

Important Information for the LIFE Fall Academy 2023

- The Fall LIFE Academy is taking place from November 14 – 16, 2023 in **Zurich**.
- Participants who travel to Zurich will be accommodated at the [Leonardo Boutique Hotel Rigihof](https://www.leonardo-hotels.com/leonardo-boutique-hotel-rigihof-zurich).
- The Academy takes place in the great hall of the [Kirchgemeindehaus Paulus](#), Scheuchzerstrasse 180/Milchbuckstrasse 57, 8057 Zürich.

Accommodation

The address of the hotel is: Universitätsstrasse 101, 8006 Zürich (see also: <https://www.leonardo-hotels.com/leonardo-boutique-hotel-rigihof-zurich>)

Please check in with your name as well as identify as a member of LIFE. Fellows will share twin rooms. A very nice breakfast is included in your hotel room – there will be no breakfast provided at the Academy. Hence, please take sufficient time for breakfast at the hotel before coming to the Academy.

Lunches, Coffee Breaks and Dinner outings are included in the Academy. Water and fruit are available during the day. Please note that anything else consumed in addition to or outside the meals provided cannot be reimbursed. This also includes room service or drinks you may want to have at the hotel.

Transportation

How to get from Zurich Airport to Leonardo Boutique Hotel Rigihof

The hotel is conveniently located on tram line 10, which runs every 7 minutes from Zurich Airport (Zürich Flughafen) to the Main Station (Bahnhofplatz/HB). Follow the signs from the arrival gate to the tram stop, located outside next to the bus terminal.



You will need to get off at **Winkelriedstrasse** right in front of the hotel. The ride from the airport to the hotel takes approximately 30 minutes.

How to get from Zurich Hauptbahnhof (HB) to Leonardo Boutique Hotel Rigihof

Take tram 10 at Bahnhofplatz/HB (direction Flughafen). Get off at **Winkelriedstrasse** right in front of the hotel. The ride from the train station to the hotel takes approximately 10 minutes.

Please note that you need to purchase a ticket *before* you board the tram. You can do so at the tram stop using the touch screen machine.

- 1) Choose the option “Zurich Bahnhofplatz/HB” (= “Zurich main station”) which includes the necessary number of zones for the station of the hotel.

- 2) Be sure to choose a one-way ticket (“→”) for an adult (“1/1”). After confirming your selection, the price will be displayed (CHF 6.80).
- 3) You can use cash, debit, or credit card for the payment. If you use cash, be aware that the machine only takes coins. The keypad for the code is next to the display.
- 4) At the end of the dialogue, the machine will ask you if you would like a receipt. Please confirm and keep your ticket for reimbursement.

We will leave day passes for the rest of your stay at the hotel reception.

Currency Exchange

The currency in Switzerland is the Swiss Franc (CHF). When you arrive at Zurich Airport, go to either the staffed exchange office located in the arrival hall or the one in the passenger area. (There are signs directing you to them). The current exchange rate is \$1 = 1 CHF.

In addition, there are ATMs in both the arrival hall and the passenger area. There is also a Credit Suisse ATM next to the hotel.

Card payment is very common in Switzerland.

Electric Power Supply

You will need an **adapter to connect** your electrical appliances (e.g., laptop) to the Swiss power network. They are part of all international adapter sets, or you may purchase an adapter at the electronics shop in the airport building, if you forget to do so at home. Note that there is no electronics store right next to the hotel.

Swiss outlet:



Electricity is 220-240V, so if you are coming from the US, check whether your appliances can be switched to the higher voltage (American outlets are 120 volts). If they cannot, you will need a converter as well as an adapter.

Weather and clothing

In the coming days, the average temperature in Zurich is 8°C/45°F, so you should bring along long pants and a warm sweater and a windbreaker or jacket, and rain gear. For the short walking tour of the city on Wednesday, it makes sense to bring shoes that are suitable for walking.

Dress Code for Special Events

It would be nice if everyone would dress festively for the celebratory occasions on the last two evenings 16th and 17th November.