
Information on Travelling and Accommodation

1. Travelling to Switzerland and Arriving in Bern

The international **airports** in Switzerland, **Zurich (ZRH)** and **Geneva (GVA)**, have railway stations with direct connections to Bern. The airport of **Basel (BSL)** is also well connected to Bern (take first a local bus from the airport to the railway station of Basel SBB from where it takes about one hour to Bern by train). There is a small local airport at **Bern (BRN)** with public transport service to the city of Bern.

Railway timetables and prices may be found at [SBB](#).

The railway station in Bern is located in the center of the city, very close to the University main building, where the workshop will take place (google [map](#)).

The **location's address** is:

University of Bern, main building (UniBE International, Hauptgebäude Universität Bern)
Hochschulstrasse 4, 3012 Bern

Once arrived in Bern, you may take a taxi to your hotel. Bern is not a large city, and taxi fares should not exceed about 20-30 CHF from the train station to your hotel.

2. Finding the Course Locale

The railway station in Bern is located in the center of the city, very close to the university main building where the Bernese course will take place. The university may be **reached easily via the train station**: enter the train station and walk past the track terminals until the end of the hallway. There, you will find 3 glass **elevators**. Take any to the top most level (4), called "**Grosse Schanze**".

Exiting the elevator at "Grosse Schanze", there's a restaurant at your left, and the university main building behind. Weather permitting, you will have a nice view of the Alps ahead of you.

Walk to the university main building and enter via main entrance facing the lawn in front of the building. Inside the University main building, you can follow the signs giving the direction to the Bernese GNSS Software course location: [Room No. 115](#) on the first floor (west side).

3. Accommodation

A list of hotels offering special rates to the University of Bern is provided [here](#). You should mention that you are here for an event organized by the University of Bern and give the following contact:

Mr. Pierre FRIDEZ, AIUB, email: pierre.fridez@aiub.unibe.ch phone: +41 (0)31 684 8593

These hotels may ask for a **confirmation** about the event, please contact us in that case.

Further hotels in Bern may be found at the official Bern tourism website: www.bern.com, or via your preferred hotel booking service portal.

4. General Tourist Information

Weather: [Webcams and forecast](#).

Tourist's office for: [Bern](#), [Switzerland](#)

Food: lunch at the price of about CHF 13 can be taken at the university's canteen. They usually offer three different menus ("normal", "vegetarian", "day's special") as well as a "mount your plate". There are also several restaurants in the vicinity of the university. For a "day's menu" you will have to count anywhere between 18-30 CHF.

Shops: Close at 19:00 during the week except for Thursday, where shops are open until 21:00

Money: Currency is Swiss Franc (CHF). Many shops will also accept Euro (but you will get the change in CHF). Foreign currencies may be changed in any bank or at the train station. Almost anywhere, you will be able to pay by CC.

Power Supply: 220V 50Hz. You might need a special adapter to plug in your power supply. In Switzerland, type C (2 wire) and type C (3 wire) are used.