Conference Location:

Hotel Continental Ischia
Address: Via M. Mazzella 70, 80077 Ischia
Phone: +39 0813336111
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URL: http://www.hotelcontinentalischia.it/eng
By Air:

Naples Capodichino Airport (IATA: NAP)
There is no airport on the island. The closest airport is the Naples International Airport. Naples has a modern, busy airport with daily flights to and from most major European cities. It can also be reached throughout the rest of the world via domestic flights from most Italian airports, including the major hubs of Rome and Milan. The island is served by ferries and hydrofoils that connect it to ports in Naples and Pozzuoli which is just a little further north. Naples is a major city and transport hub for the south of Italy and is well-served by a modern airport, various shipping ports and a healthy transport infrastructure including trains, buses, trams and taxis. From Naples you have a choice of either ferry or hydrofoil for the crossing to Ischia, the ferry takes around an hour and a half while the hydrofoil is slightly faster and takes about an hour depending on which port in Ischia you plan to arrive at.

Visa:
Before you start planning your travel to Italy you should visit the Ministry of foreign affairs web page to see if you need to get a visa. Italy is a member of the Schengen Area, and applies the Schengen legislation in full. The entry formalities for Italy vary according to the country of origin. All visitors entering Italy must possess a valid passport, or a valid picture ID in some cases.

Citizens of the EU/EEA member states and of the following countries may travel to Italy without a visa:
Andorra, Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Croatia, Guatemala, Honduras, Hong Kong, Iceland, Israel, Japan, Macao, Malaysia, Mexico, Monaco, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Salvador, San Marino, Singapore, South Korea, Switzerland, USA, Uruguay, Venezuela.

For more details: http://vistoperitalia.esteri.it/home/en
To reach Ischia from Naples Capodichino airport you must head towards one of the maritime ports of Beverello or Porta di Massa from where you will cross by sea to Ischia via hydrofoil or ferry. From the airport you have the following options of getting to the maritime ports.

**By Public Transportation:**

**By Bus**

The first option is to take an "Alibus", an airport bus service that runs between the airport, the main train station (Stazione Centrale) and Beverello Port. The Alibus runs every 20-25 minutes and the journey time is around 20 minutes, meaning a maximum transfer time of 45 minutes and a minimum of 20 minutes. Tickets for the Alibus are €4 per person if purchased on the bus from the driver, or €3 per person if purchased from a designated vendor at the airport.

**Schedule**

From the Airport  
Mon – Fri 06:30 – 23:50  
Sat, Sun & Holidays 06:30 – 23:39

From Molo Beverello  
Mon – Fri 06:00 – 00:12

For more information on the fees and schedule of Naples Alibus Airport: [http://www.napoliunplugged.com/naples-alibus-airport-shuttle](http://www.napoliunplugged.com/naples-alibus-airport-shuttle)

**By Taxi**

The second main option for the transfer from airport to port is by taxi. Taxis are more expensive but have the advantage of not having to wait for the bus. The journey time from the airport to Beverello Port or to Porto di Massa is around 20 minutes and should cost €19 plus €2 per suitcase. The rail station is located on Fondamenta S. Lucia - 30100 Venice.

For more information on the fees of Naples Taxis: [http://www.napoliunplugged.com/naples-taxi-services](http://www.napliunplugged.com/naples-taxi-services)
By Train

From the main train station in Naples (Stazione Centrale) there are a number of ways to get to either Porta di Massa or Beverello Port. By taxi the journey to Beverello Port or Porta di Massa should take no longer than 15 minutes and costs around €15 plus €2 per suitcase. The second option is to take the Alibus which stops outside the station. The journey time to Beverello Port is around 10 minutes and costs €4 per person if tickets are purchased on board from the driver.

By Tram

There is another option from train station to port and that is to use the tram. There is a number 1 tram that runs from Piazza Garibaldi, on the far side of the square from the entrance to the train station. The trams run every 10-15 minutes with a journey time also of around 10-15 minutes. Tickets cannot be purchased on board, instead they can be bought from a tabachi, newsagent or bar for €1.20 per journey. The trams run to both ports whereas the Alibus only runs to Naples Beverello.

How to get from Port to Ischia

Beverello Port and Porta Di Massa

At present, Ischia is served by crossings from two ports in Naples, Beverello and Porta di Massa. Beverello port is used for hydrofoil crossings and Porta di Massa is for ferries. Hydrofoils are generally faster than ferries with a journey time of around 1 hour as opposed to an hour and 40 minutes on the ferry. There is a difference in price to reflect the faster journey times with hydrofoils priced at €18.60 per person each way while the ferries are around €13 per person each way. The two ports are close to each other but not really what you would consider a reasonable walking distance. This being the case, there is a free shuttle bus service between the two ports which takes around 5 minutes with services every 15/20 minutes.

Once you've chosen which port to disembark from you can complete the transfer to Ischia by sea. There are lots of crossings between Ischia and Naples throughout the day and for more information on this use the link below to the timetables page where you can choose your crossing and even purchase tickets on line if required.

Ischia is a volcanic island in the Tyrrhenian Sea. It lies at the northern end of the Gulf of Naples, about 30 kilometres (19 miles) from the city of Naples. It is the largest of the Phlegrean Islands. Roughly trapezoidal, it measures approximately 10 km (6 miles) east to west and 7 km (4 miles) north to south and has about 34 km (21 miles) of coastline and a surface area of 46.3 square kilometres (17.9 sq mi). It is almost entirely mountainous; the highest peak is Mount Epomeo, at 788 metres (2,585 feet). The island is very densely populated, with 60,000 residents (more than 1300 inhabitants per square km). Ischia is the name of the main comune of the island. The other comunies of the island are Barano d'Ischia, Casamicciola Terme, Forio, Lacco Ameno, and Serrara Fontana. Ischia's main industry is tourism, centering on thermal spas that cater mostly to European (especially German) and Asian tourists eager to enjoy the fruits of the island's natural volcanic activity, its hot springs, and its volcanic mud. The roughly trapezoidal island is formed by a complex volcano immediately southwest of the Campi Flegrei area at the western side of the Bay of Naples. The eruption of the trachytic Green Tuff ignimbrite about 56,000 years ago was followed by caldera formation. The highest point of the island, Monte Epomeo (788 m), is a volcanic horst consisting of a Green Tuff ignimbrite deposit that was submerged after its eruption and then uplifted. Volcanism on the island has been significantly affected by tectonism that formed a series of horsts and grabens; at least 800 m (2,624.67 ft) of uplift has formed as a result of resurgent doming during the past 33,000 years. Many small monogenetic volcanoes were formed around the uplifted block. Volcanism during the Holocene produced a series of pumiceous tephras, tuff rings, lava domes, and lava flows.[4] The latest eruption of Ischia, in 1302, produced a spatter cone and the Arso lava flow, which reached the NE coast. Virgil poetically referred to it as Inarime and still later as Arime. Martianus Capella followed (In)arime and Pithekousai both appear to derive from words for "monkey". However, Pliny derives the Greek name from the local ceramic clay deposits, he explains the Latin name Aenaria as connected to a landing by Aeneas (Princeton Encyclopedia). If the island actually was, like Gibraltar, home to a population of monkeys, they were already extinct by historical times as no record of them is mentioned in ancient sources. The current name appears for the first time in a letter from Pope Leo III to Charlemagne in 813: the name iscla mentioned there would allegedly derive from insula, though there is an argument made for a Semitic origin in I-schra, "black island". In 6 AD, Augustus restored the island to Naples in exchange for Capri. Ischia suffered from the barbarian invasions, being taken first by the Heruli then by the Ostrogoths, being ultimately absorbed into the Eastern Roman Empire.
The Gala Dinner will be held on June 18th

Time: According to the program
Weather
The best time for the traveler to visit Ischia is from April to October, however, the weather in Ischia is always changing and visitors should expect both sunshine and rain — whatever the season. Summer, the main tourist season, combines long, hot days with lengthy evenings. Winter can be bitterly cold and wet, with short daylight hours.

Time
Ischia lies one hour ahead of Greenwich Mean Time.

Banks
You will find several banks with ATMs, including a Banco di Napoli (tel. 081-993480), at Via Iasolino 26, Ischia Porto.

Post Office
The main post office (tel. 081-992180; Mon-Sat 8am-2pm) is at Via Sogliuzzo, on the corner of Via Pontano.

Shopping
Shops in Ischia are generally open from Monday to Saturday from 08:00 -13:00.

Electricity
In Ischia electrical current is 220 volts/50Hz and the European round 2-pin plugs are standard. Americans and Canadians with 110V equipment will need a transformer which changes the voltage and an adapter to fit Austrian sockets. These can be bought at any hardware store. British, Australians and South Africans can use a plug adapter which most department stores stock.

Special Needs
Delegates and accompanying persons with disabilities are invited to advise the Congress Secretariat of any special requirements.
Currency
The official currency is EURO.

Pharmacies
Most pharmacies open between 9am and 1pm and then again from 4pm until 8pm Monday to Saturday. Pharmacies are closed on Sundays but there is always at least one open on the island.

Sources: http://www.ischiareview.com/
http://wikitravel.org/en/Ischia

Emergency direct call numbers:
- Carabinieri - 112
- Police (Polizia) - 113
- Ambulance (Ambulanza) - 118
- Fire & Rescue (Vigili Del Fuoco) - 115
Villa Arbusto Museum

Villa Arbusto museum sits proudly in a hilly area with glorious views overlooking the town of Lacco Ameno. The beautiful 18th century villa was bought in the 1950's by film magnate, Angelo Rizzoli, who was to make Ischia world-famous with his movies and passion for creating the island as a chic tourist-destination. Rizzoli made Villa Arbusto his home as he set about creating his legacy in Ischia, and the stunning dwelling is a fitting memorial to his life. Twenty years ago, the villa, having been sold to the community of Lacco Ameno was transformed into a museum with artifacts from various eras. Exhibited in the museum are items from Greco-Roman times that were originally produced on the island, as well as exhibits from other mediterranean regions (such as Egyptian Amulets), that show the island's history of commerce with other cultures. Without doubt, the most important artifact on display in the museum is "Nestor's Cup", a small cup made of clay that dates back to the 8th century BC and is one of the oldest examples known to man that prove the existence of Greek poetry with its reference to Homer's "Iliad". The inscription on the cup reads "This is Nestor's cup from which it is pleasant to drink, but the one who drinks form this cup will suddenly fall in love with Aphrodite and her beautiful crown". Apart from the main building which houses the ancient artifacts, there is a small villa dedicated to Angelo Rizzoli's life and works with newspaper clippings and glamorous photos that show him mixing with the rich and famous of the time. Outside the main museum buildings is a huge garden filled with orange trees and tropical plants, set within white, pillared walls that give the garden a palatial feel which is matched by the vistas of Lacco Ameno and the sea beyond. Signs to each part of the museum are made out of beautiful, locally-made ceramics which were also used to create a pair of pretty and unusual benches, one of which can be seen in the photo gallery above. The museum provides a fascinating journey through world and Ischian history with its fascinating artifacts, and well-written descriptions in English and Italian.

Address: Corso Angelo Rizzoli - 80076, Lacco Ameno, Italy
Opening hours: Every day apart from Monday
Tel: +39 081 3330288
Email: pithecusae@libero.it
The Torture Museum at Castello Aragonese

Castello Aragonese in Ischia Ponte pays host to the Torture Museum. The macabre collection of torture instruments from the last 500 years is a fascinating reminder of the Castle's past, with particular insight given to The Inquisition. One of the stated aims of the museum is to raise awareness of that most dark and destructive period in history, much of which has been deliberately concealed for hundreds of years. The names alone of some of the objects on display are enough to make you go weak at the knees, "The Head-Crusher", "Eye Spoons" and perhaps the most fearsome of all, the "Testicle-Squashing Trestle", are enough to make you happy you weren't around in such times to bear witness to these horrors. The museum is definitely worth a trip as the entrance fee is included once you've paid to get in to the castle, but it's certainly not for the faint-hearted! More information about the Torture Museum can be found on a separate website, the link of which is provided below.

Tel: +39 081 5523756
Opening hours: 09:30 to 19:00
Price: €10 for adults
URL: http://www.museodelletorture.it/eng/contact.htm
Il Torrione Museum

Il Torrione is a fortified watch-tower in the heart of Forio, built in 1480 to defend the island against attacks from Saracen invaders and pirates. At the time of construction, the tower was armed with 4 cannon, and to this day remains the biggest of its kind on the island. These days, the tower has become a museum dedicated to the works of Giovanni Maltese. A sculptor, artist and poet, Maltese was born in Forio in 1852 and spent a large amount of his life in the tower, which was given to him by the local community in order that he could carry-out his work.

Address: Via Torrione - Forio d'Ischia, Italy
Phone: +39 081 3332126
Opening hours: Open every day except Monday

- **May, June, September & October:**
  - Mornings: 9.30-12.30
  - Afternoons & Evenings: 18.00-21.00

- **July & August:**
  - Mornings: 10.00-13.00
  - Afternoons & Evenings: 19.00-22.00
Michelangelo's Tower/Guevara's Tower

Positioned right next to the sea in Ischia Ponte, in the picturesque bay of Cartaromana and in front of the tiny island that's home to Castello Aragonese, Michelangelo's Tower (also known as Guevara's Tower from the name of the noble family that used to own it - nothing to do with "Che"!), is a fortress-house built by King Alfonso of Aragon in 1433 in order to defend the coast of the island, before donating it to the Guevara family who owned it until the 1800's. Legend has it that Renaissance artist Michelangelo once lived in the building when he became enamoured with the poet, Vittoria Colonna. Colonna, the wife of Spanish Marquis, Francesco Ferrante d'Avalos during the Spanish reign over the island, was said to have conducted a "platonic love affair" with the artist although it is difficult to corroborate those rumours. It is also believed that some of the frescoes in the tower are the work of Michelangelo but as yet there is no official documentation that attests to this as fact. These days, the building is used to stage exhibitions of famous international artists, both inside and outside in the large garden that looks out on to the sea and to Castello Aragonese.

Address: Via Nuova Cartaromana, Ischia, Italy
Opening hours: Every day apart from Mondays
Tel: +39 081 3331146
Entrance: free
Cattedrale Santa Maria Dell'Assunta

The history of the Cathedral of Ischia stretches over centuries. The first church was destroyed by a volcanic eruption in the 14th century and the following two were built within the confines of Castello Aragonese, destroyed during the Franco-Anglo Bourbon battles of 1809, when the castle was all but reduced to rubble by a mortar bombardment. The present Cathedral was originally the Augustinian Monastic Church of S. Maria della Scala, which was rebuilt by Antonio Martinetti in the 18th c. However, by royal decree in 1810, this church was given to the Chapter of Ischia and became the cathedral we see today. Its typical baroque façade in yellow and white stucco is separated from the busy street by a few steps. The confines of the narrow entrance are in sharp contrast to the spacious, rectangular interior, which is divided into nave, aisles and side chapels with paintings throughout by Alfonso Spigna (1697 – 1785) and Giacinto Diano (1731 – 1803). A much venerated icon of the Madonna, (date unknown) painted on panel, rescued from the ruined castle, hangs in the south chapel, at the eastern end, and in the north chapel there is a large 13th century, wooden crucifix. One of the great treasures of the church, to the left of the entrance, is the collection of stone, spiral columns from the Castle Baptistery and a font with an exquisite stone basin, supported by three very fine figures, representing the Virtues of Fortitude, Justice and Prudence, holding a very docile pig!

**Address:** Via Luigi Mazzella, Ischia Ponte  
**Constructed:** 1752 – 1810  
**Style:** Baroque  
**Constructed by:** Antonio Martinetti  
**Stucco decoration by:** Cesare Starace
La Chiesa di San Pietro (The Church of Saint Peter)

La Chiesa di San Pietro (also known as Chiesa Santa Maria delle Grazie) is an eighteenth century church in Ischia Porto. It's situated along the busy thoroughfare of Corso Vittoria Colonna, close to San Pietro Beach. With a facade of convex curves and oval windows, S. Maria delle Grazie, has a colourful exterior of yellow and white stucco and stands in a small piazza constructed of lava stones, set above street level. The piazza is dedicated to Pasquale Battistessa, who was executed at the foot of the altar during the Revolution of 1799. Just visible is the dome of green and yellow ceramic tiles. The simple oval interior, has a short choir and semi-circular apse at the east end and shallow side chapels – the first of which, on the left, contains the much venerated statue of 1830 by Gennaro Romannelli, of S. Peter (a fisherman), taken out on procession on 28th June every year. Above the main altar hangs a painting of the Madonna delle Grazie with souls in purgatory by the Ischian artist, Carlo Borrelli Ponticelli (active late 18th century).

Address: Corso Vittoria Colonna, Ischia Porto
Constructed: 1781
Style: Baroque
Architect: Unknown. Constructed under the patronage of Don Antonio Moraldi

How to get to La Chiesa di San Pietro:
From the main port head towards the town area and turn left on to Via Roma. Continue up the hill and the name of the street changes to Corso Vittoria Colonna. The church is located halfway up the hill on the left hand side of the road.
Sorgeto Hot Springs

The natural hot springs at Sorgeto are one of the biggest attractions in Ischia. The island's underground volcanic activity bubbles up from beneath and naturally heats a series of rock pools. By climbing down the steps towards a tiny beach in a wonderfully picturesque cove, visitors are able to bathe in a variety of pools, each with slightly different water temperatures. Bathers spend the day at Sorgeto to enjoy what is effectively a natural jacuzzi which soothes and massages the body to ease aches and pains. Visitors to Sorgeto are able to sunbathe in the natural cove and some even bring food with them to cook in the pools as can be seen in one of the photos above. Apart from the pleasure of bathing in the various pools with their differing temperatures, the spectacle of witnessing nature at work is such a graphic way is truly something to behold and captivates visitor after visitor. As Sorgeto is a completely natural phenomenon, the experience is completely free of charge and open all year round. Sorgeto is located near the small town of Panza in Forio. You can either take a bus or a taxi to Panza and then walk down the hill towards the bay of Sorgeto. At a certain point you will notice a sign pointing to Sorgeto and from there you must descend the steps down to the small cove. Be aware that there are many steps and you may be puffing a little bit by the time you reach the bottom, but what better way to rest than in one of the relaxing thermal pools!
Cenatiempo Wine Tasting and Vineyard Tour

Tucked away in the sleepy countryside of Serrara Fontana, the Cenatiempo vineyard is an oasis of pleasure where visitors can relax in the tranquil surroundings while sampling and learning about some of Ischia's best wines. Our tours are conducted by an amiable and knowledgeable host who speaks excellent English and is happy to fill you with her enthusiasm for the wines that her company produces and the process that goes into making them. With a lovely, relaxing atmosphere, the tours start outside in the vineyards themselves where our guide will explain to you all of the different elements that go into the careful process of creating these excellent wines. The vineyards are set in the stunning Serrara Fontana countryside and from the highest levels you can enjoy some spectacular panoramic views across to the island of Capri in the distance. After visiting the vineyard the tour moves over to the incredible cantina which has been around since the 18th century and still contains remnants of how wine was produced hundreds of years ago. As you walk round the cantina the guide explains to you the differences between the ancient and modern techniques, sharing with you her vast and passionate knowledge of viticulture. The insight and anecdotes that the guide shares are fascinating and really help you to understand the amount of diligent work that goes into creating the bottled product that we all enjoy. The final and probably most important part of the tour is of course the tasting! The guide takes you to a lovely, peaceful garden area full of colorful flowers with bench tables and parasols to protect you from the sun. There you will try a selection of some of the best wines while being served some delicious local delicacies that complement the wines and make sure you have everything you need to make your experience an unforgettable one. The tours start around 11:30am/12pm and carry on right through the lunch period until around 2:30pm or even later if you're really enjoying yourselves and would like to carry on enjoying the ambience and the wines. The Cenatiempo tours are a really great way to enhance your appreciation and enjoyment of Ischia during your holiday and the guide's sunny and friendly personality makes sure you always feel comfortable and at home in her presence.

Tel: +39 328 938 9080
E-mail: info@ischiareview.com
Island Peaks Horseback Trek

The Island Peaks trek is a tour that allows you to see the very best and most spectacular of Ischia's views. At various points along the tour you can see Capri, Procida, Naples and the surrounding Gulf. Our guide is there to show you the most interesting parts of the mountains that can be seen from horse-back. With their lifetimes of growing up in these mountain areas the guides can reveal all of the fascinating secrets, stories and local myths that abound from these mysterious trails.

Full details:
Maximum 2 adults & 2 small children (there are two horses and each can carry one adult and one small child)
Meeting point: At Fontana square during the coolest parts of the day to keep the horses fresh and well-rested.
Total price: €40 per person

- Pick-up with mini-bus from Fontana to reach stables.
- Trek with guide who has his own horse and will lead you through the trails at a leisurely pace.
- The trail leads through the Falanga and Frasitelli forests which are known for their stonehouses.
- Return to stables on horse-back
- Approximate duration 1 hour and 30 minutes on horse-back. Times can vary and are just an approximate guide.
- Shuttle bus from stables back to Fontana Square
Ristorante L'Altra Mezzanotte

Ristorante L'Altra Mezzanotte sits along the trendy Riva Destra in Ischia Porto. It specialises in fresh fish dishes but you can also find a good variety of pasta, pizzas and meat dishes too. L'Altra Mezzanotte is located along the Riva Destra in Ischia Porto, the long strip of bars and restaurants that lines the harbour area. From the corner of the harbour with the sea to your left and the Aragona Palace Hotel to your right, walk around half way along the path and you'll see L'Altra Mezzanotte in between Lounge Bar Il Cappuccino and Monkey Bar.

Address: Via Porto 71, 80077 Ischia (NA), Italy
Phone: +39 081 981 653

Fratelli La Bufala

Fratelli La Bufala is a modern restaurant which is part of a wider chain across Italy and the rest of the world. There's a choice of indoor or outdoor seating with parasols in the small courtyard area outside. On the menu you'll find Italian staples such as pizza, pasta and a good range of salads, fish and meat dishes. This is a good place to eat if waiting for a ferry or hydrofoil with service attentive and efficient.

Address: Via Iasolino 28, Ischia Porto (NA), Italy
Tel: +39 081 333 4529
E-mail: info@fratellilabufala.com

Ristorante O Purticciull
Ristorante O Purticciull in an elegant restaurant located along the Riva Destra, down by the marina in Ischia Porto. As with most of the restaurants close by, this one specialises in fresh fish and pasta dishes with the menu varying to some degree on what's been caught that morning. You'll also find traditional Neapolitan wood oven pizzas with a large selection to choose from. The restaurant also prides itself on its homemade desserts including Tiramisu and cheesecake which are enticingly passed by your gaze on a trolley at the end of the meal, so difficult to resist! The main dining area has a smart feel to it but best of all are the views out on to the marina where you can check out the yachts as they come in and out of the port or simply watch the world go by. Service is efficient and friendly and prices are what you would expect for the location.

Address: Via Porto, 42, 80070, Ischia Porto, Italy
Phone: +39 081 993 222
E-mail: info@porticciullo.it

Ristorante La Terrazza Di Mimi

La Terrazza di Mimi sits in a wonderful location along the Riva Destra in Ischia Porto, up a flight of steps and therefore in the best position to take advantage over the marina just in front of it with its collection of yachts. The specialities naturally centre around fish and pasta with some of the highlights being the lobster and the spaghetti vongole. Good service with the waiters speaking English and prices kept very reasonable considering the outstanding location.

Address: Via Porto 92, 80077, Ischia, Italy
Phone: +39 081 905 574

Sources: