

Travel Information

1. Option - flights to Ostrava

There are flights available from Prague to Ostrava with Czech Airlines and from Vienna to Ostrava with Danube Wings.

2. Option - flights to Prague and train to Ostrava

Trains from Prague to Ostrava (and back)

There are 3 railway companies operating fast trains between Prague and Ostrava. The ride takes about 3 and a half hour and the tickets can be purchased at the railway station before the trip. One way ticket prices are between 350-600 Czech crowns (CZK). 1 EUR ~ 26 CZK. But it is safer to book them in advance through an on-line system. The Prague main train station (Praha hlavní nádraží – Praha hl.n.) can be reached by taxi or by Airport Bus Express. The bus ride takes about 30 minutes and the ticket can be purchased from the bus driver.

Possible railway companies:

České dráhy (ČD, Czech Railways) and their train SC Pendolino or other EC and IC trains

<http://www.cd.cz/en/default.htm>

Regio Jet is private railway company. Though the web page says bus tickets, the train ticket can be bought there.

<http://bustickets.studentagency.eu/>

Leo Express

<http://www.le.cz/>

Ostrava has two main train stations: Ostrava-Svinov and Ostrava-hlavní nadraží (hl.n). The Ostrava Svinov station is closer to the accommodation at the student campus and the Ostrava hl.n. Station is closer to the downtown and the conference venue.

3. Option flights to Vienna and train to Ostrava

From the Vienna Airport take a bus to the train station – Meidling Bahnhof. More information about Vienna airport bus can be found here:

<http://www.viennaairport.com/jart/prj3/va/main.jart?rel=en&content-id=1249344074246>

The ride to Ostrava by train takes about 4 hours. Only a few trains go there directly.

The train connection can be found here: <http://www.cd.cz/en/default.htm>

Getting around Ostrava

From the Airport to the centre

You can use taxi or bus. Taxis are usually available at the airport and are the easiest way.

1. From Ostrava airport to student campus by public transport

Take any bus (e.g. No. 910333) direction to Ostrava bus station (ÚAN). You can buy ticket from the bus driver. There you walk to a very close tram stop Náměstí Republiky. There you take tram No. 8 direction to Vřesinská to tram stop Rektorát VŠB. It takes cca 30 mins. You need to buy a 60 mins tram ticket for 26 CZK.

2. From Ostrava airport to hotel Mercure by public transport

Take any bus (e.g. No. 910333) direction to Ostrava bus station (ÚAN). You can buy ticket from the bus driver. There you walk to a very close tram stop Náměstí Republiky and take tram No. 8 or 2 direction to Ostrava hl.nádraží. Take off at tram stop Stodolní. It takes cca 10 mins. You need to buy a 15 mins tram ticket for 16 CZK.

From train station to accommodation

Please note that if you are staying at the student campus hotel it is best to take train to Ostrava Svinov railway station and if you are staying in the centre you need to take train to Ostrava Main Station (hlavní nádraží).

1. From Ostrava – Svinov to campus by public transport

There is tram stop Svinov mosty very close to the railway station. There you can take a tram no. 8,17 or 7 direction to Vřesinská. Take off at stop Rektorát VŠB. It takes around 15 mins. You need to buy a 15 mins tram ticket for 16 CZK. Hotel is located in the area of the University next to the student dormitory (Studentské koleje). Please see attached map of the campus.

2. From Ostrava Main railway station to hotel Mercure

There is a tram stop right in front of the station which is the end of lines 1,2 and 8. There take tram No. 1,2 or 8 to the stop Stodolní. It will take less than 10 mins to reach. You need to buy a 15 mins tram ticket for 16 CZK.

From hotels to the Conference Venue

1. From hotel Mercure to GONG in the Lower Area of Vítkovice

From tram stop Stodolní take tram No. 1 direction to Dubina Interspar. Or at the same stop take tram No. 2 direction to Výškovice. Take off at the stop Vítkovice vysoké pece. It will take less than 10 mins to reach. You need to buy a 15 mins tram ticket for 16 CZK.

2. From student campus hotel to GONG in the Lower Area of Vítkovice

From tram stop Rektorát VŠB take tram No. 8 direction to Hl. Nádraží but také off at the stop Náměstí Republiky. There change to a tram No. 2 Výškovice or No.1 direction to Dubina Interspar and take off at the stop Vítkovice vysoké pece. It will take around 45 mins. You need to buy a 60 mins ticket for 26 CZK.