

CONFERENCE: 2<sup>ND</sup> EDITION - ICT FOR LANGUAGE LEARNING

FLORENCE, ITALY

6TH – 7TH NOVEMBER 2009

## GETTING TO THE CONFERENCE VENUE

The Conference will be held at Hotel Mirage (Golden Tulip), a 4 star hotel situated in the business district of the city.

Hotel Mirage (Golden Tulip), is a 5 minute taxi journey from Florence's "Amerigo Vespucci" / "Peretola" airport and a 15 minute bus journey from the historical city centre.

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## Arriving in Florence



### Arriving at Florence "Amerigo Vespucci" / "Peretola" Airport

Hotel Mirage is a 5 minute taxi journey from Florence's "Amerigo Vespucci" / "Peretola" airport. A taxi rank can be found immediately outside the Arrivals terminal at the airport. The journey should cost around € 12.



### Arriving at Pisa "Galileo Galilei" Airport

#### **By coach**

A coach service runs directly from Pisa airport to the Santa Maria Novella train station in Florence. Tickets are available onboard all Ryanair flights and from the Terravision desk in the Arrivals hall of the airport and can also be bought online.

The coach departs from the coach car park which is on your right as you exit the airport from the Arrivals hall.

The journey takes about 1 hour and 10 minutes.

For further information about the coach times and for online booking please see:  
[http://www.terravision.it/florence\\_pisa.html](http://www.terravision.it/florence_pisa.html)

A one-way ticket costs € 10 and a return ticket costs € 16.

#### **By Train**

Trains also run directly from Pisa airport to Florence's main train station, Santa Maria Novella at the following times:

For further information about the train times please see: <http://www.trenitalia.it/en/index.html>

A one-way ticket costs € 5.20. The journey time is about 1 hour and 10 minutes.

N.B Remember to validate your train ticket in the yellow machines on the station platform before boarding the train.

Both the coaches and trains from Pisa airport arrive at the main train station Santa Maria Novella. Please see the Arriving at Hotel Mirage in Florence section for details on how to reach Hotel Mirage.



### Arriving at "G. Marconi" Bologna Airport

BLQ Aerobus buses leave from outside the airport Arrivals hall for the main train station in Bologna every 15 – 20 minutes from 6 am until 23.40. The journey takes 20 minutes.

Tickets may be purchased on board (one-way ticket: € 5).

Eurostar (€15 one way) and Intercity (€11.50 one way) trains leave at regular intervals from Bologna train station for Florence (the last train is at 22.45). The journey time is one hour.

N.B For Eurostar trains it is necessary to book a seat. To purchase tickets in advance or to find out timetable information please consult <http://www.trenitalia.com/>.

N.B Remember to validate your train ticket in the yellow machines on the station platform before boarding the train.

You will arrive at the main train station Santa Maria Novella. Please see the Arriving at Hotel Mirage in Florence section for details on how to reach Hotel Mirage.



### Arriving at Rome "Fiumicino" Airport

There is a direct non-stop train service from Fiumicino Airport Station to Roma Termini station. "Leonardo Express" Trains run every half hour during the day, from 06:37 to 23:37. Journey time is around 32 minutes. A one-way ticket costs around €11.

Eurostar trains leave every half hour or so for Florence. Journey time is around 1 hour and 30 minutes. A one-way ticket costs around € 40.

N.B For Eurostar trains it is necessary to book a seat. To purchase tickets in advance or to find out timetable information please consult <http://www.trenitalia.com/>.

N.B Remember to validate your train ticket in the yellow machines on the station platform before boarding the train.

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### Arriving at Milan "Malpensa" Airport

The Malpensa Shuttle coaches leave Malpensa airport for Milan Central train station every 20 minutes.

A one-way ticket costs around € 5

For further information on the "Malpensa Shuttle" please see <http://www.malpensashuttle.it>

From Milan Central station to Florence.

Eurostar trains leave Milan Central station every hour or so for Florence. Journey time is around 3 hours. A one-way ticket costs around € 45.

N.B For Eurostar trains it is necessary to book a seat. To purchase tickets in advance or to find out timetable information please consult <http://www.trenitalia.com/>.

N.B Remember to validate your train ticket in the yellow machines on the station platform before boarding the train.

You will arrive at the main train station Santa Maria Novella. Please see the Arriving at Hotel Mirage in Florence section for details on how to reach Hotel Mirage.



### Arriving at Milan "Linate" Airport

The centre of Milan is 7 km from Linate airport. Milan can be reached by car or by bus.

Taxis are available outside the Arrivals hall. The journey to the centre of Milan is about € 15.

Buses leave from outside arrivals every 30 minutes from 6.05 am to 11.45 pm every day. The ticket costs € 3. Tickets can be bought at Agenzia Starfly Linate or on the bus.

From Milan Central station to Florence

Eurostar trains leave Milan Central station every hour or so for Florence. Journey time is around 3 hours. A one-way ticket costs around € 45.

N.B For Eurostar trains it is necessary to book a seat. To purchase tickets in advance or to find out timetable information please consult <http://www.trenitalia.com/>.

N.B Remember to validate your train ticket in the yellow machines on the station platform before boarding the train.

You will arrive at the main train station Santa Maria Novella. Please see the Arriving at Hotel Mirage in Florence section for details on how to reach Hotel Mirage.

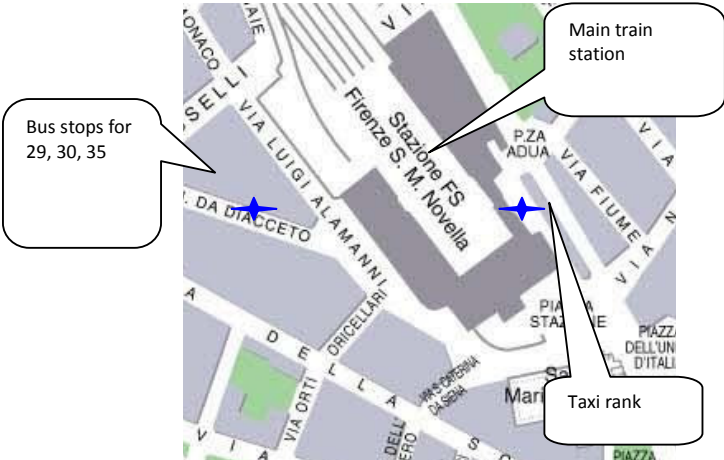


**Arriving at Florence Santa Maria Novella Train Station**

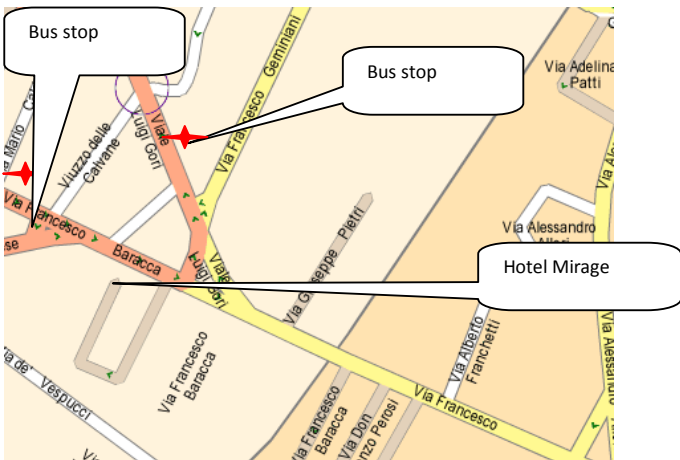
Arriving at the Florence Santa Maria Novella station (please see map below)  
 To reach Hotel Mirage form the main train station you can take a taxi from the taxi rank outside the station.  
 The journey takes about 15 minutes and will cost from 15 – 20 euro.

Alternatively you can take bus number 29, 30 or 35 from the station which stop at the bus stop outside Hotel Mirage. It is necessary to buy a bus ticket from a newspaper stand or a Tabacchi shop with a T sign outside.

You can buy a ticket for one bus journey for about €1.20 or a ticket for four journeys which costs around €4.50. You must validate your ticket in the machines on the bus and it is valid for 70 minutes on any of the urban buses (orange) in Florence. If you ask the bus driver he/she will indicate the bus stop closest to Hotel Mirage.



**Main Florence Train station  
 "Santa Maria Novella"**



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