



“A Fine Tunnel”

How to get to “Elsag Datamat Spa, in Genova”

This short guide will help you reach Genova and Elsag Datamat spa possibly in that order. Unfortunately it is not a guide of how to enjoy your stay in Genova but only to get you to our site as quickly as possible and making you aware of some of the vagaries of Italian living, the difficulties of moving about in this ancient city and communicating with its often grumpy people.

The Italian language is a barrier although many travelers have learned the most useful words for survival: *ciao*, *cappuccino*, *caffè*, *pasta*, *pizza*. To take you on step further to your knowledge of the Italian, the word "*Spa*" after Elsag Datamat does not mean that you should look for a place with hot tubs and spring water (*terme* in Italian). It is simply the Italian for Plc. Many foreign travelers have also asked me why the sign "*a fine tunnel*" appears in one of the galleries on the motorway (freeway for our transoceanic friends) leading to Genova. “Why brag about a tunnel that appears as ugly and uninteresting as any other!”. The reason is of course that we are in the presence of an homograph, "A fine tunnel", spelled in Italian exactly the same as in English, means "at the end of the tunnel".

Do not worry to master the locals’ language; most people you’ll encounter will be happy to practice their English with you.

If, while travelling to Elsag Datamat, you run into problems, do not hesitate to call your contact, he will help you.

Enjoy your stay in Genova, or should I say “Have a fine stay”.

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Elsag Datamat spa is located in Genova suburb: Sestri Ponente. It is at about 7 Km from the city center, close to the airport.



Checking into Elsag Datamat

To enter Elsag Datamat premises you should have a recognized document and remember the name of the person who invited you.

Finmeccanica group personnel can show their badges.

If you enter Elsag Datamat by car and would like to avoid a punch up, ask your Elsag contact to reserve a parking slot for you.

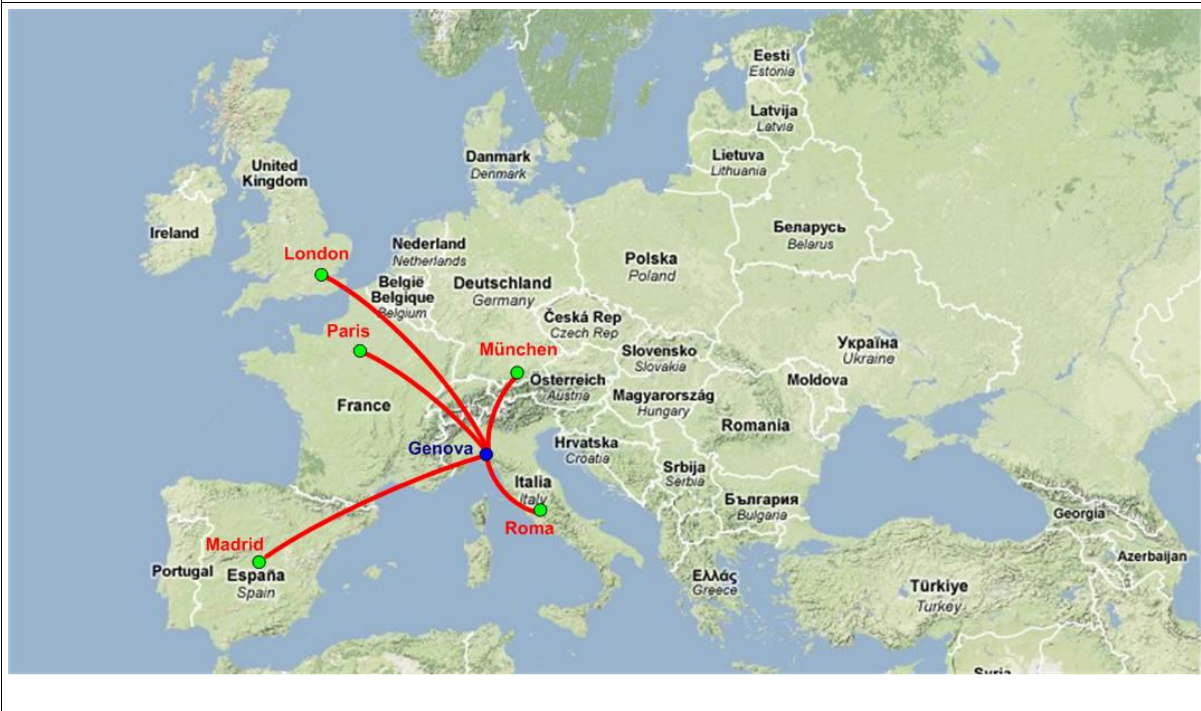
Travel

Air



Direct flights to Genova – GOA¹

Connection from main hubs
(Regular basis)



¹ The airport code for Genova (Italy) is **GOA**. Often travel agencies send people to Geneva (Switzerland) airport code GVA. Make sure they understand the difference.

International and internal direct flights to Genova – GOA

London
Paris
Munchen
Madrid

Tirana
Rome
Palermo
Napoli
Bari
Trieste

Many more flights are available from European cities. These are usually chartered for tourist groups. You should check with your local travel agent for availability if you want to travel, by air, directly to Genova.

Other main airports with Railway and/or Motorway² connections with Genova.

If you wish to travel by car, bear in mind that although distances from these cities is “reasonable” the traffic is often very heavy and the “time” spent is usually much greater than expected.



² Toll payment

Car



Motorway

From: **Milano**: A7 and A10

Torino: A21 and A26 and A10

Nice (Fr): A10

Exit: **Genova Airport**

Detailed information on how to get to Elsag by car from

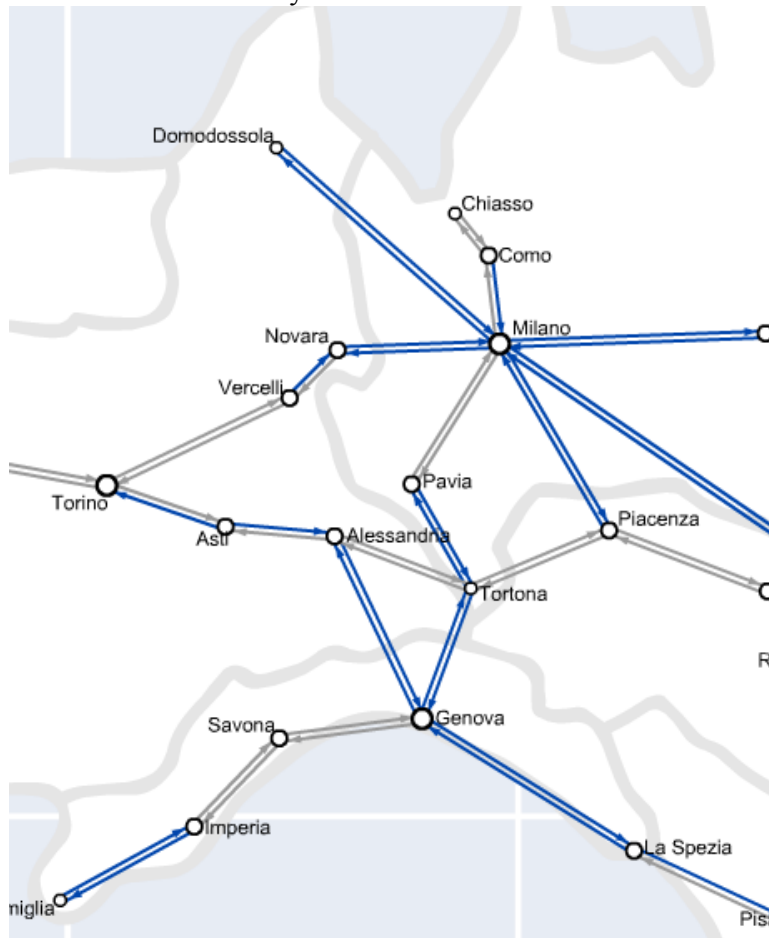
<http://maps.google.it/>

The use of a GPS navigator is advisable.

Train



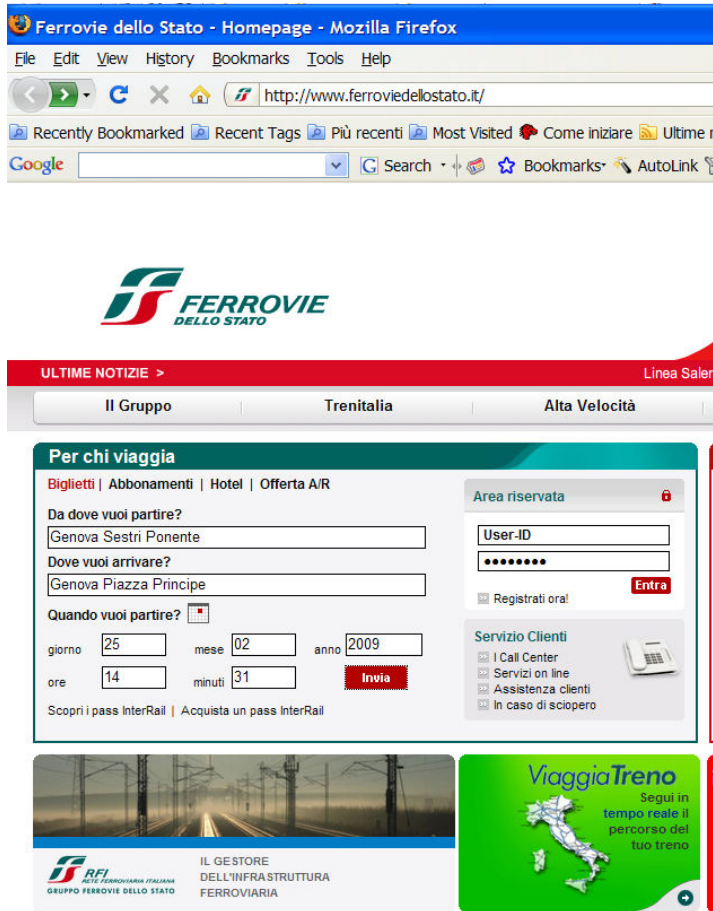
Genova position in the North West railway network:



Detailed information on how to get to Genova by train.

<http://www.trenitalia.com/trenitalia.html>

Please take note that the Eltag Datamat is located in “Genova Sestri Ponente”. You should insert exactly this name when querying for a time table or booking a ticket (see image below for a query example : from Genova Sestri Ponente to Genova Piazza Principe).



You may have surmised that Genova has many stations all with Genova as first name and a specific location after. The main stations are:



Genova Piazza Principe



Genova Brignole

Buying tickets

You can purchase train tickets at stations or online. Tickets have various formats but the most frequently obtained from the ticket office is the one shown below.



Tickets must be validated **before** you board the train with the notable exception of Internet tickets.



Insert the ticket into the stamping machine and wait for it to print the date and time. Keep the ticket until the end of the journey (longer if you want the money back from your employer).

If you have a return ticket you must validate it at both ends of your journey.

Internet tickets can be purchased online and must be printed and carried with you. One of such tickets is shown below.



ATTENZIONE: questa modalità di pagamento non velocizza il viaggio in quanto richiede ad un acquirente idoneo. Per conoscere le regole di questa modalità di pagamento, si consiglia di leggere il regolamento (PDF) al sito del treno.

Intercity, Eurostar and all the fast and flashy trains must be booked in advance.

Staying in Genova

The Town



Genova is an ancient town full of historical buildings and capital of Liguria.
More information at:

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Genoa>

<http://www.turismoinliguria.it/lirgw/turismo/ep/preHome.do>

Hotels

If you wish to reside in an hotel in the central area or the Riviera there is a plenty to choose from (ask your agent for the best priced – very rare).

Near Elsag the only convenient hotel is:

Sheraton Genova Hotel
Via Pionieri ed Aviatori d'Italia, 44
Genova 16154

Tel. +39-01065491
Fax: +39-0106549055
email: direzione@sheratongenova.com

The Sheraton is 100 meters from the airport and within walking distance of Elsag. It is also in the middle of the industrial area.

If you don't feel like walking, the taxi fare to Elsag is around 20 euros. It may surprise you as it lasts about 2 minutes (see paragraph on taxis).



Local Transportation

Taxi

Expensive but, usually, no cheating other than that allowed by law.

Don't be fooled by the meter, the fare is computed by application of the Schrödinger equation and as you know, from the theory, time interpretation is difficult.



Taxi driver

Buses

Cheap, crowded, good network.

See routes map at:

http://www.amt.genova.it/pdf/mappa_Ge_trasporti_0706.pdf



- **Fares:** 1.20 euro for **1hr 30min** duration. Tickets also valid for local trains, underground, lifts and boat.
- **Tickets:** Buy bus/local trains tickets from newsagents and tobacconists. (In Italy both ubiquitous).

Routes 1 and 3 pass near Elsag.

When boarding a bus you should have a ticket (at night you can purchase tickets from the bus driver at 2.00 euro apiece).

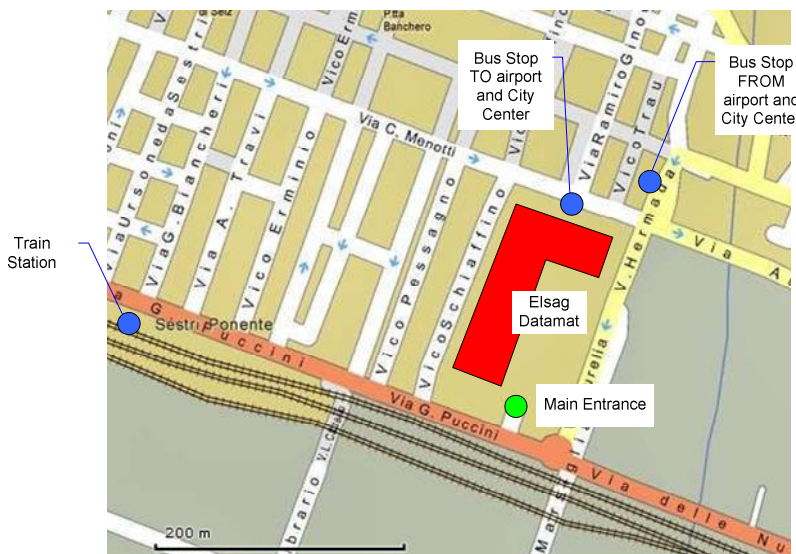
As soon as you get on board the bus the ticket must be validated. Insert it into the stamping machine and wait for it to print the date and time. Keep the ticket until the end of the journey.



<p>Ticket machine at the airport. Just outside arrivals.</p>	<p>On arrival check timetable at the bus stop.</p>
	
<p>Ticket machine with puzzled traveler</p>	<p>Lonely bus stop ready to open up</p>

From the airport to Elsad

A day time only service from the airport to the part of the city where Elsad Datamat is line number I24 (not 124). It is a small bus hated by taxi drivers. It will drop you at the center of Sestri. The bus stops quite close to Elsad.



From Elsad	From Airport
Via C. Menotti	Arrivals
06.22	06.44
06.58	07.24
07.38	08.04
08.18	08.44
08.58	09.24
09.38	10.04
10.18	10.44
10.58	11.24
11.38	12.04
12.18	12.44
12.58	13.24
13.38	14.04
14.18	14.44
14.58	15.24
15.38	16.04
16.18	16.44
16.58	17.24
17.38	18.09
18.23	18.54
19.08	19.31

The **airport-city bus service (New Volabus)** direct from the airport to the railway station of:
Genova Piazza Brignole (Passing through the city center).

- **Fares:** 6 Euro. Valid for one journey to the city center and 60 minutes on the on all the bus routes, lifts, boat.
- **Frequency:** hour.
- **Tickets:** can be purchased from ticket machines at the Airport and at the Railway stations Genova Brignole and Genova Principe.
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Timetable 😊

VOLABUS
Airport Service

Valid from 01/06/2010 to 11/06/2010
Work days

Staz. Brignole---> Airport Arrivals

0520 0600 0640 0720 0810 0910 0955 1050 1110 1140 1225 1250 1315 1400 1445
1530 1620 1710 1735 1810 1900 1950 2040 2115 2155 2320

Airport Arrivals ---> Staz. Brignole

0600 0640 0725 0815 0905 1005 1045 1135 1205 1230 1315 1340 1400 1445 1530
1615 1715 1805 1835 1910 1955 2035 2120 2155 2240 2400

Sundays and Holidays

Staz. Brignole---> Airport Arrivals

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Airport Arrivals ---> Staz. Brignole

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Saturdays

Staz. Brignole---> Airport Arrivals

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Trains

To reach Elsig site from the city center you can catch a train from one of the two main stations:

- **Genova Piazza Principe**
- **Genova Brignole**

You should take only local trains marked R (Regional) on the notice boards.

Direction **Savona / Ventimiglia**.

Alight at **Genova Sestri Ponente (15-20 minutes from the center)**³.

Elsag is 300 meters to the right from the station.

Tickets: are the same as the ones for buses but are valid only within Genova, if you travel outside the city limits or on fast trains you need a proper ticket⁴.

The ticket must be stamped **before** you board the train.



Insert the ticket into the stamping machine and wait for it to print the date and time. Keep the ticket until the end of the journey.



³ Depends on how the train driver feels on the specific day

⁴ Don't try to travel to the southern tip of Italy with one of these tickets, it has already been tried before. It doesn't work.