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# Villach: Conference Venue

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# Welcome.



## *A warm welcome to Villach*

Here the River Drau marks the interface between three cultures – Slav, Romance and Germanic. These influences have shaped the locals: Villach is open to the world, modern and forward looking – without neglecting its heritage.

Although famous for its winter carnival and summer fair, Villach has proved with its high-tech campaign and current old town revitalisation project – the largest urban renewal initiative in the town's history – that it has changed tremendously in recent times. The former railway town has grown into a cutting edge technology centre and now holds a whole range of leader positions in Austria.

One of them is without doubt Villach's prominent role as an international conference venue. Indeed, with the Congress Centre and the new conference hotel in the heart of the town and the wide range of opportunities available here, Villach has also taken a great leap forward regarding quality in the meetings, incentives, conventions and events sector.



In combination with the culinary diversity and the wide range of businesses in the old town centre, the town has all the ingredients for making your conference a success and making you feel at home. Enjoy Villach – you will be surprised at the wealth of opportunities it holds!

*Yours,*

*Helmut Manzenreiter  
Mayor of Villach*





## Villach. Experience.

### *Arrive.*

Villach is an important junction enabling you to get here quickly and easily by air, rail or road. Situated at the intersection between the motorway south, which links eastern Austria with Italy, and the Tauern Autobahn from Salzburg, Germany and the north, the town is also not far from the airports in Klagenfurt, Ljubljana and Trieste – for access from anywhere in the world.

### *Rest.*

The first-class infrastructure in the year-round destination features stylish hotels in all categories and provides comfortable accommodation in a rustic to urban atmosphere. Villach rounds it off with a high standard of cuisine and wide-ranging leisure facilities.

### *Relax.*

In this area where Austria borders on Slovenia and Italy, the scenic beauty, crystal-clear lakes and majestic mountains create an atmosphere of peace and quiet that is ideal for relaxing. The fresh alpine air and mild climate influenced by the Mediterranean promise the additional enjoyment of sun and a holiday feeling in these fantastic surroundings.

### *Encounter.*

Villach's nice size with just under 60,000 inhabitants strikes the right balance between regional and international. Vitality and a relaxed atmosphere complement each other perfectly and produce that special flair which makes Villach so popular as a place of encounter.



# Experience.



## *Expand.*

Development needs space. The largest and most modern conference and event centre in the south of Austria, Villach Congress Centre has nine rooms with ample space for meetings and conferences accommodating up to a thousand and social events for up to two thousand people. If additional capacity is required, there are another eleven function rooms in the adjacent hotel – connected by a glass corridor.

## *Enjoy.*

Typical cuisine in Villach reflects a mix of traditional Carinthian relatively hearty fare combined with the lighter Mediterranean influence of the neighbouring countries to the south. In addition to regional and national dishes, international specialities provide a culinary diversity that ensures something for every taste.

## *Depart.*

Leaving also means you can return at any time. As a year-round destination, the region welcomes back many visitors time and again. Villach's ideal location is often used as a base for day trips to such nearby cities as Ljubljana, Trieste and Udine or to the Adriatic, which is only an hour a half's drive away.





## Congress Center Villach |ccv|

### *General information.*

Villach Congress Centre (CCV) is the largest and most modern conference and event centre in Carinthia. Architecturally innovative, it also has state-of-the-art technology.

It is situated in the heart of the town on the banks of the Drau with an attractive glass facade not only looking out onto the river but also affording breathtaking panoramic views of the surrounding mountains.

A multifunctional room concept allows various business, cultural and social events to be staged, such as conferences, meetings, exhibitions, trade fairs, workshops, seminars, presentations, concerts, operas, plays, galas, etc.

Villach Congress Centre can accommodate up to 1,000 delegates at conferences and meetings and up to 2,000 people at social events. Nine function rooms are available (for 30 to 1,060 people).

If additional capacity is required, there are another eleven function rooms which can be combined in the adjacent hotel – connected by a glass corridor. Three light, airy foyers with gross floor space of 1,600 sq<sup>m</sup> can also be used for exhibitions.

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# Congress Center Villach.



## Room capacities.

### Congress Center Villach Room capacities. Floor plans. Facilities

Function room	Area (sq m)	Classroom	Conference	Banquet
Josef Resch Saal with balcony	1000	1060	480	300-550
Josef Resch Saal without balcony	653	670	300	300-550
Gottfried von Einem Saal	533	530	330	320-440
Gottfried von Einem Saal north	265	210	160	150-220
Gottfried von Einem Saal south	252	210	150	150-220
Draublick gallery	105	80	50	90
Meeting room 1, 2, 3	58	40	30	
Meeting room 4 + 5	146	120	70	
Foyer, basement	538			
Foyer, ground floor	495			
Foyer, upper floor	545			

### Other rooms in the adjacent hotel

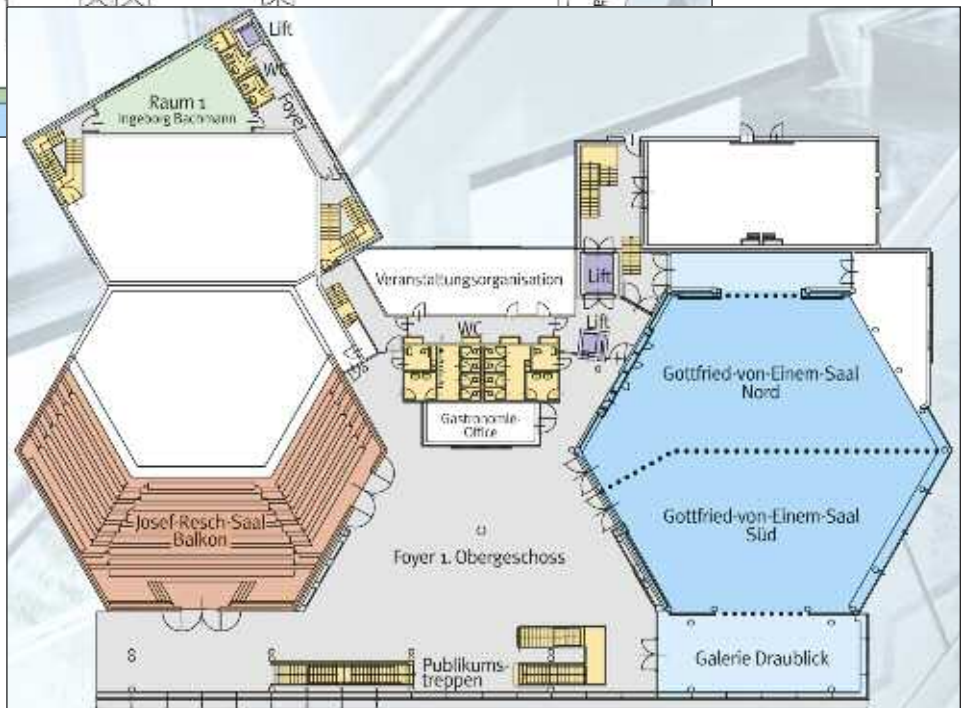
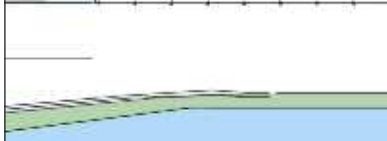
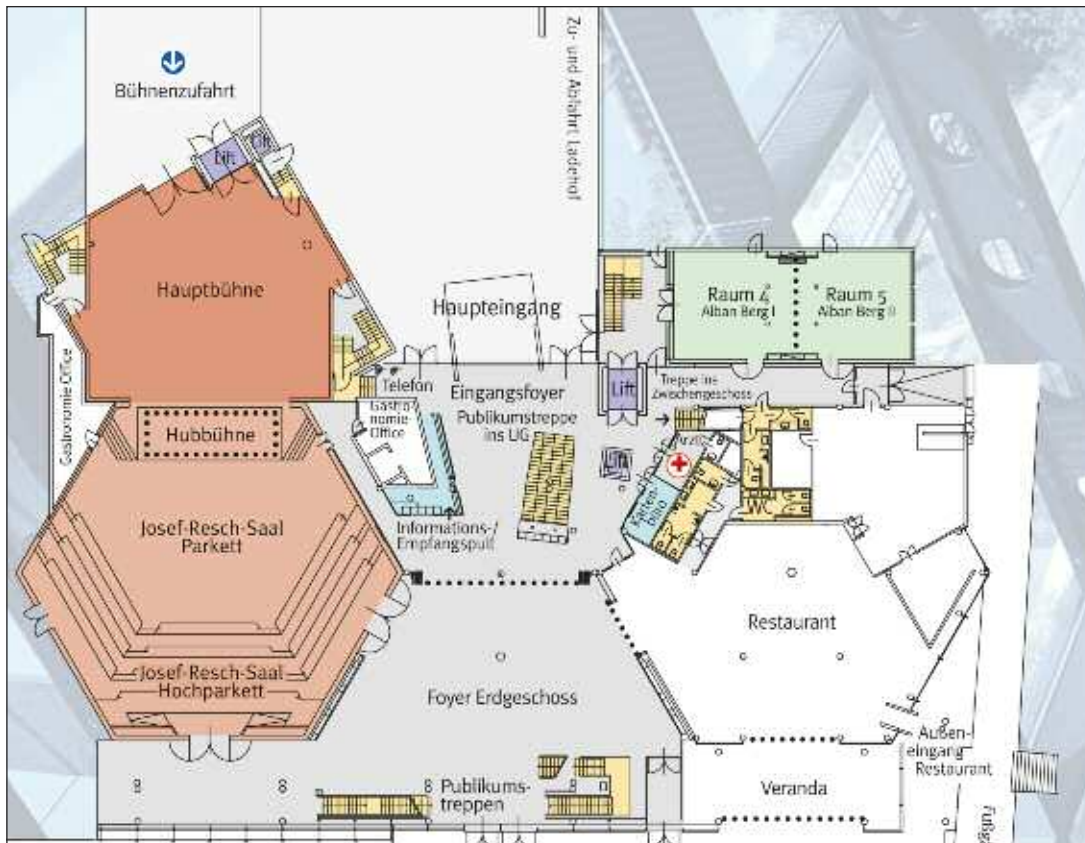
Function room	Area (sq m)	Classroom	Conference	Banquet
Drau 1-4 (combined)	262	180	130	200-300
Drau 1/2/3 (per section)	70	60	32	40-80
Villach, Bamberg, Udine, Suresnes 8 rooms	20		Square/U-shaped 10	
Villach, Bamberg, Udine, Suresnes 4 rooms (combined)	40		Square/U-shaped 20	





## Congress Center Villach |ccv|

### Floor plans.





## Congress Center Villach |ccv|

### *Congress Center Villach facilities*

- Information desk for registration, cloakrooms
- Exhibition space on three levels (over 1,600 sq<sup>m</sup> gross floor space)
- Restaurant, first aid room, goods lift
- Organiser offices
- Infrared simultaneous interpretation equipment with booths for four languages
- Projector and screen in all rooms
- Air conditioning throughout the building
- Internet access
- Natural daylight in all rooms except Josef Resch Saal
- Underground car park: 220 spaces, parking lane for 3 coaches

### *Josef Resch Saal facilities*

- Platform (40 sq<sup>m</sup>) that can be raised or lowered to any height for use as apron stage, orchestra pit or podium
- 114 sq m main stage with 13 line sets and professional stage equipment
- Modern lighting and sound systems

### *Gottfried von Einem Saal facilities*

- Mobile stage
- Room can be divided with wood-panelled sound-proof partition walls
- Can be combined with Draublick gallery
- Modern sound system



Oben: „Josef-Resch-Saal“, unten: „Gottfried-von-Einem-Saal“



## Catering.

All the client's catering needs can be met by the multifunctional kitchen at the Villach Holiday Inn (1 star in the Gault Millau gourmet guide).

Their chefs are highly experienced in providing stand catering, coffee breaks, standing buffets and exquisite gala dinners.

The restaurant in the Villach Congress Centre is also run by the Villach Holiday Inn.

Because the hotel's gourmet restaurant is only a short distance away, it is also an attractive alternative for à la carte lunches, dinners, receptions, meals for speakers, etc.



## Testimonials.

### **Dr. Michael Auer**

*Chairman of the International Conference for Interactive Computer Aided Learning*

"The CCV with the adjacent Villach Holiday Inn is the ideal venue for our international conference on interactive computer aided learning (ICL), which we are now holding here for the 12th time. As over 300 people from 60 different countries attend, perfect organisation and cooperation between the conference venue and hotel is extremely important. We have come to appreciate these features in particular, having organised our event here for several years. I can therefore recommend the CCV/HI as an ideal venue in every respect for large and international conferences!"

### **Prof. Peter Kapeller (conference president)**

*7th annual conference of the Austrian Neurology Society (ÖGN)*

"We wish to thank the team at Villach Congress Centre for their excellent organisation of the ÖGN's 7th annual conference, which went off so smoothly. Great dedication, coordinated and methodical procedures combined with an extremely high level of service were important factors in making our congress a resounding success. For the three Carinthian hospitals involved, the positive feedback regarding the scientific programme was naturally of considerable importance. This can only be achieved, however, if all other factors come together such as an ideal event venue, conference equipment that works perfectly, excellent catering, a high standard of hotel rooms, and both invited speakers and conference delegates being given a warm welcome and looked after properly. This being the case here, all visitors have good memories of Villach and Carinthia and we as organisers also feel at ease about holding future conferences and meetings at the Congress Centre."

# Hotels.



## *Hotel capacities.*

### *Right at Congress Center Villach*

1 hotel *****	133 rooms (266 beds)	€ 99 to € 130
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### *In the immediate vicinity (max. 10 min. on foot)*

4 hotels ****	273 rooms (482 beds)	€ 70 to € 140
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3 hotels ***	114 rooms (200 beds)	€ 55 to € 80
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Guesthouse/budget accommodation	(150 beds)	€ 19 to € 45
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### *In the region*

1 hotel *****	114 rooms (182 beds)	€ 110 to € 140
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17 hotels ****	1,046 rooms (2,141 beds)	€ 70 to € 140
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68 hotels ***	2,366 rooms (3,550 beds)	€ 55 to € 80
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Details as at June 2009

The rates quoted are on single room basis including buffet breakfast.

Accommodation capacities are in the Villach-Warmbad / Lake Faak / Lake Ossiach region (all the hotels listed are a maximum of 20 minutes away from Villach Congress Centre).

To give visitors the opportunity to discover the diversity of Carinthia, the hotels offer attractive pre and post-conference packages.



# Social Events.



## Supporting programme.

### Social evenings

**What your heart desires.** Whether you want to treat delegates to a gala dinner in a stately home, jazz in a brewery cellar, cocktail and sunset cruising on a boat, a rustic alpine experience or medieval castle flair – Carinthia has something for every taste.

### Venues for a successful evening – a few examples:

Location	Max. pers.	Open	km to Villach	Website
Congress Center Villach	600	All year	0 km	<a href="http://www.ccv.at">www.ccv.at</a>
Bambergssaal (former Parkhotel)	300	All year	0 km	<a href="http://www.villach.at">www.villach.at</a>
Kunsthause Sudhaus (Villach brewery)	160	All year	0 km	
Landskron castle	350	04 – 10	4 km	<a href="http://www.burg-landskron.at">www.burg-landskron.at</a>
Stiftsschmiede Ossiach	300	04 – 10	15 km	<a href="http://www.stiftsschmiede.at">www.stiftsschmiede.at</a>
Ossiach music academy	500	All year	15 km	<a href="http://www.cma-musikakademie.at">www.cma-musikakademie.at</a>
Lake Ossiach cruises	200	05 – 10	15 km	<a href="http://www.schiffahrt.at/ossiachersee">www.schiffahrt.at/ossiachersee</a>
Pöllingerhütte on Gerlitz	80	All year	25 km	<a href="http://www.poellinger.info">www.poellinger.info</a>

A conference should not only be about papers, workshops, results and discussions. Leisure activities and entertainment are at least just as important. Luckily, the region has a lot to offer on that count.





## Culture.

**Historic.** Explore Villach's historically interesting old town or retrace the steps of the Celts, Romans and Paracelsus. Look out for the narrow, medieval alleys with impressive stone arches and Renaissance courtyards (dating back to the 16th C) on a guided tour. Villach's Town Museum is also well worth a visit.

**Modern.** Go and see a production at Carinthia's most innovative theatre, neubühnevillach, or browse through one of the town's many art galleries.

**Unusual.** Terra Mystica and Terra Montana in the former mine at Bad Bleiberg give you an insight into the underground world of wonders and how miners used to have to work.

**Spiritual.** Ossiach monastery and abbey church. Built in an idyllic setting on the shores of the lake around 1000 AD, the abbey is the jewel of the resort.

## Sports & Nature.

**Tee off.** Golf in the heart of Carinthia with spectacular scenery and the most sunshine hours in Austria. With the picturesque Alps in the background and crystal-clear lakes in the foreground, every shot is a winner.

**Dive in.** There are over 1,200 lakes of drinking water quality here making Carinthia perfect for swimming, diving, sailing and waterskiing. The leisure centre with fun pool fed by thermal springs in Villach/Warmbad is an ideal alternative in bad weather.

**Aim high.** Walking, hiking and rock climbing. The many mountains in the region around Villach offer a wide variety of routes with beautiful views and chalets to stop off for refreshments

**Ski down.** There are excellent winter sports facilities in the area (Gerlitz, Dreiländereck, Nassfeld, Bad Kleinkirchheim). If downhill skiing is not for you, you can still enjoy fresh air and exercise by going ski touring, cross-country skiing, sledging or snowshoe walking in Dobratsch nature park or on Verditz.





## What we can do for you.

### **Advice, planning & organisation.**

Our team has the experience to help with planning and organising your event and can give you professional advice for selecting your conference or meeting facilities. In addition, we can also put you in touch with companies providing other services such as coaches, interpreters or welcome desks at the airport and/or conference venue.

### **Hotels.**

We can arrange room reservations and settle the accounts at the hotels for you.

### **Social events.**

Tell us what you want and we will try and find the right location for your evening activities. We would also be happy to draw up tailored supporting programmes if required.

### **Site inspections and conference applications.**

We can plan and provide support at your site inspection. Our team will also provide additional documents in the form of photos or presentations and expertise for your conference application.

### **Conference grants. Your benefit.**

Not only does the local government award conference grants (for a minimum of 200 room nights at events of a scientific nature with international attendance (at least three nations), but the town council and Villach Congress Centre also offer support.

The Town of Villach provides conference grants for events with a minimum of 200 room nights. Eligibility for such assistance depends on the number of nights booked for the conference at Villach's hotels.

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## Getting Here.

### By car.

Villach lies at the junction between the A2 motorway south (coming from Vienna/Graz) and the A10 Tauern Autobahn (coming from Munich/Salzburg).

**Tolls:** In Austria the use of all motorways, urban by-passes and dual carriageways is subject to tolls. A 10-day toll sticker costs € 7.70 and a 2-month sticker € 22.20 (prices as at March 2009). They are available from motoring organisations, tobacconists and service stations. ÖAMTC provides important information, news and a breakdown service. More at: [www.oeamtc.at](http://www.oeamtc.at).

### By train.

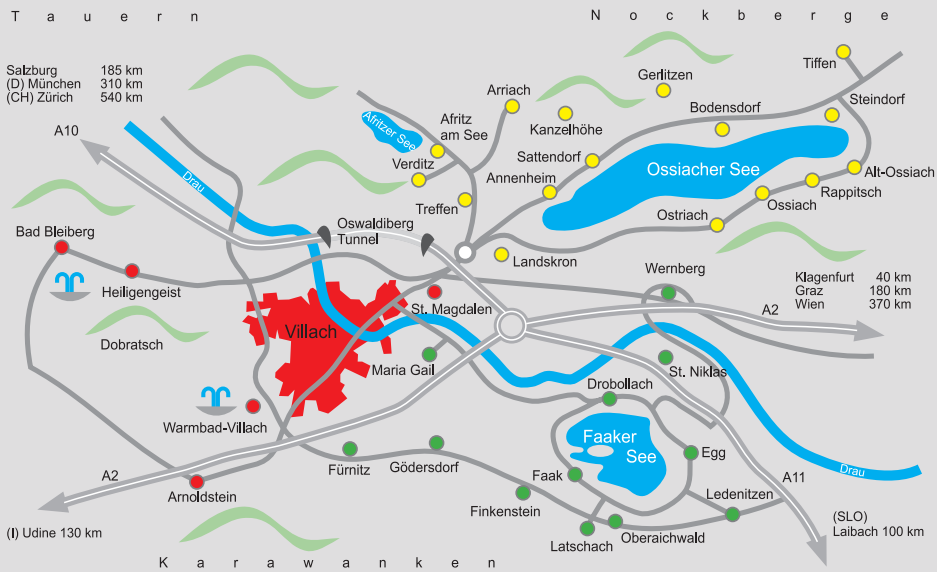
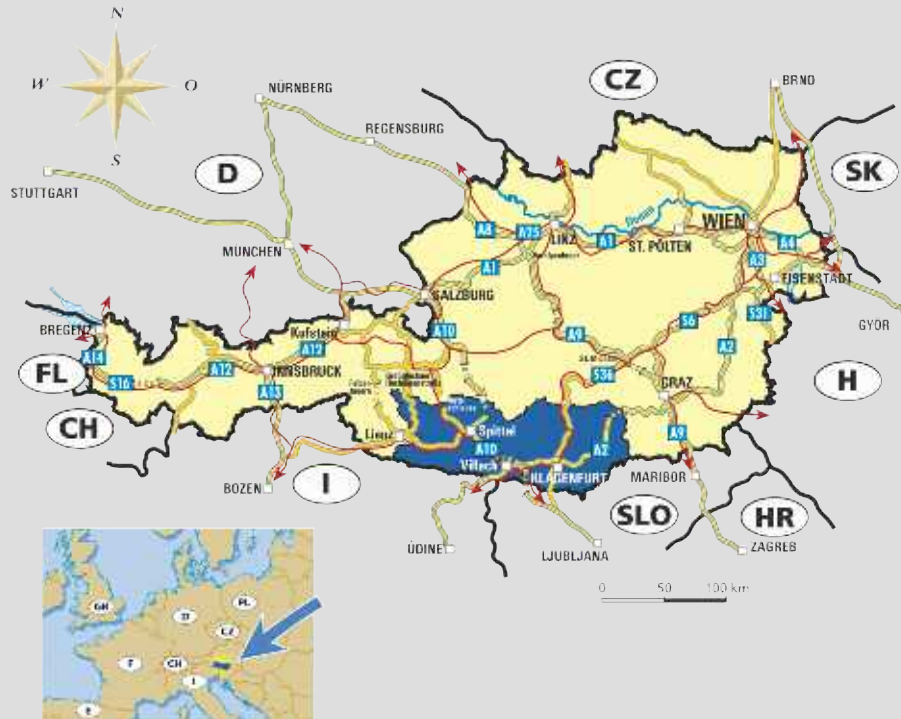
Villach enjoys an ideal location (north-south/east-west axis) for quick and easy access by rail: regular intercity train services link Villach with most major European cities. Villach's main station is only three minutes' walk from Villach Congress Centre. Further details: Austrian railways (ÖBB) / train times and information: [www.oebb.at](http://www.oebb.at) / Tel: 05 1717

### By plane.

Airport	Distance from Villach	Main airlines
<b>Klagenfurt</b> <a href="http://www.kaernten-airport.at">www.kaernten-airport.at</a>	40 km (30 minutes' drive)	Austrian Airlines Lufthansa Tuifly Ryanair
<b>Ljubljana (SLO)</b> <a href="http://www.lju-airport.si/eng">www.lju-airport.si/eng</a>	85 km (45 minutes' drive)	Adria Airways Air France Czech Airlines EasyJet JAT Airways Turkish Airlines
<b>Trieste (I)</b> <a href="http://www.aeroporto.fvg.it">www.aeroporto.fvg.it</a>	160 km (1½ hour's drive)	Alitalia Lufthansa Air France Air One Air Dolomiti JAT Airways Ryanair
<b>Salzburg</b> <a href="http://www.salzburg-airport.com">www.salzburg-airport.com</a>	180 km (2 hours' drive)	Austrian Airlines British Airways Lufthansa SAS Ryanair Tuifly

Several coach and shuttle operators provide transfers at flat rates.

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