

# HOW TO REACH MANDALI

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# BY PLANE

**The nearest airport is Milan 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.

- A private transfer from Linate Airport costs 300€ one way and lasts around 2.15 hours. An alternative option, which is also more convenient, is to take the metro from Linate Airport to Milano Central Station and then the train to Verbania-Pallanza (see the paragraph BY TRAIN for further details)

- A private transfer from Bergamo Orio al Serio costs 350€, one way.

**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, 180€ one way
- 4 to 8 people → by minivan, 240€ 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
- Book online: [www.comazzialibus.com/ComazziAlibus](http://www.comazzialibus.com/ComazziAlibus)
- 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 Gravelona Toce to Mandali for an approximate price range of 50-70€ 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	21:35

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.

## OTHER OPTIONS:

- 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.

We discourage arranging a private transfer from Milano Centrale as it is quite expensive and there might be lots of traffic. A small car (up to 3 people) costs 270€ one way.

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

Upon request we can arrange a transfer to Mandali from Omegna station or from Verbania - Pallanza station. Please send us an email at [info@mandali.org](mailto:info@mandali.org) with your arrival time and phone number.

- From Omegna station: around 45-60€, one way
- From Verbania-Pallanza station: around 60-80€, one way
- Since it's not our private service the payments will go directly to the drivers in cash

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# 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: Via Belvedere 2, 28898 Quarna Sopra (VB).



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