

Exchange rates

1 PLN = 0.23 EUR = 0.25 CHF

1 EUR = 4.4 PLN

1 CHF = 4.1 PLN

Stores/shops in Warsaw accept only polish currency (PLN), but most of them do accept all major credit cards (excluding in some cases Amex). The currency can be exchanged at various currency exchange bureaus throughout the city, in shopping malls and the airport (but bear in mind, that exchange rates at the airport are always very, very bad). Ask at your hotel for the nearest/best exchange bureau.

Transportation in Warsaw

Warsaw has a very good public transport system, including an extensive network of busses, trams and two metro lines as well as relatively cheap taxi services.

For **public transport** you will need tickets, which can be purchased in numerous kiosks, ticket machines service points and post offices and on selected busses. There are two different types of tickets: a 20-minute regular ticket for zone 1 (PLN 3.40 = EUR 0.8) good for a 20-minute ride from its validation using any number of transport means and a 75-minute regular ticket for zone 1 (PLN 4.40 = EUR 1.00) good for a 75-minute ride from its validation using any number of transport means. During the first journey the ticket should be validated immediately after boarding the vehicle in a yellow validating machine. When travelling by metro, you should validate the ticket at the entrance gate before entering the platform, or in the validating machine available next to the lift.

More info: <http://www.ztm.waw.pl/?l=2>

In the case of **taxis** the maximum legally set charge per kilometer in the city of Warsaw, as set by the city council, is PLN 3.00 (EUR 0.7) per kilometer (+50% in the night) plus a PLN 8 (EUR 1.8) start fee. All taxis need to have the Taxi roof sign as well as display all the fees in the visible place (usually on the right rear window, visible before entering the taxi). Most taxis accept credit cards and display credit card logos in the window, but to be sure ask the driver if he accepts credit cards before boarding. Amex cards are rare in Poland and may not be accepted in taxis.

Most taxi companies actually charge around PLN 1.80 – 2.40 (EUR 0.4 – 0.6) per kilometer. A few selected taxi companies are listed below:

MPT, phone: +48 22 191-91

Ele Taxi, phone: +48 22 8111111

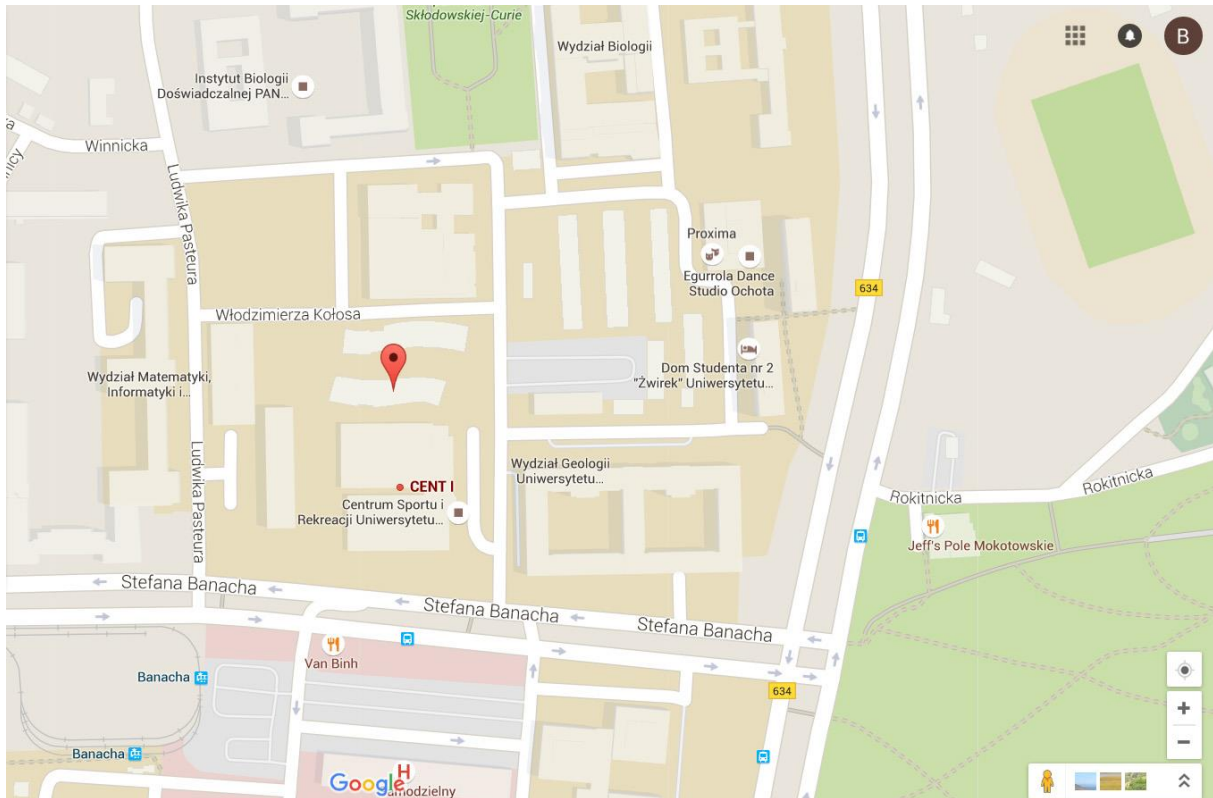
Wawa Taxi, phone: +48 22 196-44

Sawa Taxi, phone: +48 22 6444444

Super Taxi, phone: +48 22 196-22

Conference Venue

The meeting will take place at the Centre of New Technologies, at Banacha 2c Street in Warsaw.



Accommodation

All invited speakers will be staying at the Ibis Reduta, 15-minut-walk away from the conference venue.

Address: Bitwy Warszawskiej 16, 02-366 Warszawa

Email address: h7125@accor.com

Phone: +48 22 5722500

<http://www.ibis.com/pl/hotel-7125-ibis-warszawa-reduta/index.shtml>

check-in: 12:00

check-out: 12:00

, while many guests will be staying at the Ibis Budget Warszawa Reduta, also 15-minut-walk away from the conference venue.

Address: Bitwy Warszawskiej 16A, 02-366 Warszawa

Email address: h7148@accor.com

Phone: +48 22 8240540

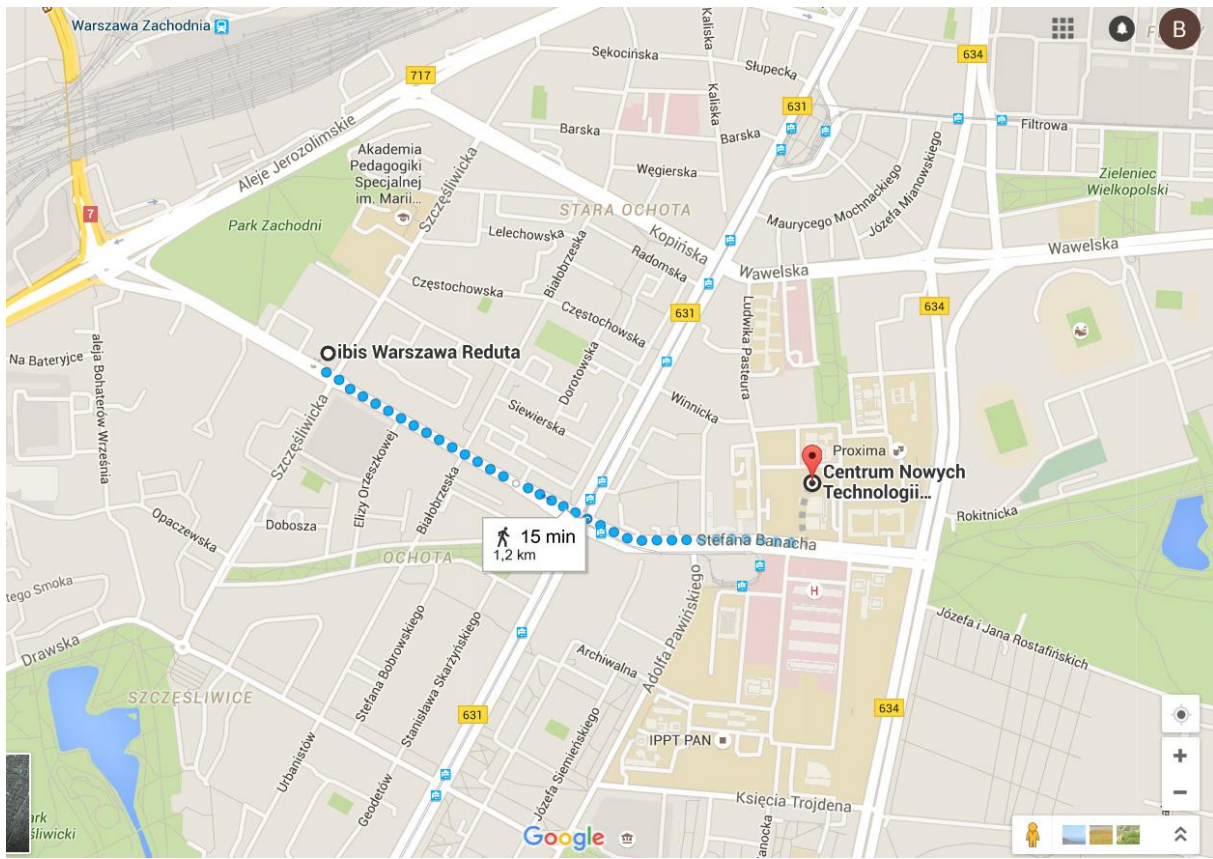
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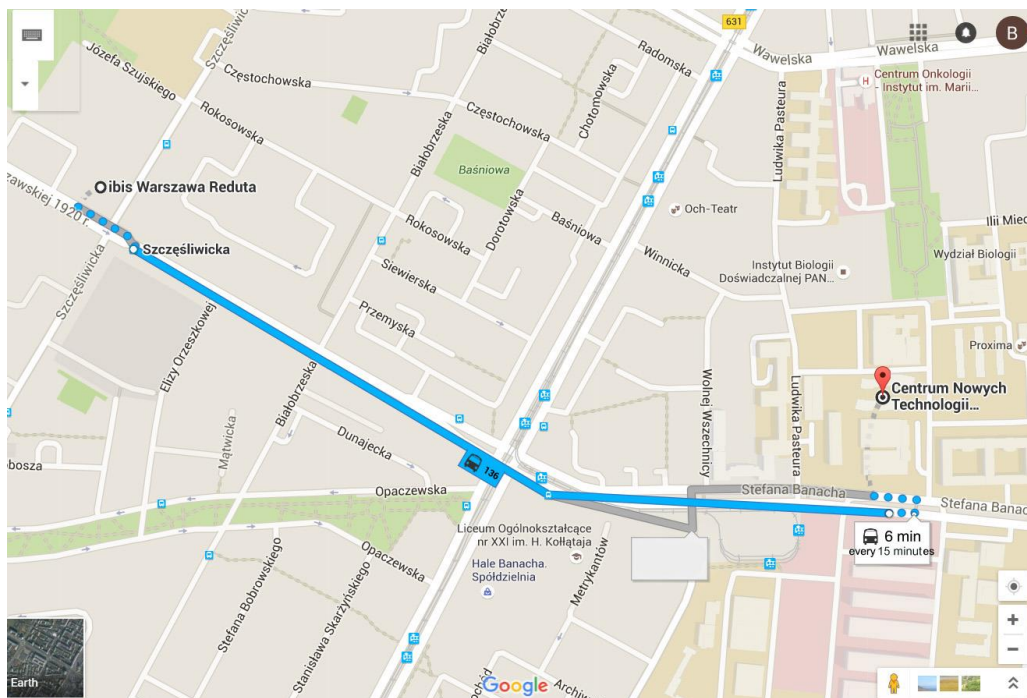
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If you are an invited speaker or asked the organizers for a reservation, you can go directly to the hotel and check-in with your name. In case of any problems please call Bartosz Trzaskowski at +48 784-407-139 or +48 22 5543671.

Both hotels are located approximately 1.2 km away from the conference venue, which makes for nice, 15-minute walk:



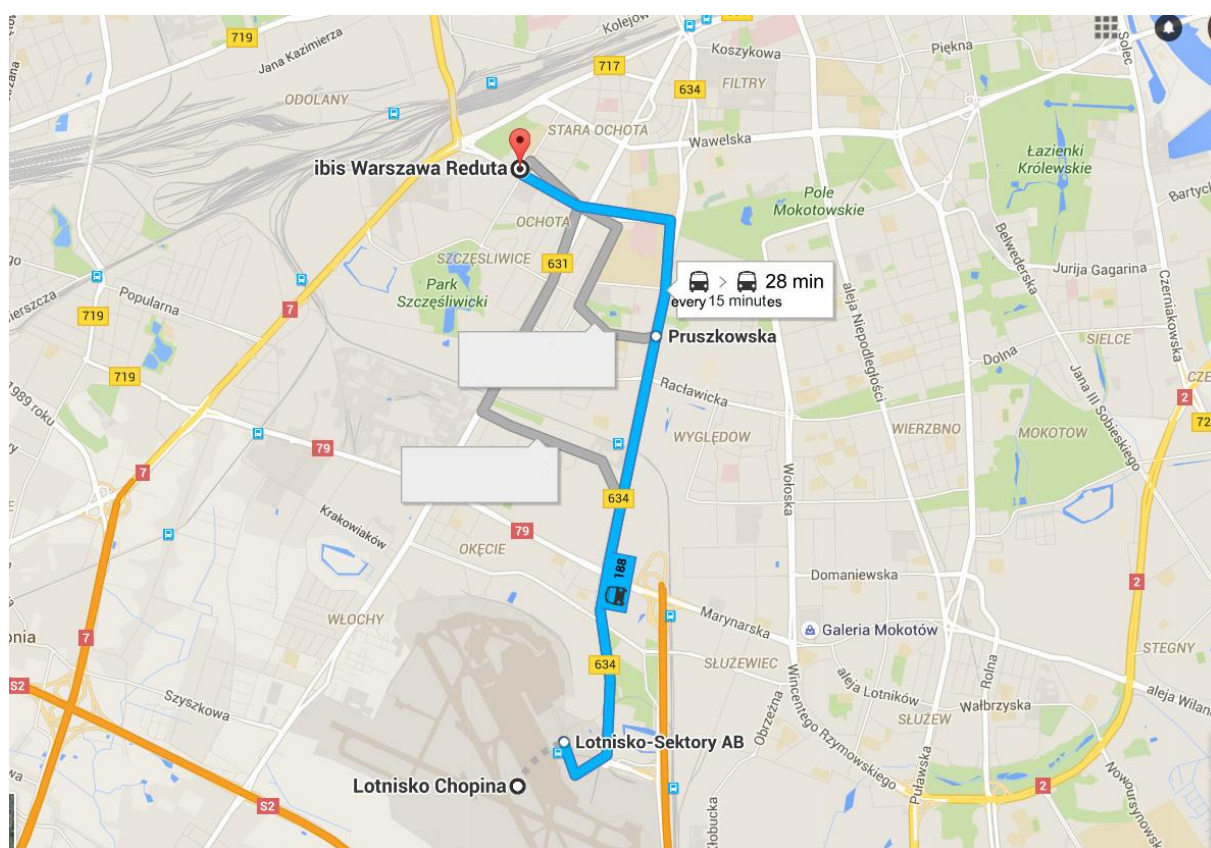
You can also use bus line 136. You have to board it on the other side of the street, after leaving the hotel, at the Szczesliwicka bus stop and exit on the second stop (Banacha). The trip takes approximately 5-6 minutes and the bus goes every 10-15 minutes (Mon-Fri) and every 15 minutes during the weekend.



Both hotels are approximately 8 km away from the Warsaw airport and can be reached either by public transport or taxi.

For public transport, use bus line 175 or 188 from the airport to reach the "Banacha-Szpital" bus stop (approximately 20 minute-ride). Exit the bus, cross the street and board the 136 bus – after two stops exit at the Szczesliwicka bus stop, next to both hotels.

For taxis, please be aware that there are some unsolicited drivers at the airport (immediately after exiting the baggage area) offering their services. **DO NOT ACCEPT THEIR OFFERS.** Instead, exit the building and use one of the taxis from the official airport companies: Super Taxi, Sawa Taxi or Ele Taxi. See the first page of this document for taxi fees: the trip to one of the Ibis hotels should be around PLN 30 (EUR 7.00).

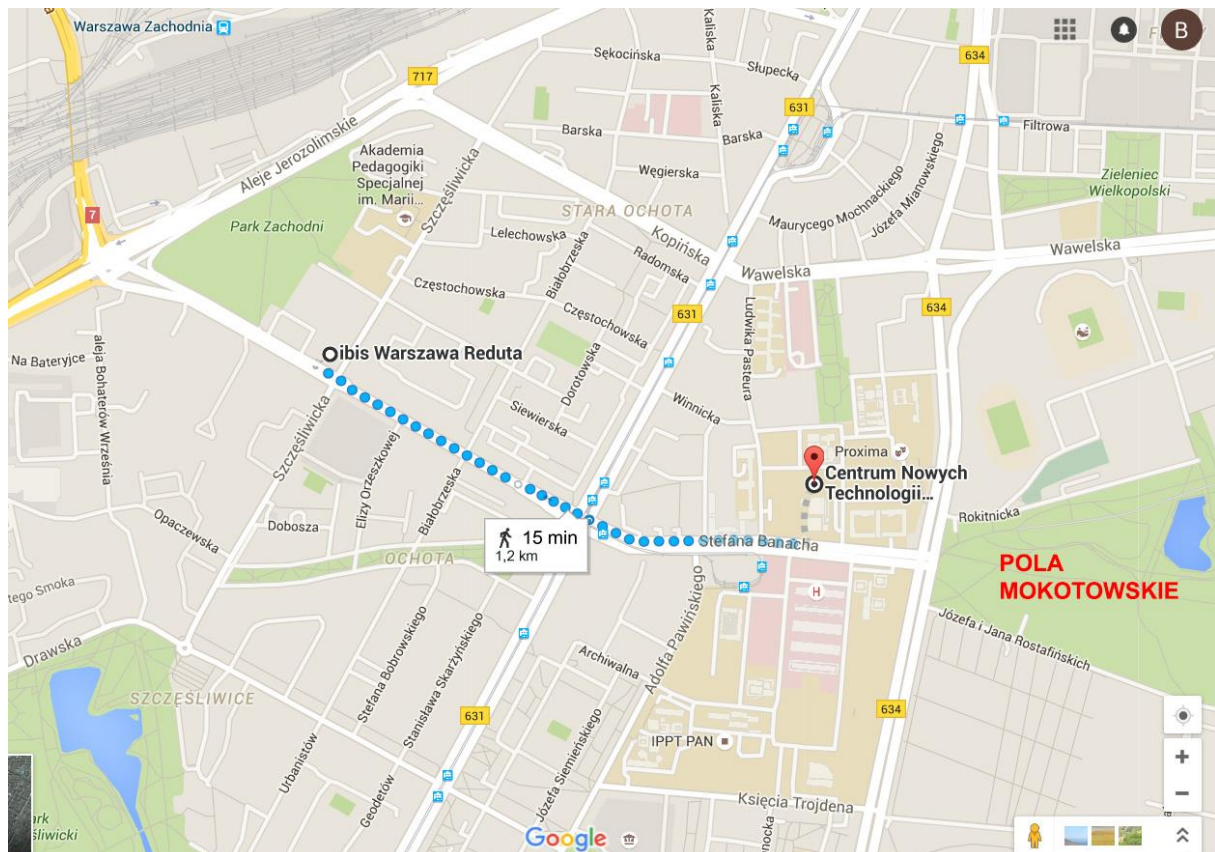


Selected places of interest

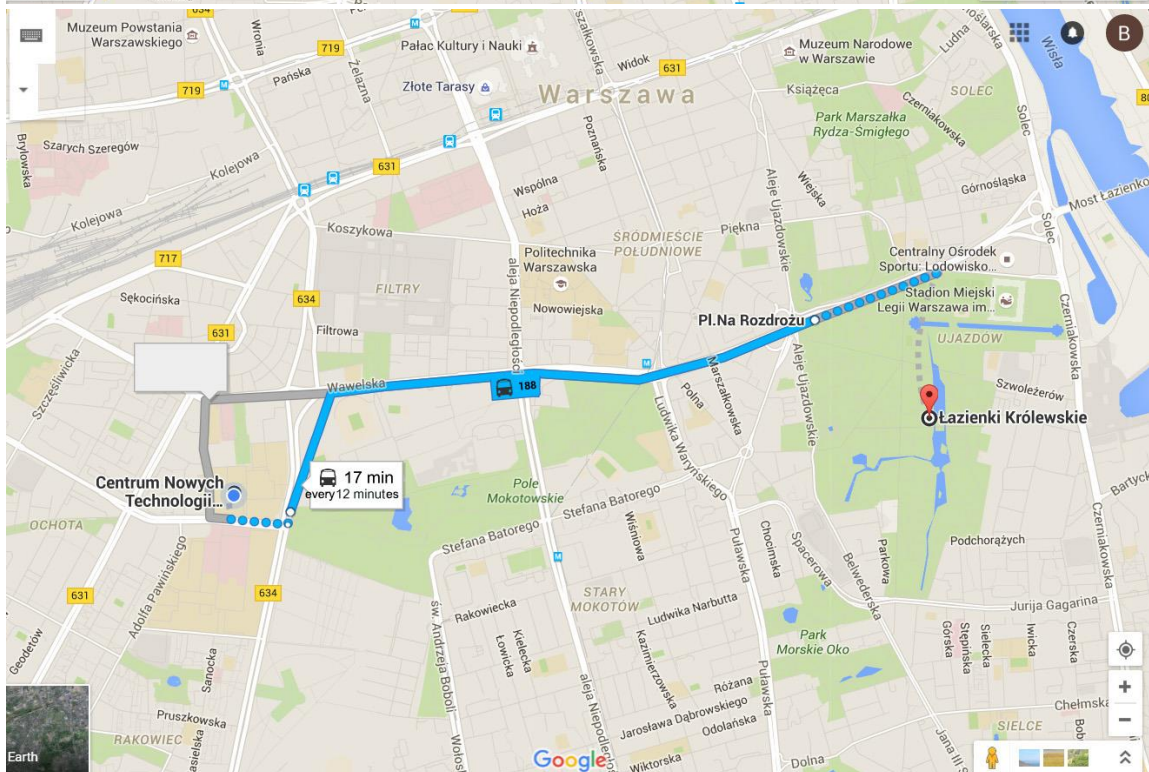
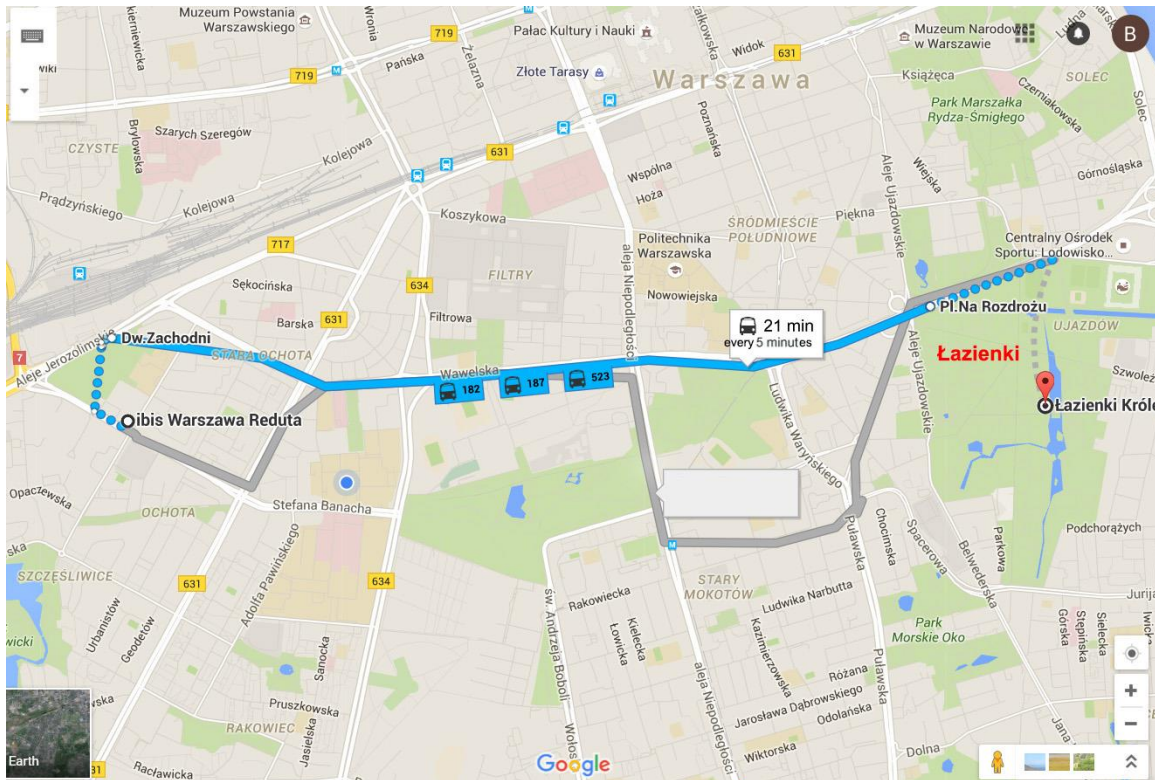
For a comprehensive list of best things to do in Warsaw, see https://www.tripadvisor.com/Tourism-g274856-Warsaw_Mazovia_Province_Central_Poland-Vacations.html (or any other travel tips website).

Walks

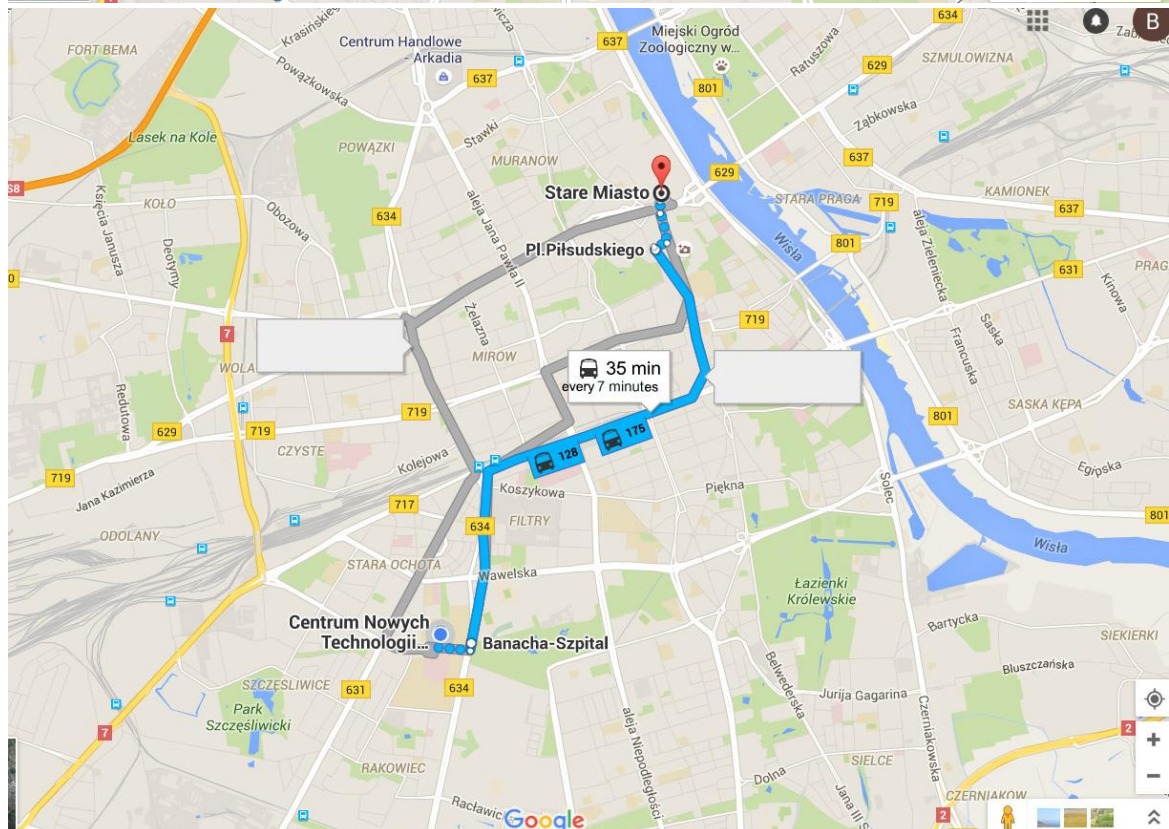
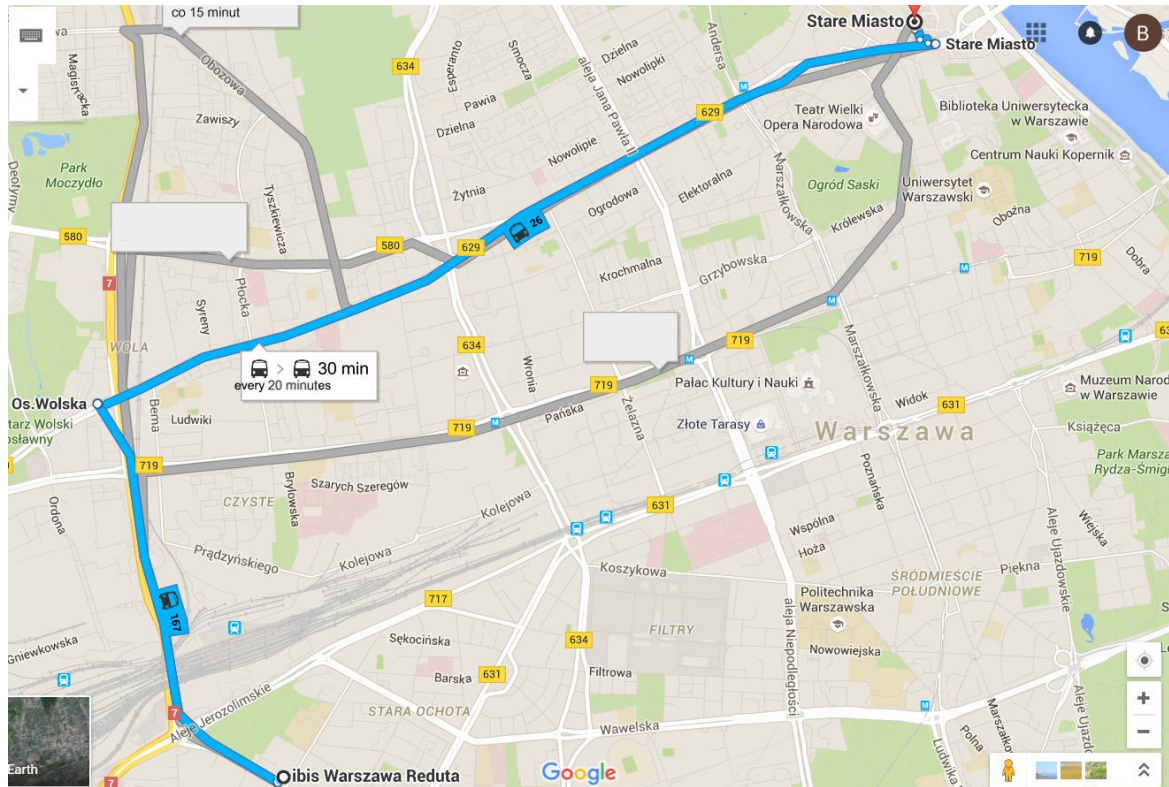
The Ochota campus, where the conference venue is located, is adjacent to **Pola Mokotowskie** park, one of the largest (68 acres/49 hectares) in Warsaw. A great place for a nice walk, also includes a number of restaurants close to the conference venue (Jeffs and Lolek Pub, both located at the beginning of the Rokitnicka street).



Łazienki Królewskie park (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Łazienki_Park) is the largest park in Warsaw and the top Warsaw destination according to tripadvisor. From Ibis hotel it can be reached with bus lines 182, 197 and 523 from the Dworzec Zachodni stop (exit at the Plac Na Rozdrożu stop, approx. 25 minutes). From the Ochota campus it can be reached with bus line 188 from the Banacha-Szpitalak bus stop (exit at the Plac Na Rozdrożu stop, approx. 20 minutes). Taxi: around PLN 30 (EUR 7.00).

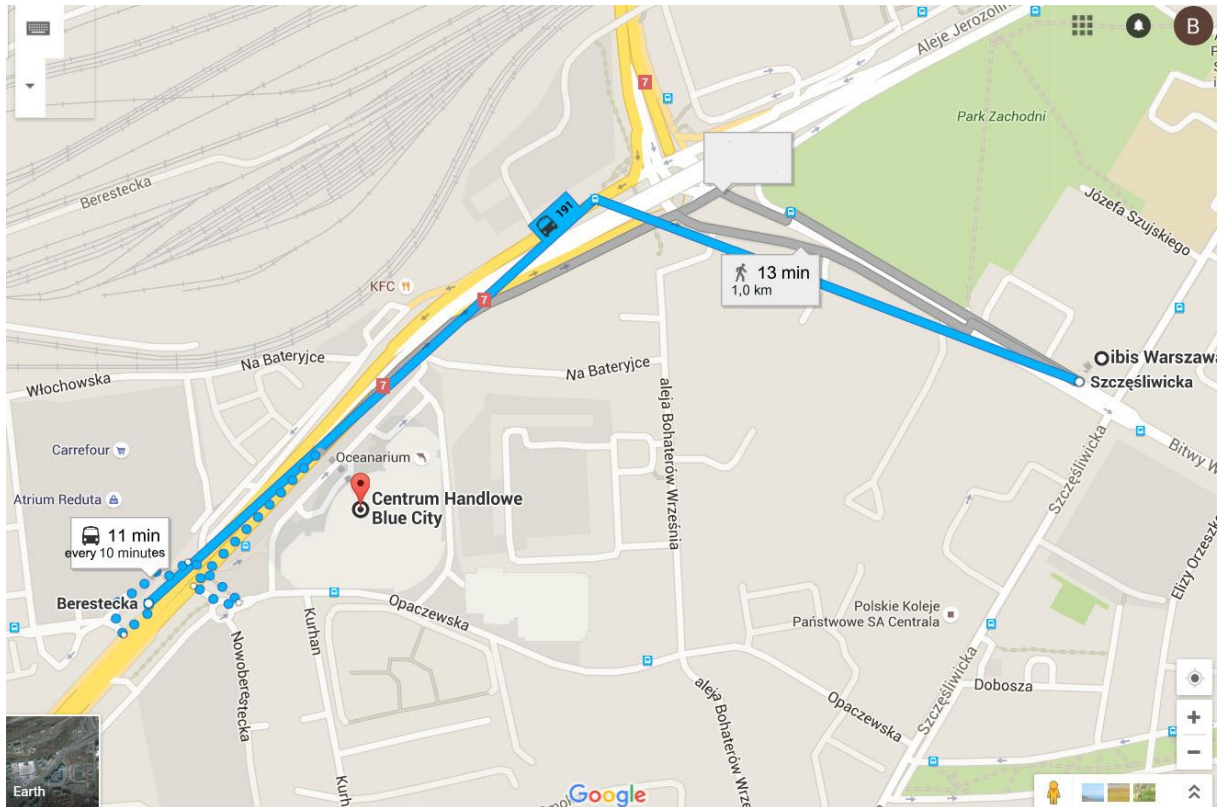


Warsaw Old Town (Stare Miasto) is definitely a place worth visiting. From Ibis hotel it can be reached by using bus line 167 from the Szczesliwicka bus stop (next to the hotel, on the same side of the street). You should then exit at the “Os. Wolska” stop, use tram line 26 and exit at the Stare Miasto stop (around 30-minute trip). From the conference venue, you can use bus lines 175 or 128 from the Banacha-Szpital bus stop and exit at the Stare Miasto stop (around 35-minute trip). Taxi: around PLN 30 (EUR 7.00).

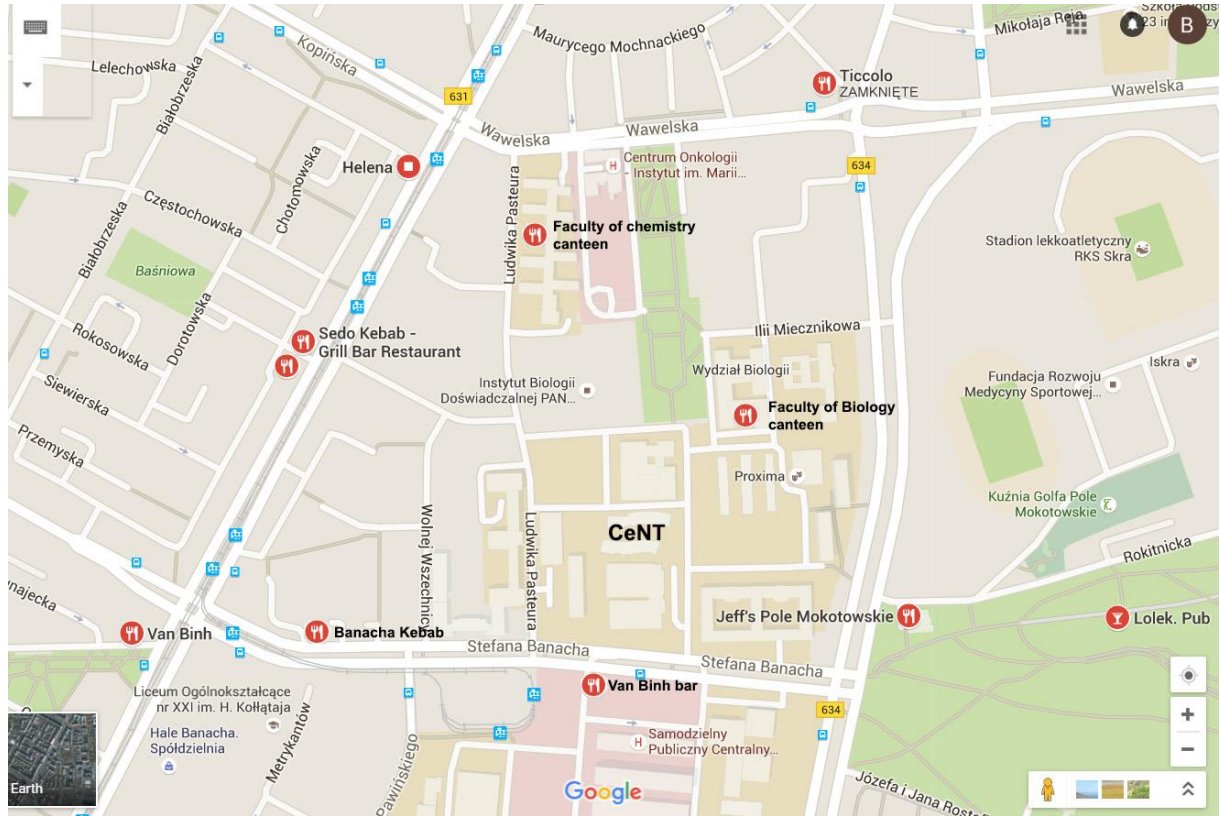


Shopping

Blue City mall (<http://en.bluecity.pl>), one of the premier Warsaw shopping destination is located just 1.2 km away from the Ibis hotels. From the Ibis hotel, you can use bus line 191 from the Szczesliwicka bus stop (next to the hotel, on the same side of the street) and exit at the Berestecka bus stop (two-stops trip), or take a short walk.



Food options in and around the campus are below (the canteens are close during weekends).



The restaurants/bars recommended on various food websites include:

Jeff's - <http://jeffs.com/en/>

Lolek pub - <http://www.publolek.pl/en/home.html>

Van Binh and Van Binh bar - <http://www.vanbinh.pl>, www.barvanbinh.pl