



From Knowledge to Action for a Protected Planet

LOGISTICS NOTE FOR WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS

Accommodation in Geneva

For your arrival, you will mostly fall in one of three categories:

- 1- Early Birds: arriving **Sunday 23rd June or earlier** in **Geneva, Switzerland**
- 2- Summer Migrants: arriving **Monday 24th** or after, in **Geneva, Switzerland**
- 3- Milan Internazionale: arriving on **23rd or earlier**, or **24th in the morning**, in **Milan, ITALY**

Here are the three scenarios:

1. Early Birds – arriving on Sunday 23rd June or earlier

When you arrive you will make your way to the following hotel, very close to the airport:

Mövenpick Hôtel

Route de Pré-Bois 20
1215 Geneva, Switzerland
☎ : +41(0)22 717 11 11

- There is a free shuttle bus service to/from the Geneva Airport from Movenpick Hotel. The pick-up and drop off area is located at the Arrival level, gate N°3. It provides shuttles every 20-30 minutes. The shuttle schedule is in Annex 2.
- Alternatively, the hotel is about 10 minutes' walk from the terminal exit.

Your rooms are booked and paid for by IUCN. Please do not pay for the room, simply ensure at check-in that you are on the IUCN list. If not, please get in touch with James (number below – ask the hotel to call!).

- For meals, the hotel has a restaurant
- If you have time, you can find options either back at the airport area (where there are a few cafes and restaurants, and also a mall with a few outlets towards the airport train station, from where you can also head into Geneva) or in the City (either by train or ask the hotel for transfers).
- The hotel offers free local transport in Geneva for guests. Ask when you check in, also about how to get back to the hotel from the city. Geneva taxis are very expensive and will not be covered by IUCN!

Bus to Gran Paradiso National Park, Cogne, Aosta Valley, Italy.

There are two buses going to Gran Paradiso National Park on Monday 24 June. You will mostly be on Bus 1 (Bus 2 is for late arrivals, or in case you miss the first one...). Note that Bus 2 is smaller, so please aim to take the first one!

Departure time just in front of the Mövenpick Hotel:

- Bus 1 at **9:00**
- Bus 2 at **12:30**

Both buses will make a stop at IUCN Headquarters in Gland en route:

- Bus 1 at **9:30** departing **9:45**, arriving in Gran Paradiso around 13:15
- Bus 2 at **13:00** departing **13.15** arriving in Grand Paradiso around 16:30

While in Gland, IUCN staff will join the group. We will also ask you to sign-in and receive a DSA (daily allowance) to cover costs for your incidentals and any meals that are not covered by the organisers or at the venue.

We will provide water and a basic packed lunch for the journey. We will also stop at a service station for refreshments and to break the journey.

2. Summer migrants – arriving on morning of 24th June

For you there will not be a hotel, you will take the bus directly to IUCN Headquarters, and then to Gran Paradiso National Park.

If you arrive before 9.00 am, you can make your way to the Mövenpick Hotel (see 1 above) to catch the Bus that will arrive at 9.00 am and leave at around 9.15. Take the airport shuttle to the Movenpick Hotel. Any issues with the shuttle tell them you are with IUCN group staying at the hotel. The pick-up and drop off area is located at the Arrival level, gate N°3. It provides shuttles every 20-30 minutes. The shuttle schedule is in Annex 2.

Departure time just in front of the Mövenpick Hotel:

- Bus 1 at **9:00 (9.15 departure)**
- Bus 2 at **12:30 (12.45 departure)**

Both buses will make a stop at IUCN Headquarters in Gland en route:

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Alternatively, you can take a train from Geneva Airport to Geneva, and then to Gland. The trains from Geneva are fairly regular, at least every 30 minutes, normally direction to Vevey or Lausanne. Gland is one stop after Nyon. The ticket can be bought inside the arrivals hall, and will cost around 10 francs. The train station is a 5-minute walk from the arrivals area, simply turn left and keep walking.

At Gland Station, cross via the underpass and follow the signs to UICN – it is a straightforward walk of about 8-10 minutes. Our address is 28 Mauverney.

Any problems or complications, call or WhatsApp James on +41 (0)79 8136915.

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We will provide water and a basic vegetarian packed lunch and fruit for the journey. We will also stop at a service station for refreshments and to break the journey.

3 – Milan Internazionale – arriving in Milan on 23rd or 24th in the morning.

If you arrive in Milan on 23rd or 24th June, you will be met by a chauffer from [Aosta Valley transport services](#) who will take you in a private car with driver to Cogne, where you will check in directly to the Gran Paradiso accommodation. We may ask you to wait for a short while to collect other colleagues who may arrive at a slightly later time.

Accommodation in Gran Paradiso

Ostello la Mine

Villaggio Cogne, 83
11012 Cogne (AO)
Valle D'Aosta, Italy
<http://www.ostellocogne.it/>
☎ : +39 347 842 4425

Villagio Alpino Don B.

Via Gran Paradiso, 47
11012 Cogne (AO)
Valle D'Aosta, Italy
[website](#)
☎ : +39 0165 74005

Participants will be assigned rooms in the **Ostello La Mine**.
IUCN staff and BIOPAMA facilitators to the **Villagio Alpino**

Additional rooms for those with special needs and sharing rooms in:
Hotel de la Tor, Rue Dottor Grappein, 76, ☎ : +39 016 574 9190



Cogne is a small town. The venue is in the [Fondation Grand Paradis](#) centre, opposite the Ostello La Mine. The walk from Villagio Alpino is about 10-15 minutes. There are many small shops and restaurants in the town.

Meeting Venue

The meeting will take place in the Villagio Minatore – part of the old mining complex of Cogne and now the renovated headquarters of the Gran Paradiso Foundation and an education and training centre. We have 4 meeting rooms available, with all facilities including wi-fi. The largest room can seat 90, the three smaller are classrooms for 30 people.

Weather and packing for Geneva and Gran Paradiso

Geneva: the weather will be changeable warm and sunny, with clouds and possible thunder storms, usually in the afternoon / evening. High of 28 Celsius, low of around 17. Expect bright sunshine and then a storm in the evening on Sunday 23rd. Monday weather will be fine and sunny, reaching the mid-20s by noon.

Gran Paradiso (Cogne): we are at higher altitude and in the Alpine region the weather can change very fast. At present we are expecting patchy sunshine, with clouds and the possibility of daily thunderstorms in the evening. Temperatures between 10 degrees and 20-21, but it can heat up fast if the sun breaks out. Evenings can be very chilly.

Please bring: warm clothing and raincoats, especially for the evenings. Also sunscreen for everyone, as UV levels can be quite high and the cooler weather masks the sun's effects. During the field trip please bring hat, light backpack, waterproof and warmer clothes in case.

Footwear – bring sturdy shoes with good support. No need hiking boots, but good sports or outdoor shoes. For anyone interested, we will play some football (friendly match vs PA staff).

Field Trip

This will be organised for Wednesday 26th in the afternoon. The trip will be into the Gran Paradiso National Park, which is adjacent to Cogne town. The options and sign-up for each can be done on site, once you arrive.

Return Transport to Geneva

There are two buses and both are leaving **at 14:00** from Cogne. Stops will be at IUCN HQ in Gland at around 17:30, at Geneva Airport, around 18:15 and at Mövenpick Hotel in Geneva, around 18:20.

Accommodation in Geneva + Transfer to the Airport

Same as the way in: Movenpick Hotel, and use their airport shuttle.

Local Currencies

The local currency in Switzerland is the Swiss franc (CHF) and is currently equal to the U.S. dollar. The local currency in Italy is the Euro (EUR) and 1 USD = 0.89 EUR.

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