



# GETTING THERE FROM PISA & FLORENCE

## How to get to Siena from Pisa

**BY CAR :** From the airport take the main road towards Florence. When you get near Florence (Firenze) you should follow signs for Rome / the AI motorway towards south (try to avoid the centre of Florence!). This takes you around Florence until you get to the exit Firenze Certosa. Leave the motorway here and take the dual carriageway to Siena.

**BY TRAIN :** There are no buses from Pisa to Siena and you always have to change trains at Empoli. There are buses and taxis from the airport to the central train station. From Pisa to Siena the train costs 6 Euro one way. You must stamp your ticket in the machine on the platform for it to be valid! Some trains leave from Pisa Airport, while others leave from Pisa central station. (For more information about timetable and price of trains please see [www.trenitalia.it](http://www.trenitalia.it) )

## How to get to Siena from Florence

### Bus

Siena is not on a major train line. So coming from Florence we recommend taking the bus.

**Tra-in or Sita** buses leave for Siena half hourly (approx. 6 euro, 1.15 hours). Departing from bus station across the road from Santa Maria Novella Station (the main train station in Florence).

**Note!** You must buy bus tickets *before* you board your bus and validate them once aboard. Otherwise you risk receiving a fine.

**Sita** or **Tra-in** buses will arrive into Siena at **Piazzo Gramsci**.

**Go to** <http://www.turismoverde.com/italia/trasport/bus.htm> **for timetable and further information**

# GETTING TO SIENA VIA ROME

## Train

Please note that Siena is not on a major train line. So coming from Rome **you will need to change at Chiusi**. Buy a ticket to **Siena**. You may choose to purchase an e-ticket online through **www.trenitalia.com**. Otherwise trains are leaving on an hourly basis and you may purchase your ticket at the Stazione Termini (the main train station in Rome). It is generally cheaper to buy all local train tickets in Italy. The train station has an information desk where English is spoken and they will be helpful. Trains take approx 3.15 hours.

*You will have to catch a bus from the station to Piazza Gramsci.*

**Note!** All train tickets must be validated *before* you board your train. Otherwise you risk receiving a fine. You simply punch them in the yellow machines installed at the entrance to all train platforms.

## Bus

Buses are a good alternative. The main bus station in Rome is on **Piazzale Tiburtina**, in front of Stazione Tiburtina. You can get to Tiburtina via the underground train. Take Metro Linea B from **Stazione Termini** (the main train station in Rome). Otherwise take the bus No's 649 or 492 to **Piazzale Tiburtina**. Buses depart from the piazza in front of the Stazione Termini.

**Sena (www.sena.it)** or **Tra-in (Tel. 0577204246)** buses leave for Siena. There are about 10 buses daily (approx 16euro, 3 hours). **The Sena & Tra-in ticket offices or agents** are next to the bus terminus.

**Go to** <http://www.turismoverde.com/italia/trasport/bus.htm> **for timetable and further information**

**Note!** You must buy bus tickets *before* you board your bus and validate them once aboard. Otherwise you risk receiving a fine.

Most buses will arrive into Siena at **Piazzo Gramsci our meeting place**.

# ACCOMMODATION SUGGESTIONS- ROME & SIENA

**Accommodation via internet** last minute bookings (around 2- 4 weeks in advance is fine)

I have found these sites quite good and they cover all Italian cities.

[www.expedia.com](http://www.expedia.com), [www.wotif.com](http://www.wotif.com), [www.precisionreservations.com](http://www.precisionreservations.com), [www.travellerspoint.com](http://www.travellerspoint.com), [www.lastminute.com](http://www.lastminute.com)

Suggestions for **Rome**

## **HOSTEL ORSA MAGGIORE - A womens Guest House / Hostel/ Old Nunnery**

Very close to the most beautiful locations in Rome in less than 15 minutes walk: S.Peters, Pzza Navona, Campo dé Fiori, the Pantheon.Trastevere, one of Rome's most famous nightlife areas, with great restaurants.

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[orsamaggioreroma@tiscali.it](mailto:orsamaggioreroma@tiscali.it)

<http://www.casainternazionaledelledonne.org/foresteria.htm#english>

**Hotel Ristorante Villa Degli Angeli-** *I stumbled on this one by chance last year and found it very beautiful, although not cheap it is OK as a shared room. It is about 30mins from Rome by train. It is by a lake and very peaceful.*  
<http://www.villadegliangeli.com>

Suggestions for **Siena** from the Lonely Planet, Italy book

## **Hotel Le Tre Donzelle** (*originally built as a tavern in the 13th Century*)

*Via delle Donzelle*

Tel: +39 0577 223 933

## **Piccolo Hotel Etruria**

*Via delle Donzelle*

Tel: +39 0577 288 088

## **Soggiorno Lo Stellino, Villa Piccola Siena, Siena Hospitality, A Casa Mia**

All the above are within a reasonable budget range and can be found online through the Lonely Planet.

<http://hotels.lonelyplanet.com/italy/siena>

# ACCOMMODATION SUGGESTIONS - FLORENCE

Here are some suggestions for **Florence** from the Lonely Planet, Italy book.

**Accommodation associations...** [www.promhotels.it](http://www.promhotels.it) - [www.familyhotels.com](http://www.familyhotels.com)  
[www.expedia.com](http://www.expedia.com), [www.wotif.com](http://www.wotif.com), [www.precisionreservations.com](http://www.precisionreservations.com), [www.travellerspoint.com](http://www.travellerspoint.com), [www.lastminute.com](http://www.lastminute.com)

## **Budget Hostel**

A good Hostel in a very central location. I have stayed here a few times and it has become my preferred option because of it's location and cost. I usually take a single room or a twin share if I have a friend with me.  
<http://www.hostelarchirossi.com>

**Budget Hotels** - Hotel Orchidea (close to station) email> [hotelorchidea@yahoo.it](mailto:hotelorchidea@yahoo.it)

**Pensione Bellavista** - *I have stayed here and found it very pleasant, especially if you get the room looking over the duomo..wow! and it is in an excellent location obviously.A very short walk from train station.*  
email> [bellavistahotel@iol.it](mailto:bellavistahotel@iol.it) tel. + +39 055 28 45 28

## **Mid Range Hotels**

[www.hotelbellettini.com](http://www.hotelbellettini.com)  
[www.hotelcasci.com](http://www.hotelcasci.com)



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## CHECK OFF LIST

- Passport
- Air ticket
- Travel insurance
- Earplugs for flights
- Toiletries
- First Aid Kit
- Slip on Shoes
- Flashlight
- Batteries
- Musical Instrument
- Medications
- Recorder
- Paper and Pen
- Camera
- Video
- Swimmers

