

A GUIDE FOR THE INCOMING PARTICIPANTS TO THE 19th ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE ITALIAN SOCIETY OF LAW AND ECONOMICS

How to reach Brescia

By plane

If you are flying to Italy, please consider the following options as airports:

1. Brescia Montichiari Airport (Aeroporto di Brescia Montichiari): This is the closest airport to Brescia, located approximately 20 kilometers (12 miles) southeast of the city center. It's a small regional airport that serves limited domestic and international flights.
2. Verona Airport (Aeroporto Valerio Catullo di Verona-Villafranca): Verona Airport is about 50 kilometers (31 miles) east of Brescia. It's a larger airport with more flight options, both domestic and international. It's well-connected to various European destinations.
3. Milan Bergamo Airport (Il Caravaggio International Airport): Also known as Orio al Serio Airport, it's located about 85 kilometers (53 miles) southwest of Brescia. It's one of the busiest airports in the area, serving numerous budget and international flights.
4. Milan Linate Airport (Aeroporto di Milano Linate): Linate Airport is around 100 kilometers (62 miles) west of Brescia. It's another major airport in the region with a wider range of flight options, including both domestic and international routes.
5. Milan Malpensa Airport (Aeroporto di Milano Malpensa): Malpensa Airport is the largest airport in the Milan metropolitan area and is located about 150 kilometers (93 miles) northwest of Brescia. It serves a wide range of international flights and is well-connected to various destinations worldwide.

From almost all airports there are shuttles to reach Brescia or you can connect by train. Travelling with taxi might be very expensive.

By train

Reaching Brescia by train from the main Italian cities is the easiest option, since the city is very well connected by train, along the line Torino-Venezia. There are very frequent regional trains and fast trains (Frecciarossa and Italo). Time schedules and prices are available on the website of Trenitalia (<https://www.trenitalia.com/>) and Italo (<https://www.italotreno.it/it>). Please note that there is only one stop in Brescia (Stazione di Brescia) and the metro station is directly connected to the train station.

By car

For those travelling by car, the main highways that connect to Brescia are:

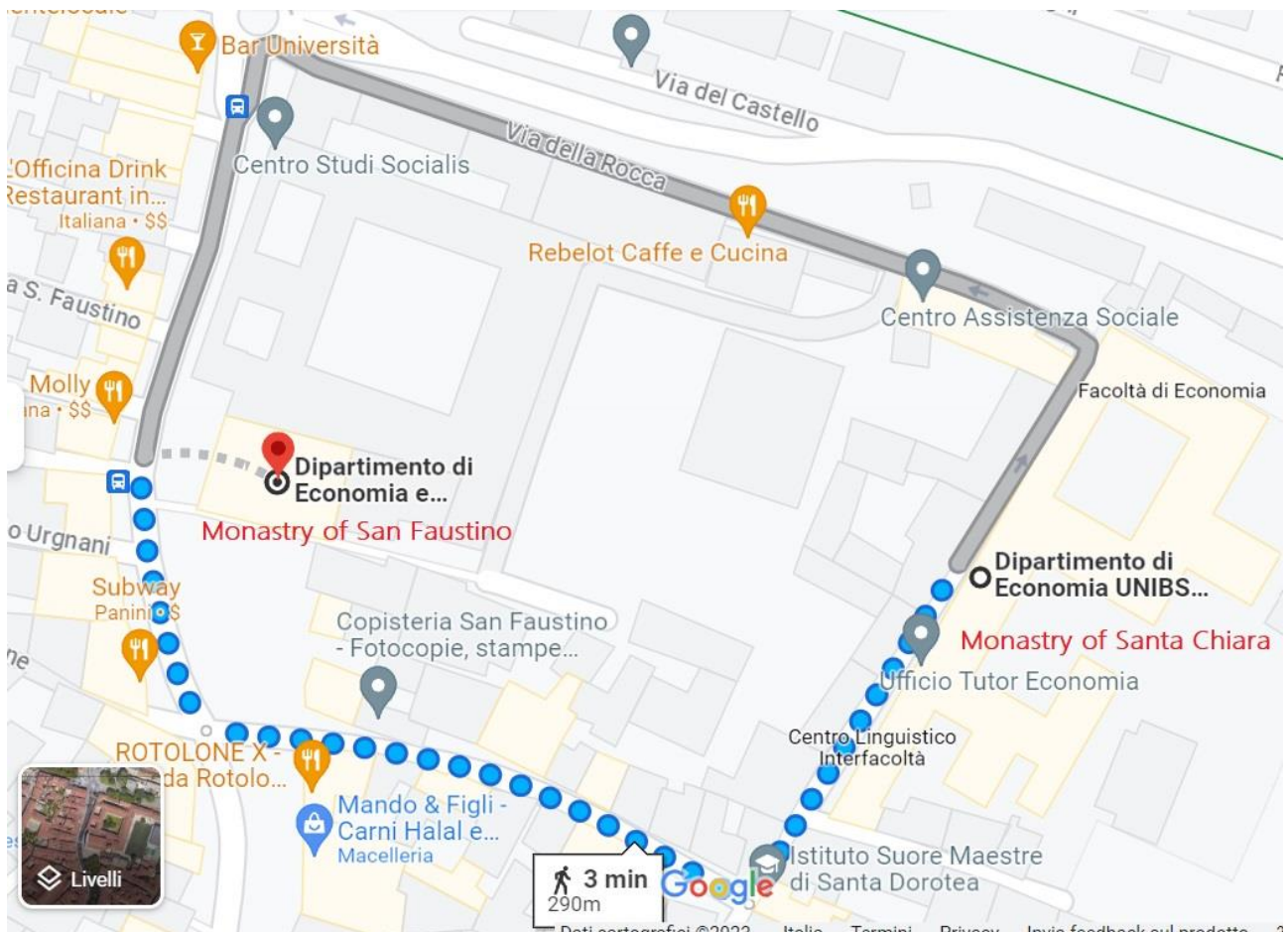
1. A4 Autostrada Serenissima: If you're traveling on the A4 highway, the main exit for Brescia is "Brescia Ovest" (Brescia West) if you're coming from the west, or "Brescia Est" (Brescia East) if you're coming from the east.

2. A21 Autostrada del Sole: If you're on the A21 highway, you'll want to take the "Brescia Centro" exit for the central part of Brescia.
3. A35 BreBeMi: If you're using the A35 highway (BreBeMi), which connects Milan to Brescia, the exit for Brescia is clearly marked as "Brescia Centro."

In order to reach the Venue of the Conference, from any exit of the highway, follow the directions Brescia Centro (Brescia city center) and San Faustino Parking.

Venue of the Conference and the surroundings

The Conference will be held in the Department of Economics and Management (DEM) premises. Please note that DEM has two sites, very close each other: the Monastery of San Faustino Maggiore (<https://www.unibs.it/en/node/2063>) and the Monastery of Santa Chiara (<https://www.unibs.it/it/ateneo/organizzazione/sedi/economia-santa-chiara>); the walking distance between the two places is less than 5 minutes, as it is shown in the map below.



There are many bars and restaurants around the Department and a short walk away there are very beautiful bars and restaurants in the main squares of Brescia, which are Piazza della Loggia and Piazza Paolo VI.

How to reach the venue of the conference

The Department of Economics and Management is in the very downtown of Brescia, close to the main monuments and squares of the city center. It is connected to the train station through the subway (stop at San Faustino). Brescia subway is a fully automatic driverless light metro connecting Brescia northern area to the southeastern neighborhoods and passing through the town center. For more information on the subway, please visit <https://www.bresciamobilita.it/en/the-brescia-subway>. As shown in the map below, the metro station at the train station is Stazione FS. An alternative to reach the Department is to call Vittoria and take a 10-minute walk towards San Faustino. Tickets can be purchased directly on the premises of the subway and e-payments are available at all stops. A 90-minute ticket costs 1.50 euros.



For those traveling by car, there is a multi-level car park in San Faustino, adjacent to the premises of the DEM. Please note that entering by car in the city center is prohibited, because of traffic restrictions; San Faustino parking is the closest option to the city center. Please follow this link to locate the parking: <https://goo.gl/maps/v3hXbGWwz5HmBTz97>

Eating in Brescia

Brescia is a beautiful city in Italy with a rich culinary tradition, also very famous for its wines (the Franciacorta is at driving distance within the province). Here are some places in the city center of Brescia where you can enjoy good meals:

1. **Trattoria Al Gobbo:** A charming trattoria known for its traditional Brescian cuisine, including local dishes like casoncelli pasta and polenta. The cosy atmosphere adds to the experience.
2. **Ristorante La Terrazza:** This restaurant offers indoor and outdoor seating with a lovely terrace. They serve Italian and Mediterranean cuisine, including seafood and pasta dishes.
3. **Osteria La Vineria:** A rustic osteria that focuses on local wines and traditional Brescian dishes. The menu features a variety of cheeses, cured meats, and hearty pasta options.
4. **Ristorante Il Duca:** If you're looking for a fine dining experience, Ristorante Il Duca offers a sophisticated ambiance and a menu that highlights creative Italian cuisine with a modern twist.
5. **Antica Trattoria del Gallo:** This historic trattoria is known for its classic Brescian flavors. They serve specialties like spit-roasted meats, homemade pasta, and a selection of regional wines.
6. **Pizzeria La Conchiglia:** For pizza lovers, this pizzeria offers a wide range of traditional and innovative pizza options. The crust is often thin and crispy, and the toppings are fresh and flavorful.
7. **Ristorante 13 Gobbi:** A cozy restaurant that combines Italian and Mediterranean cuisine, offering a variety of seafood and meat dishes. The atmosphere is welcoming, making it a great spot for a relaxed meal.
8. **Hostaria Ristorante Vecchia Malcesine:** Known for its warm and friendly service, this restaurant features a diverse menu with a mix of Italian and local dishes, including lake fish and homemade desserts.
9. **Ristorante Al Bianchi:** A family-run restaurant offering classic Italian fare. Their pasta dishes are well-regarded, and the atmosphere is comfortable and inviting.
10. **Trattoria Al Bersagliere:** This trattoria is famous for its traditional Brescian dishes and cozy atmosphere. It's a great place to try local specialties and immerse yourself in the city's culinary culture.

Remember that opening hours, availability and weekly closing may vary, so it's a good idea to check in advance and make reservations if needed.

Lodging and housing

Around the city center, several options exist for a good stay in Brescia. Other places can be easily reached with the metro. Here is a non-exhaustive list of hotels in or close to the downtown.

1. **Hotel Vittoria (<https://www.hotelvittoria.com>):** A centrally located, five-star hotel offering comfortable rooms and a restaurant. It's known for its historic charm and proximity to Brescia's attractions.

2. Hotel Igea (<https://www.hoteligea.net>): This four-star hotel is near the train station and provides a convenient location for travellers. It offers modern amenities and comfortable rooms.
3. Centro Paolo VI (<https://paolovi.it>): Operated by a non-profit organization, the property is housed in a beautiful 17th-century building with original features and frescoes.
4. AC Hotel Brescia by Marriott (<https://www.marriott.com/it/hotels/vbsbr-ac-hotel-brescia/overview/>): A contemporary five-star hotel with stylish rooms and facilities. It's part of the Marriott chain and offers a comfortable stay.
5. Albergo Orologio (<https://www.albergoorologio.it>): Situated in the historic center, this hotel is known for its unique clock-themed decor. It's close to major landmarks and provides a charming stay.
6. Hotel Ambasciatori (<https://www.ambasciatori.net/it/>): This three-star hotel offers a mix of classic and modern elements. It's within walking distance of Brescia Castle and other attractions.
7. Hotel Cristallo Brescia (<https://www.hotelcristallobrescia.com/it/>): A comfortable three-star hotel with well-appointed rooms, located near the train station and the city center.
8. Hotel Master (<https://www.hotelmaster.net>): Situated outside the city center, this hotel provides modern accommodations and is often favoured by business travellers.
9. Hotel Leonardo (<https://www.hotel-leonardo-brescia.it>): Located near the train station, this hotel offers practical accommodations and easy access to transportation.
10. Hotel Leoncino (<https://sites.google.com/view/the-leoncino-hotel/>): This three-star hotel has a fitness centre, garden, shared lounge and free bike rental. It offers a shared kitchen and room service. The property's staff can arrange airport transfers.
11. Novotel Brescia 2: A four-star hotel not far from the city center and at walking distance from Brescia Due metro station that is four stops from the venue of the Conference.

Accommodation alternatives are available on Airbnb.

Exploring Brescia and around

Brescia is a lovely city and during Christmas time is even more charming. The city of art of the Mille Miglia, it hosts the the largest Roman archaeological area in Northern Italy and the monumental remains of the Lombards, now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Brescia is located between two extremely beautiful areas, such as the Garda Lake (East) and the Iseo Lake (West), that is where the hills of the famous Franciacorta reach the Pianura Padana. If you have to chance to stay over the weekend, there might be plenty of things to do and places to visit. A full guide is available here: <https://www.bresciatourism.it/en/visit-brescia/>

In 2023, Brescia (together with Bergamo) is the Italian capital of culture and there are many events to celebrate. For more information, please visit the website <https://www.bergamobrescia2023.it/en/> where you can check all the events and initiatives.

