

HOW TO REACH MANDALI

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ALERT: FROM JUNE TO SEPTEMBER VERBANIA-PALLANZA TRAIN STATION WILL BE CLOSED FOR MAINTENANCE WORK. THERE WILL BE A REPLACEMENT BUS FROM ARONA TRAIN STATION (a few stops before reaching Verbania) TO VERBANIA-PALLANZA AND VICEVERSA. Please consider to opt traveling to/from Omegna station instead.

By Plane:

The nearest airport is Malpensa International airport (MXP), which is 1 hour and 20 minutes drive from/to Mandali.

We discourage to fly to Linate or Bergamo Orio al Serio because they are further away by car and are not well connected by public transport (e.g: transfer from Linate Airport costs 270€ one way and lasts around 2.15 hours).

From Malpensa airport to Mandali you can choose 2 options:

- (1) A direct transfer upon request that we can help you arrange with local drivers:
- → up to 3 people —> by car, 150€ one way (only cash, euro currency);
- ⇒ 4 to 8 people —> by minivan, $200 \in$ one way (only cash, euro currency).
- (2) Public shuttle bus from Malpensa to Gravellona Toce + private transfer from Gravellona Toce to Mandali, around 1 hour and 30 minutes in total.

You can easily book online at this link: <u>https://www.comazzialibus.com/ComazziAlibus/</u>. The price for the shuttle bus is **14€ one** way to be paid directly online.

After booking your bus ticket you will receive a confirmation email, please forward it to us in order to arrange your transfer from Gravellona Toce to Mandali for an approximate price of $50 \in$ one way, depending on the driver available on that day.

Here you find the timetable of the shuttle bus, as on the bus company official website:

Malpensa	Gravellona Toce
Departure	Arrival
07:20	08:10
10:00	10:50
11:00	11:50
13:00	13:50
14:50	15:40
17:50	18:40
20.50	21.25
Gravellona Toce	Malpensa
Departure	Arrival
6:30	7:20
9:05	9:55
10:05	10:55
12:05	12:55
13:55	14:45
16:55	17:45
20:05	20:50

By Train:

The nearest train stations are:

- Omegna (9km from Mandali), getting off at Omegna (NOT Omegna-Crusinallo) along the route Domodossola – Novara.
- Verbania Pallanza (19km from Mandali,) getting off at Verbania along the route Milano Domodossola.

For timetables and connections please check the official website of Italian railways: <u>https://</u><u>www.trenitalia.com/en.html</u>.

Upon request we can arrange a transfer to Mandali from Omegna station or Verbania - Pallanza station. To do so, please send us an email at <u>info@mandali.org</u> with your arrival time and phone number. The price is around 40€ **one** way for the route Omegna-Mandali and around 60€ **one** way for the route Verbania-Mandali.

For those arriving from Switzerland or West Germany the connection is Brig to Domodossola. In Domodossola change and take the train towards Novara, getting off at Omegna.

If you are coming from other parts of Switzerland or Europe you can take a train to Milano Centrale. From there you can reach Verbania with a direct train and then request a transfer from Verbania - Pallanza to Mandali.

Since it's not our private service the payments will go directly to the drivers in cash -

By car:

If you are coming from or via Switzerland:

- Brig/Simplon pass: from Domodossola towards Lake Maggiore the exit is Gravellona Toce heading to Omegna. From Omegna follow the sign to Quarne and drive 8 km uphill. As you get to the village of Quarna Sotto you may continue on the main road to the village of Quarna Sopra, until you will come across the signs to Mandali.
- Gotthard or San Bernardino: drive through Bellinzona and Locarno along Lake Maggiore, towards Gravellona Toce and then Omegna. From Omegna follow the sign to Quarne and drive 8 km uphill. As you get to the village of Quarna Sotto you may continue on the main road to the village of Quarna Sopra, until you will come across the signs to Mandali.

If you rent a car at Malpensa Airport:

Take the highway A26/E62 and exit at Gravellona Toce, then continue to Omegna. From Omegna follow the sign to Quarne and drive 8 km uphill. As you get to the village of Quarna Sotto you may continue on the main road to the village of Quarna Sopra, until you will come across the signs to Mandali.

If you opt for a rental car, at Malpensa there are several companies, such as:

- Hertz
- Avis
- Auto Europe Rent.it

For directions you may insert in your device "Mandali Retreat Center" or the following address: <u>Via Belvedere 2, 28898 Quarna Sopra (VB).</u>