motta”, about 3 minutes on foot until you reach the Chiasso train station. Map with instructions: <https://goo.gl/maps/cqHcqpppcKm>

If you take the Service to Mendrisio Hotel Coronado you will have to walk to the train station, 10 minutes away, by following this map: <https://goo.gl/maps/oBHz6MEgMJH2>

At Chiasso and Mendrisio train stations take the train to Capolago-Riva San Vitale. Local trains S-10 named TILO run most of the day every 30 minutes. Check the schedules at: <https://www.sbb.ch/en/home.html>

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

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

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- **From Milano Linate (Milano city Airport) - Italy:** <http://www.milanolate.eu/en> (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.milanolate.eu/en/accessibility-and-parking/means-of-transport/by-coach>

Details and suggestions: take the Starfly Linate Bus service to Milano Centrale Train station. Tickets: the cost is of about Euro 4.00 and they can be purchased on board. It takes about 20/30 minutes (depending on traffic) to reach the Milano Centrale Train Station. Buses run for most the day every 30 minutes.

From the Milano Centrale Train Station to Riva San Vitale:

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

From: **Milano Centrale**

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

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- **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.shuttle-bus.com/index.html>

Direct information from its website: http://www.shuttle-bus.com/orario_dal_311016.html

The cost for this service: http://www.shuttle-bus.com/prezzi_dal_311016.html

Taxi services please visit this website: <http://www.lugano-airport.ch/en/facilities/taxi-shuttle> [taxi are not generally waiting for customers at the airport and need to be contacted by phone, advance reservation] Service cost is CHF 35-40.-. At your own cost you can call the taxi directly from the Airport (please be prepared to wait for this service depending on taxis availability).

Once you arrive at the Lugano train station:

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

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

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2. **TAXI SERVICE** from Airport to Riva San Vitale cost average CHF 90.00 for a car, if you need a van due to the amount of luggage the cost may be higher. No credit cards! Or supplement for paying credit card.

- **From Bergamo Orio al Serio Airport (low-cost Airlines) - Italy:**

<http://www.sacbo.it/Airpor/portalProcess.jsp?languageID=2>

(travel time to Riva about 2.30 hours depending on transportation chosen).

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

- Just train (that includes a bus from the Airport to the Bergamo train station (15 minutes));
- Bus to Milano train Station and then train to Riva San Vitale.

1. **BUS&TRAIN: from Bergamo Orio al Serio Airport to the Milano Centrale (Central) Train Station:** (it takes about 1 hour drive, depending on traffic).

Bus operator:

- <http://www.orioshuttle.com/?a=1&arg=0&l=e>
(one way costs about Euro 4.00) Tickets to be purchased online.

From the Milano Centrale Train Station to Riva San Vitale:

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2. The train option: <https://www.sbb.ch/en/home.html> (unfortunately for this option you cannot buy the ticket online because it is a cross-border route). From the Airport to the train station there are ATB busses every 20 minutes (ride is about 10 minutes).

With this connection you will change train most likely in Monza and not go all the way to Milano Centrale. However there are long waiting times in Monza.

From: Bergamo

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