Dear Conference participant,

Welcome to Venice. In order to make your stay in Venice easier we would like to present here some meeting logistics and tourist information about the Lido area.

Registration

The registration for the meeting will take place at the "Palazzo del Casinò". The registration desk will be open in the Darsena of the Convention Centre as follows:

Sunday, 20 September 2009 from 17.00-19.00, accompanied by a welcome drink Monday, 21 September 2009 from 08.00-09.00

The OceanObs'09 Plenary session will take place in the Sala Perla conference room on September 21st starting at 09.00 hrs.

Please do not hesitate to contact the conference registration desk for any questions you may have.

Luncheon and Coffee Breaks

Coffee and tea during the scheduled programme breaks will be served in the Laguna Room and the Bar Area. Luncheon will be served in the Laguna Room according to the programme.

The costs for the coffee breaks and the luncheons are included in the registration fee.

Conference Social Events

21 September 24 September 20h00 – 22h30 Ice Breaker Reception in Palazzo del Casinò - Sala Laguna Gala Dinner in San Servolo

Taxi

If you need a taxi please contact Registration Desk.

Useful telephone numbers

Palazzo Casino Registration desk Tel. (+39) 0412720001 – fax 0415262233

Emergency numbers in Italy

Tel. 113 for Security
Tel. 118 for Health
Tel. +39 331474 6580

Changes to Travel Arrangements

If you need to change your return flights please contact the reception desk.

Onsite services

Cafeteria: Opening Hours 09.00 – 17.00 (on participants' own cost)

PC Use: 7 PC's are available at the internet corner – Sala Amici

Wi-Fi networking: Please bring an ID to receive an individual login for the Wi-Fi network

ATM (cash machines):

Near conference center: to the right of the Palazzo del Casinó (beside the Lungomare Marconi)

In the town of Gran Viale: There are four ATM's: UNICREDIT, BANCO DI ROMA, CARIVE. The fourth is at

the Piazzale Santa Maria Elisabetta, on the left just when you get off the "Vaporetto".

Reaching the conference site

The OceanObs'09 conference is taking place at the Venice Convention Center Palazzo del Casinò, on the island of Lido.

If arriving at Venice Marco Polo Airport (VCE)

Leave the terminal building and turn left, following the sidewalk outside the building. Near the end of the sidewalk follow signs for 'Water Bus Alilaguna'. The pier is a 7-10 minute walk from the terminal.

Continue past the Water Taxi pier (fares for water taxi service are 80-100€ to Venice). Buy your ticket for Lido at the Alilaguna Lines booth (13€ one way, 25€ roundtrip).

You can take either the Blu (Blue, generally at :45 past the hour) or Rossa (Red, generally at :15 past the hour) line to Lido (see schedules and maps attached). Each line takes about one hour to reach Lido, making several stops along the way.

Follow directions from Lido to the Congress center below.

If arriving at Santa Lucia Train Station (Ferrovia) or Piazzale Roma (by bus)

Motoscafo Actv No. 51 (counterclockwise circular route) goes direct to Lido via the Giudecca Canal, taking 37 minutes Vaporetto Actv No. 1 goes direct to Lido via the Grand Canal, taking 55 minutes

Buy tickets at Actv booths, 6.50€ for 60 minutes maximum one way. A map of the system is attached.

Follow directions from Lido to the Congress center below.

From Lido Santa Maria Elisabetta to the Palazzo del Casinò (site of OceanObs'09)

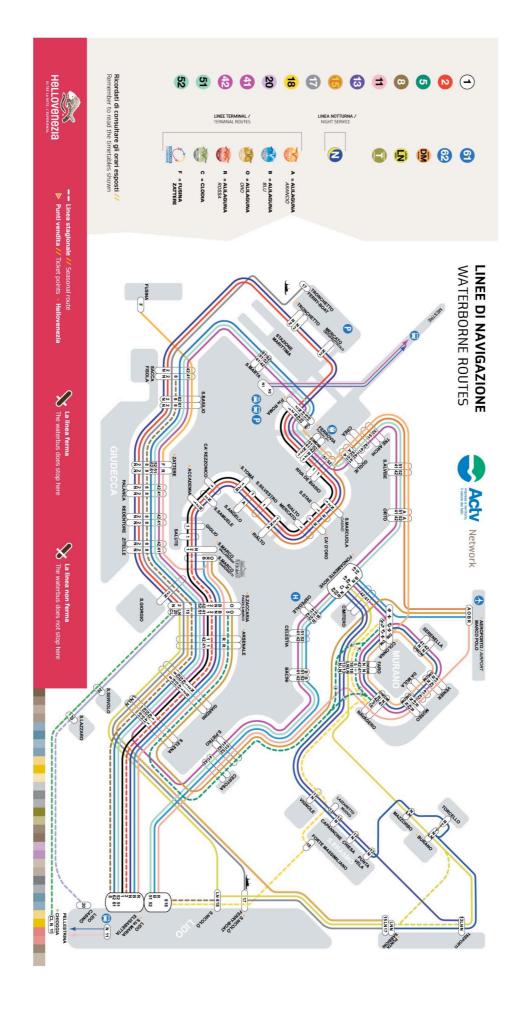
The main dock on Lido is at Piazzale Santa Maria Elisabetta. The walk to the Palazzo del Casinò is about 20 minutes. The simplest route is to walk along Gran Viale Santa Maria Elisabetta from the lagoon side to the Adriatic Sea, then turn right on the Lungomare Guglielmo Marconi.

You can also take a bus from in Piazzale Santa Maria Elisabetta to the Convention Centre. Take the line A, B or C in the direction of "Alberoni" and get off at the third stop. When you get off the bus, turn left and go ahead 50 meters, turning left before the bridge; follow this street and turn right when you see the Convention Centre (Palazzo del Casinò).

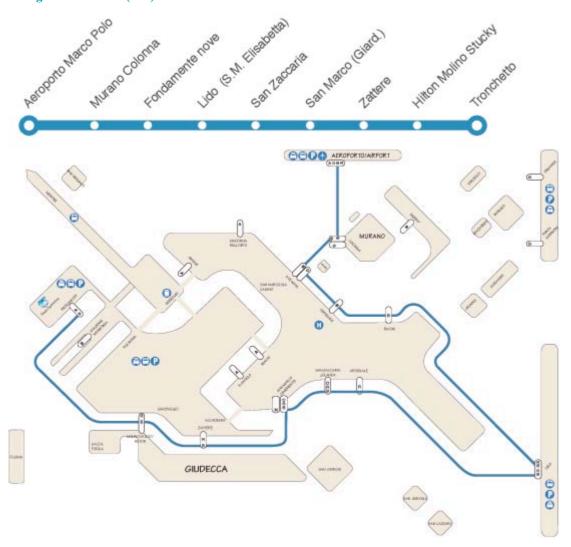
In Piazzale Santa Maria Elisabetta you can also take line V to the Palazzo del Casinò; ask the driver to get off at the stop "Quattro Fontane", turn left and turn left again in the first intersection onto the Via delle Quattro Fontane (leave a costruction site on your left), go ahead and follow the canal, turning left to reach the Palazzo del Casinò.

You must buy your ticket in advance. Tickets may be purchased at the tobacconist's or at the ACTV stands that you can find in Piazzale Santa Maria Elisabetta.





Alilaguna Blue Line (Blu)



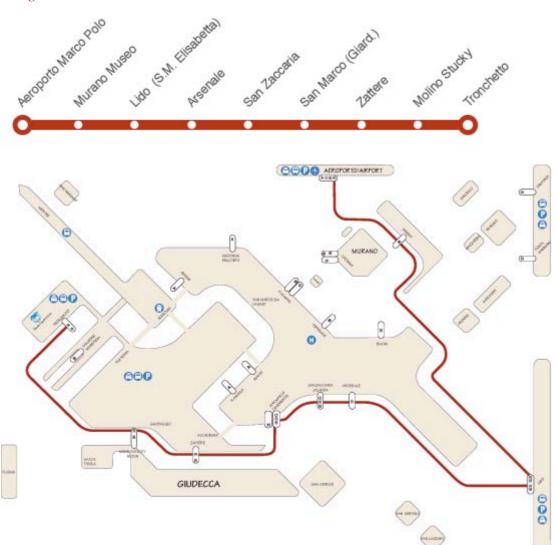
Tickets

Airport - Lido or Venice: 13 euros

Airport - Venice Lido or round trip: 25 euros

Timetables											
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AIRPORT	06.10	07.10	08.10	08.45	09.45	10:45	11:45	12:45	13:45	14:45	15:45
MURANO COLONNA	06.40	07.40	08.40	09.15	10:15	11:15	12:15	13:15	14:15	15:15	16:15
FONDAMENTE NINE	06.48	07.48	08.48	09.25	10:25	11:25	12:25	13:25	14:25	15:25	16:25
HOSPITAL											
BASINS				09.33	10:33	11:33	12:33	13:33	14:33	15:33	16:33
LIDO	07.08	80.80	09.08	09.48	10:48	11:48	12:48	13:48	14:48	15:48	16:48
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Alilaguna Red Line



Tickets

Airport - Lido or Venice oneway: 13 euros Airport - Lido or Venice roundtrip: 25 euros

Timetable

FROM AIRPORT TO TRONCHETTO												
AIRPORT	09.15	10:15	11:15	12:15	13:15	14:15	15:15	16:15	17:15	18:15	19:15	
MURANO MUSEUM	09.45	10:45	11:45	12:45	13:45	14:45	15:45	16:45	17:45	18:45	19:45	
LIDO	10:08	11:08	12:08	13:08	14:08	15:08	16:08	17:08	18:08	19:08	20:08	

	FROM TRONCHETTO TO AIRPORT											
LIDO	08.11	09.11	10:11	11:11	12:11	13:11	14:11	15:11	16:11	17:11	18:11	19:11
MURANO MUSEUM	08.36	09.36	10:36	11:36	12:36	13:36	14:36	15:36	16:36	17:36	18:36	19:36
AIRPORT	09.06	10:06	11:06	12:06	13:06	14:06	15:06	16:06	17:06	18:06	19:06	20:06

SHOPPING HOURS

Shopping hours in Venice and on Lido are following: 08.30 - 13.00

16.30 - 19.30

The shops normally close on Monday mornings and all day Sunday. You may find some food shops open on Sundays.

