

Hotels

- Principe Hotel <https://www.ilprincipehotel.com/new/it/> (can be noisy especially in the weekend but in the city center)
- Katane Palace <https://www.katanepalace.it/> special price for INAF guests: 80E single 100E double (maybe a bit expensive 10 minutes walking distance from the city center)
- Etna Suite <https://www.etnasuite.com/it/> special price for INAF guests: 68 single 80E double (It's a B&B in the city center)
- Una Palace Hotel http://www.unahotels.it/it/una_hotel_palace/hotel_palace_catania_landing.htm (maybe a bit expensive but in the city center)
- Hotel Agatae <http://www.hotelagathae.it/>
- Manganelli Palace <http://www.manganellipalace.it/> (can be noisy especially in the weekend but in the city center)
- San Max Hotel (can be noisy if you have the room on via Etnea, five minutes walking from the city center)
- NH Hotel (standard price and 10-15 minutes walking distance from the city center)
- Best Western (standard price and 10-15 minutes walking distance from the city center)

Transportation

From Catania Fontanarossa to INAF - Catania Astrophysical Observatory (Via Santa Sofia 78)

It is about 15-20 minutes (8.1 km) by car from Catania Airport.

Public transport

The combination of buses that can reach the *Catania Astrophysical Observatory* is

1. ALIBUS from Catania to Via Etnea 143 (stop 114)
2. BRT1 via Etnea 143 to Via Santa Sofia 78 (stop Policlinico)

The ticket price for the Alibus is 4 euro for 90 minutes and is valid to continue the path of other urban buses (AMT).

Tickets can be purchased:

- At the airport
- On the bus with cash or POS
- With [UP MOBILE](#) (modlità valid also for other lines AMT)

TAXI

From the Airport to *Catania Astrophysical Observatory* the rate is 24 € (fixed).

From the Airport to Hotels it goes from 20 to 22 Euro depending from the hotel location.

From the city center at the *Catania Astrophysical Observatory* (and vice versa)

The *Catania Astrophysical Observatory* is close to the city center but on a hill.

1) Call "Radio taxi" (+39 095 330966). About 20E.

2) Take the BRT1

There is a rapid bus (BRT1) connecting the center to the north-west entrance of the campus (bus stop "Policlinico"), where is located the *Catania Astrophysical Observatory*.



Tickets (1 Euro) are sold in kiosks and tobacconists. In Piazza Stesicoro there is a resale of tickets. Buy a ticket also for the return trip. There are no places where to buy a ticket close to the Observatory.

The stop "Policlinico" is located near the gate to the north-west of the university town. From this gate the entrance of the *Catania Astrophysical Observatory* is 550 meters ahead.



To go back to city centre is not that fast using BRT, given the circular path of the line (about 40 min).

It is possible to walk downhill (40-60 min walk)

Parking in Catania

In the city the parking "blue stripes" must be paid from 08.30 to 13.00 and from 15.30 to 20.00. The price for an hour of parking is equal to EUR 0.75. It is possible to buy shares in the parking lot of minutes and fractions of hours to suit your needs. You pay using: parking meters located in all parking areas tarified, at an average distance not exceeding 100 meters. coupons on an hourly or time slots sold in tobacconists EasyPark online (try the app from your smartphone).