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TRANSFER SERVICE TO SIENA

If you don't want to deal with the hassle and worry of public transportation we will gladly arrange a car transfer service for you from all airports and train stations in Italy. One of our reliable drivers will be waiting for you at the arrival gate or train station with a sign including Dante Alighieri Siena and your name on it. For prices please visit

<http://www.dantealighieri.com/pickup.php> If you have any questions and/or would like to book the transfer service please contact

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GETTING TO SIENA WITH PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION



FROM FLORENCE AIRPORT (PERETOLA):

We recommend flying into this airport since it's the closest to Siena. Once you arrive at the airport in Florence you should take the "Volainbus" shuttle from the airport. This shuttle will drop you off at the main bus and train station in Florence. The shuttle leaves from the airport every 30 minutes (i.e. 12:00 - 12:30 - 1:00 PM - 1:30, etc.).

For bus schedule please visit:

<http://www.aeroporto.firenze.it/en/passengers/from-to-the-airport/bus.html> You will be able to buy the bus ticket right on the bus directly from the bus driver. After you have taken this bus you will have the following possibilities:



take the bus to Siena directly from the bus station in Florence where the shuttle from the airport drops you off. The direct bus route "RAPIDA" takes about 1 hour and the route that stops in several towns "DIRETTA" takes about 1 ½ hrs. This link will show the "RAPIDA" schedule: <http://www.sienaweb.it/territorio/trasporti/rapida.htm>

The DIRETTA route runs about every 2 hours on Sundays. Make sure you validate your ticket on the bus. Validators are usually near the entrance.



take the train from the Florence Santa Maria Novella Station which is 5 minutes on foot from where the shuttle from the airport drops you off. For train schedule please click on <http://www.fsitaliane.it/homepage.html>. Make sure to validate your ticket before you get on the train in the validation machines.



We recommend taking the bus and not the train from Florence to Siena. The bus will take you directly to the city center in Siena while the train will take you to the train station which is outside the city center. Also, you may have to change trains which is quite challenging with luggage.

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FROM ROME AIRPORT (FIUMICINO):

Getting to Siena from the Rome Fiumicino airport with public transportation should take about 3 / 4 hours. The easiest and fastest way to reach Siena from Rome Fiumicino is to take the shuttle train from “Roma Aeroporto Fiumicino” to “Roma Tiburtina” railway station (it takes 41' and usually shuttle trains depart every 15') and then the bus from Tiburtina to Siena; To see the route from the airport to the bus terminal visit: <http://www.fsitaliane.it/homepage.html>

When you arrive at the Tiburtina train station just walk outside and you will see the national and international bus terminal right across the street. The name of the bus company to Siena is SENA (9 buses per day, 3hr trip); for a timetable, booking and prices, please visit <http://www.sena.it/Home/78-1-en.html> or <http://www.tiemmespa.it/index.php/Viaggia-con-noi/Altri-servizi/Lunga-percorrenza/Siena-Grosseto-Orbetello-Civitavecchia-Fiumicino>

The SENA bus will drop you off in the city center of Siena, PIAZZA GRAMSCI, where you will either walk, take a local bus or taxi (Taxi tel. 0577-49222) to your housing.



You can also take the train to Siena but with luggage etc. it's quite challenging especially considering that there is no direct train and you will have to change train in Chiusi or other stations. <http://www.fsitaliane.it/homepage>



FROM PISA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT:

The best way to get to Siena from Pisa is with the direct bus that runs daily at 11:45am and arrives in Siena at 1:35pm. You can take this bus which is located right outside the airport on the arrival side. http://www.busweb.it/partners_14_TIEMME-Spa.html

If your arrival time does not allow you to take that bus then you can take the train or other bus routes. It's hard to say which one is better.

It really depends on how much luggage you have and how much time you have to get to Siena. If you don't have excessive luggage then the train might be your best choice, if you know you can't go up and down stairs to change trains then the bus might be a better choice but will take a bit longer.



The train to Siena takes about 2 hrs. You have to take a bus from the airport to the train station in Pisa. From Pisa to Siena you might have to change trains at the Empoli station. Please visit this link for schedule times

[https://www.lefrecce.it/B2CWeb/search.do?](https://www.lefrecce.it/B2CWeb/search.do?parameter=searchAdvInputViewer&cFID=foidK9uTONXH)

[parameter=searchAdvInputViewer&cFID=foidK9uTONXH](https://www.lefrecce.it/B2CWeb/search.do?parameter=searchAdvInputViewer&cFID=foidK9uTONXH) Make sure you write **PISA FERMATA AEROPORTO** in the “from” space. Don't forget to validate your ticket before you get on the train in the validation machines that are in the train .



take a bus to Florence and then another to Siena (takes about 3 hrs total). To see the schedule of buses from Pisa airport to Florence to Siena Please visit the link

<http://www.autostradale.it/pdf/festivitaaeroporto/Pisa-Siena24.pdf> . You may buy the ticket here <http://www.airportbusexpress.it/Acquisto.aspx?>

[ida=7&idc=19&senso=A](http://www.airportbusexpress.it/Acquisto.aspx?ida=7&idc=19&senso=A) Make sure you validate your ticket on the bus. Validators are usually near the entrance of the bus.

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FROM SIENA TRAIN STATION TO SIENA CITY CENTER:

You could either take a bus, taxi or walk to your accommodation depending on where it is and how much you are able to walk with your luggage. Remember that the roads in the city center are all cobblestones and pulling luggage up and down hills can be quite challenging.



On foot – You can walk to Porta Camollia by taking the escalator that is inside the mall (Porta Siena) opposite Siena train station. Just enter Porta Siena, go up the escalator to the 3rd level of the mall where the food court is and the automatic doors to it are right there. Go all the way up and turn left as you go out the door. Keep going straight for about 5 min – about 100 m and you will be in Porta Camollia. From there you can keep walking straight to get to Piazza del Campo.



By bus - make sure you buy the bus ticket at the train station. You will not be able to buy a bus ticket on the bus. From the station you have to cross the road and go to the underground bus stop. Just follow the signs. Almost every bus will take you to Piazza Gramsci or La Lizza. Ask the bus driver before getting on the bus. Please note that you must flag down the bus in order for the bus driver to stop the bus or else they won't stop!! **Make** sure you validate your ticket on the bus. Validators are usually near the entrance of the bus.



By taxi – the taxi area is in front of the train station to the left with the station facing your back. If there are no taxis waiting there call for one at 0577-49222. Usually the taxi will be able to take you right to the front door of your accommodation. The price should be somewhere around 12-18 Euro. The price will increase if you have excessive luggage and/or if your accommodation is on the other side of town from the station.

TERMS TO HELP YOU UNDERSTAND TIME TABLES:



Feriale	Monday to Saturday (excluding holidays)
Festivo	Sundays and holidays
da lunedì a venerdì	Monday to Friday (excluding holidays)
Giornaliero	Monday to Sunday (excluding holidays)



Make sure to always validate train and bus tickets before you begin your journey! Train ticket validation machines are in the train station while bus ticket validation machines are inside the buses. Failure to validate your ticket may result in fines of up to Euro 250.00.