

Instructions for Internal Travelers

If you are traveling internationally, we recommend you fly to “Malpensa International Airport” in Milan. Casa Della Musica is approximately 1h50min car ride from the airport. The cheapest and easiest way to reach Casa Della Musica is by using public transportation.

Before you travel:

1. **Call your phone company to see if your phone support data roaming and calling in Italy.** If not, you can buy short-term SIM cards at the airport. Most plans will include 4G mobile internet, call minutes, and SMS. Make sure you ask the details of the plan before buying so you know what you are getting. Be aware that you may need to wait a few hours before your number becomes active.
2. **Call your bank so that they know when you will be in Italy before you travel.** The first time you use your credit card at the airport, your bank may still deny the transaction and will need further confirmation from you. Malpensa airport has free wi-fi, so you should be able to use your banking app on your phone in order to re-authorize it.
3. **If you are traveling from a country that doesn't use Euros, it's recommended you bring some cash with you in advance because conversion rates at the airport will be more expensive.**

After you land:

1. There are express bus routes (approximately 10 Euros, one way) or direct trains that frequently depart from the airport to Milan's main train station, “Milano Centrale”. Check the times beforehand, for example from websites such as <https://www.italiarail.com/train-station/milano-centrale-train-station>
2. Once at the train station, you need to catch the train that stops at “Arquata Scrivia.” You will need to buy a ticket at one of the numerous ticket machines at the station and input “Arquata Scrivia” as your destination. There are many regional trains that go to “Genova Brignole” that stop at “Arquata Scrivia” along the way. Here is an example route:

Stops	Arrival	Departure	Binary
Milan Central Station		12:25	22
Milan Lambrate	12:31	12:32	11
Milan Rogoredo	12:36	12:38	6
Pavia	12:58	13:00	2
Voghera (Italy)	13:13	13:15	4
Tortona (Italy)	13:24	13:25	2
Arquata Scrivia	13:41	13:42	5
Ronco Scrivia	13:51	13:52	5
Genoa Piazza Principe	14:21	14:23	20
Genoa Brignole	14:30		-

Once you have your ticket, head to the gate and wait for your train. Be aware that although “Milano Centrale” has free wi-fi, you will need access to SMS in order to input the security code. You can always check the schedules of the trains at the station from your phone, even if you don't connect to the wi-fi. Look for the trains that go to “Genova Brignole”.