

Travel Information- How to get to Ostrava

1. Option - flights to Ostrava

There are flights available from Prague to Ostrava with Czech Airlines. The flights are operating twice a day at noon and at 10pm.

2. Option – flights to other nearby towns Katowice or Krakow

Katowice and Krakow are offering wide range of flights from European destinations. There is an existing minibus "Leo Express" from Katowice airport to Ostrava, details can be found here <http://www.tigerexpress.eu/en/>.

If you stay at the campus you should get ticket to Ostrava – Svinov. How to get from Ostrava – Svinov to campus is described below in Getting around Ostrava.

Another option is a private taxi which can be ordered through this company:

<http://www.airportshuttleostrava.cz/?lang=en>

The cost of transport from Katowice airport to Ostrava is 92 EUR for 1-4 persons and 130 EUR for 5-8 persons.

3. Option - flights to Prague and train to Ostrava

Prague has one international airport the Václav Havel Airport Prague which offers connection to large number of destinations in Europe.

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 ~ 26,5 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. It is not possible to pay in euro or use payment cards.

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.

<https://www.regiojet.com/en>

Leo Express is private railway company.

<https://www.le.cz/i.php>

Ostrava has two main train stations: **Ostrava-Svinov** and **Ostrava-hlavní nádraží (hl.n.)**. The Ostrava - Svinov station is closer to the campus of the University and cheap accommodation at the student campus and the Ostrava hl.n. Station is closer to the downtown and Mercure hotel. Some of the trains stop also at the train station Ostrava – Stodolní that is in walking distance from the hotel Mercure.

4. Option flights to Vienna and train to Ostrava

There are direct trains from Vienna International Airport to Vienna Main Station: a fast train (IC or railjet) twice an hour (XX:06 and XX:39), travel times are between 15 and 18 minutes. Tickets cost are single € 12.00 and return € 21.00.

Ostrava used to be served from Vienna Main Stations with several connections per day (need to check it for the case it changed):

- 8:10 am departure time from Vienna Main Station, travel time 2:48, direct connection
- 11:10 am departure time from Vienna Main Station, travel time 2:48, one change
- 2:10 pm departure time from Vienna Main Station, travel time 2:48, direct connection
- 6:10 pm departure time from Vienna Main Station, travel time 2:48, direct connection
- 10:50pm departure time from Vienna Main Station, travel time 3:04, direct connection

The ride to Ostrava by train takes about 3 hours.

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

It is also possible to use the Leo Express bus. Timetable is available here:

<https://www.le.cz/i.php?page=cms-55057>

Ticket prices are between 390 - 450 Czech crowns (CZK).

Getting around Ostrava

From the Ostrava airport to the centre

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

1. From Ostrava airport to student campus or hotel Sareza 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 approx. 30 min. You need to buy a 60 min tram ticket for 30 CZK.

To get to **Hotel Sareza** take a tram no. 8 or 9 direction to Vřesinská. It will take approximately 20 min so you should buy a ticket for 30 min that costs 20 CZK. Take off at stop **Poruba vozovna**. Then it will take less than 10 min to reach.

2. From Ostrava airport to hotel in centre 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. Hotel **Mercure** is near the tram stop Stodolní. You need to buy a 10 min tram ticket for 16 CZK.

If you travel to **Harmony Club Hotel Ostrava**, you should take tram No. 8 to the stop **Dům Energetiky**. It will take less than 2 min to reach. You need to buy a 10 min tram ticket for 16 CZK.

3. From Ostrava airport to the centre by train

There is a new train connection with the city. Timetable is available here:

http://www.airport-ostrava.cz/UserFiles/Image/Obrazky/JR_Mosnov.JPG

If you are staying in one of the hotels in centre you should go to train station Ostrava – hl.n. (main station) if you are staying in the hotel in campus buy a ticket to Ostrava – Svinov. How to get from the train stations to the hotels is described in the following paragraphs.

From train station to accommodation

Please note that if you are staying at the student campus **Garni hotel** or **Hotel Sareza** 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)**. You can always take taxi if you wish to use public transport please follow the instructions below.

1. From Ostrava – Svinov to campus by public transport and Sareza hotel

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 min. You need to buy a 30 min tram ticket for 20 CZK. Hotel is located in the area of the University next to the student dormitory (Studentské koleje). Please see attached map of the campus.

To get to **Hotel Sareza** take a tram no. 3, 7, 8, 9 or 17 direction to Vřesinská. It will take approximately 7 min so you should buy a ticket for 10 min that costs 16 CZK. Take off at stop **Poruba vozovna**. It will take less than 10 min to reach.

2. From Ostrava Main railway station to hotel in centre

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 **Stodolni (hotel Mercure)**. It will take less than 10 min to reach. You need to buy a 10 min tram ticket for 16 CZK.

If you travel to **Harmony Club Hotel Ostrava**, you should take tram No. 8 to the stop **Dům Energetiky**, one stop from the regional office of the Moravian-Silesian Region. It will take less than 2 min to reach. You need to buy a 30 min tram ticket for 20 CZK.

Buying ticket for public transport in Ostrava

Paper tickets

You can buy a ticket in orange ticket machines on selected tram stations and at the newspaper stands.

Tickets cost 16 CZK (for 10 minute bus ride), 20 CZK (for 30 minute bus ride) and 30 CZK (60 minute bus ride).

Please note that it is not possible to buy ticket from the driver and the vending machines as well as newspaper stands accept only cash and Czech currency.

Electronic tickets

In all Ostrava public transport it is possible to pay with contactless credit cards (VISA and Mastercard). Please note that contactless technology is required!

The price of electronic tickets depends on the bus ride duration.

If you travel for **less than 10 minutes** with a bus/tram you have to swipe the card reader with your credit card when entering the bus and **also** when getting off the bus (the bus ride costs 14 CZK). When you are taking the bus for longer than 10 minutes/when changing the bus you need to swipe the card reader with your credit card **only** when entering the bus/buses (the bus ride costs 20 CZK).

Accommodation

We recommend you one of the following hotels.

Garni*** Hotel is at the campus and is part of student dormitories. It is in a walking distance to the venue of the workshop. 700 CZK (26 EUR) per night, including VAT and breakfast. To book this hotel send an e-mail to: hotel@vsb.cz

Please use the below attached maps to navigate from the tram stop Rektorát VŠB to the hotel Grani at the student dormitories.

http://www.hotelvsb.cz/introduction_hg50&lang=en

Hotel Sareza *** Hotel is close to the university.

<http://www.sareza.cz/sarezahotel/>

Harmony Club Hotel Ostrava *** Hotel is close to the city center.

<http://www.harmonyclub.cz/hotel-ostrava-accommodation.html>

Mercure**** Hotel is in the city center.

<http://www.mercure.com/gb/hotel-7051-mercure-ostrava-center-hotel/index.shtml>



The tram stop Rektorát VŠB is the one closest to arrow with no. 2. You need to get to the place with arrow no. 1 and continue with the next map.



You are coming from the direction of the arrow with no. 3. Hotel Garni is at the red building marked A.