

VENUE

Catania is among the ten largest Italian cities and is the seventh largest metropolitan area in Italy. It is located on the east coast of Sicily on the slopes of Mount Etna that descend to the Ionian Sea.

The city features a rich culture and history, hosting many museums, restaurants, churches, parks and theatres.

The main points of interest in the city centre are the Cathedral entitled to Saint Agata, the Norman Ursino Castle, the Benedictine Monastery, the opera theatre entitled to Vincenzo Bellini, via Etnea and via Crociferi. Going around in the city centre, don't forget to taste delicious street food and the best of Sicilian cuisine and to lose yourself in the flavours and colours of the Pescheria, a picturesque Arabian market in a unique Baroque context.

Distances from the Conference hotel:

- City Centre: 5 km
- Train station: 6 km
- Port: 7 km
- Highway: 8 km
- Fontanarossa Airport: 12 km

The Conference hotel is conveniently situated to easily reach many points of interest:

- South Etna(Nicolosi): 21km
- North Etna (Linguaglossa): 47 km
- Acireale: 12 km
- Taormina: 54km
- Siracusa: 75km
- Noto: 110 km

Travel to Catania and reaching the conference venue

By airplane

The airport of Catania (<http://www.aeroporto.catania.it/?lang=en>), named Vincenzo Bellini airport (or still often with its former name Fontanarossa airport), is less than 15 km far.

It is well connected by several daily flights with the airports of Roma, Milano, Bologna, Venice and several other Italian airports. There are also direct flights from/to the major European cities (London, Paris, Bruxelles, Berlin, Madrid, Barcelona, Zurich, etc.).

Using public transportation, you can:

- take the Alibus 457 direction "Central Railway Station" outside the terminal – ground floor on the left. Frequency 20 min from 5.00 am to 12.00 pm - cost €4 per person each way;
- stop in Piazza Borsellino or Central Railway Station and then get the bus number 534, direction Aci Castello.

If you prefer to get a taxi (<http://www.radiotaxicatania.org/it/>) it costs about €50.

By train

You can get to Catania central station by train from every main location. To reach the conference venue using public transportation, you can take the bus number 534 direction Aci Castello.

If you prefer to get a taxi (<http://www.radiotaxicatania.org/it/>) it costs about €30.

By bus

It is possible to reach the Conference venue from the city centre and from the train station by bus (line 534). The bus stop is just in front of the hotel. The bus takes between 20 and 30 minutes to get to the Conference venue; on weekdays, there is only one ride per hour. Please refer to the webfor more details about the time schedule (<http://www.amt.ct.it/pdf/orario534.pdf>) and the route (<http://www.amt.ct.it/pdf-linee/534.pdf>).



By chauffer

If you stay at the conference hotel you can book the hotel chauffeur service from/to both the airport and the railway station by sending an email at atbooking@sheratoncatania.com.

ACCOMMODATION

The Conference venue is at a 4 stars hotel placed in the middle of the beautiful rocky coastline of the Riviera dei Cicli seashore. The hotel offers both a swimming pool and a private sunbathing platform within the rocks. The following discounted rates are granted to the Conference attendants and to accompanying persons:

Breakfast and 10% VAT included	
DUS (double single use)	€ 93,00
DOUBLE/TWIN	€ 113,00

TRIPLE	€ 133,00
QUADRUPLE	€ 153,00

City tax not included, (2017 € 2,00 per occupant per night up to a maximum of 3 nights)

If you prefer a different accommodation, here it follows a non-exhaustive selection of hotels and B&Bs (close to the Conference venue or located in the City Centre).

Hotels

- **** Grand Hotel Baia Verde, <http://www.baiaverde.it> (0.2 km to the Conference venue)
- **** Marina Palace, <http://www.marinapalace.it> (1.8 km to the Conference venue)
- **** UNA Hotel Palace, una-hotel-palace-catania.h-rsv.com (City centre)
- *** Hotel Etna 316, www.hoteletnea316catania.com (City centre)
- *** Best Western Hotel Mediterraneo, www.hotelmediterraneoct.com (City centre)
- *** Hotel Agathae Catania, www.hotelagathaecatania.com (City centre)

B&Bs

- Villa Ortensia, <http://bbvillaortensia.it> (0.6 km to the Conference Venue)
- Pupi Catania Etna, <http://www.pupicatania.it> (2.2 km to the Conference venue)
- Casa Barbero, www.casabarbero.it (City centre)
- Bellini Home, www.bellinihome.net (City centre)
- San Domenico, www.sandomenicoct.it (City centre)
- Inn the Garden, www.innthe garden.it (City centre)

In your choice, please consider that it is possible to reach the Conference venue from the city centre by bus (line 534) and it might be convenient to find accommodation sufficiently close to the stops on the bus route (<http://www.amt.ct.it/pdf-linee/534.pdf>).