



Directions to La Serena from Rome Airports (Ciampino and Fiumicino)

By Car

Satellite Navigation Users: Please note that our address cannot be found on most systems. However, the following Longitude/Latitude coordinates should work! They are: **N 43° 00' 54" E 12° 15' 56"** (or if your Sat Nav is set to decimal, it is **N 43.015 & E 12.266**). The alternative is to enter **Castiglione della Valle** ('postcode' is 06072) which is only 1 kilometre away from us. Once you have entered those into your system, enjoy the rest of the journey and concentrate on the Italian driving!! Buon Viaggio!

The journey from either Ciampino or Fiumicino airports will take approximately 1.5 to 2 hours, depending on the traffic near Roma.

From Ciampino Airport (pronounced Champino): Exit the airport and go towards **Roma** (Rome). Join the Raccordo Annulare Roma (Rome Ring road) at junction 23, following signs to **Firenze** (Florence) and stay on this road until Junction 10, where you join the A1 autostrada (motorway) - again towards **Firenze** (Florence). The centre of Rome will be on your left-hand side.

NB: Ignore previous signs that point you towards the A1 Firenze-Napoli as this will take you east of Rome and will add many kilometres to your journey!

The A1 is a toll-motorway, so make sure you have some Euros in cash with you. You should be able to use credit cards, but cash is much easier. Now follow the directions given in the section '**From Rome**' on the next page of this document.

From Fiumicino Airport (pronounced Fioomichino): Exit the airport and go towards **Roma** (Rome) on the Autostrada Roma Aeroporto Fiumicino. Join the Raccordo Annulare Roma (Rome Ring road) at junction 30, following signs to **Firenze** (Florence) and stay on this road until Junction 10, where you join the A1 autostrada (motorway) - again towards **Firenze**. The centre of Rome will be on your right-hand side. The A1 is a toll-motorway, so make sure you have some Euros in cash with you. You should be able to use credit cards, but cash is much easier. Now follow the directions given in the section '**From Rome**' on the next page of this document.

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From Rome:

Follow the A1 motorway and exit at **Orte** going towards **Terni, Perugia** and **Cesena**.

NB: there are no junction numbers on Italian autostrade (motorways)! Take the superstrada (dual-carriageway) towards **Terni**. After about 21 kilometres, before you reach **Terni**, turn off (northwards) on the E45 towards **Perugia, Cesena** and **Deruta**. Stay on this road for about nn kilometres passing signs for San Gemini, Aquasparta and Todi. Roughly 15 kilometres after **Todi**, exit the E45 at **Marsciano-Collepepe**.

At the T-junction, turn right towards **Marsciano** on the bridge over the E45. The road bends sharply to the left and you come to a T-junction. Turn right, again towards Marsciano. Follow a long straight road, to a roundabout, where you turn right (you do not need to give way here). You will be entering a small industrial zone (Zona Industriale Sud).

After about 300metres go straight ahead at the roundabout. After 200metres turn left at the next T-junction and after 150metres turn right at the next T-junction (this is the only tricky bit!). You may see signs to Cerqueto or Perugia. Follow this road for just under 1 kilometre, passing a petrol station on your left-hand side. Just after this petrol station, you will come to a small crossroads with no signposts. Turn left here and follow a small road up the hill, with a few houses dotted on either side of the road. After about 3.5 kilometres you come to a T-junction, where you turn right.

Continue along this road for about 3 kilometres, until you reach **Cerqueto**. Just after the village, take the left turn towards **Spina, Tavernelle** and **Castiglione della Valle** (pronounced Castillionay della Vallay) and follow this road for about 14 kilometres. Take the second exit at the small roundabout, signposted **Perugia** and **Tavernelle** (the small town of **Spina** will be on your right-hand side). Roughly 4 km after the roundabout and 500 metres after the turning for **San Biagio della Valle** (on the right) you will see **La Serena** on your right-hand side, just before the hilltop borgo (hamlet) of Monticelli - the garden with the solar panels in it!

Turn right into our driveway and enjoy the welcome that is **La Serena in Umbria!** and the real start to your fantastic Umbrian holiday.

NB: If you prefer to go by train, it is also possible to hire cars at Perugia or Chiusi Railway Stations, ask us for details when you book your holiday at La Serena!



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By Public Transport

For all rail travel, do contact La Serena first, as we can make train bookings on your behalf, where the tickets can be picked up at the station when you arrive. The cost of the train tickets can be added to your La Serena bill.

Please read the notes on the next page in full as they give you very valuable advice about travelling on Italian trains and buying/picking up tickets.

From Ciampino Airport: There is a coach connection between the airport and **Roma Termini** Railway Station, which is the main hub railway station in Rome. There are a few coach companies that operate this route, but the main one is the Terravision company - journey time is about 40-45 minutes.

Go to the Terravision desk in the arrivals hall of the airport to purchase a voucher if you need one (it is possible to buy tickets via the internet, or on some of the in-coming flights). You will be informed as to where your coach will be waiting for you. You can buy either single-journey tickets or return tickets. Tickets are currently €8 per single journey and €13.50 per return journey.

NB: this is a dedicated airport-city transfer for air travellers. All passengers must demonstrate a valid airline boarding pass, ticket or e-ticket. If you already have a voucher, present it to the Terravision representative (or the driver if there is no representative).

After you have stowed your luggage in the coach hold, climb aboard and select your seat. The coach will leave on time. Terravision advises all passengers to be at the pickup point at least 15 minutes prior to the coach departure time. The coach will not wait for you if you are late!

It is certainly cheaper to take this coach option than a taxi, although there are plenty of taxis outside the airport building. Please make sure you take an official taxi from the rank, rather than accepting a taxi from a tout in the airport building - although the police are vigilant about stopping this practice! Taxi fares are currently between €50 and €70.

NB: Coaches depart approx 40 minutes after flight arrival at Rome Ciampino Airport and leave Termini Station approx 2,5 hours before flight departure.

Further Information: ciampino@terravision.it or +39-067-949-4572 or +39-067-949-4621.

Now follow the directions given in the section **'Trains from Rome'** below.

From Fiumicino Airport: There is a direct rail-link between the airport and **Roma Termini** Railway Station, which is the main hub railway station in Rome. It is call the Leonardo Express. Tickets are currently €14.00 each way. Tickets can easily be bought at ticket machines at the airport railway station or at Roma Termini station. Return tickets are not available on this service. The journey time is about 35 minutes and there are no mid-journey stops. Trains run every 30 minutes.

Further information: www.trenitalia.com, which also has an English translation on the website.

Now follow the directions given in the section **'Trains from Rome'** below.

Trains from Rome: From Roma Termini Station, the best station to go to for **La Serena** is **Chiusi/Chianciano Termé** (pronounced Kioossi/Kianchano Termay). The journey time depends on the train company and are less frequent than the trains running in the UK - due to the distances involved and the relatively much smaller population using them! However, the upside is that the train fares are much lower than those in the UK - even first class!

As a general guide, you should allow 3 to 3.5 hours from arriving at Ciampino Airport to reaching La Serena and 2.5 to 3 hours from arriving at Fiumicino Airport - which includes time for baggage collection at the airport too.

General Notes on buying tickets and Italian train travel are below.

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Notes for Buying Train Tickets

Buying Train Tickets: You can buy tickets at the main ticket office / travel centre at all major stations, or they can be reserved ahead of time on www.trenitalia.com, which can be used in English (top left of screen).

It is thoroughly recommended that you have pre-booked tickets for popular dates and times - call La Serena for advice and train ticket reservations.

Picking up pre-booked tickets: By far the easiest way of doing this, is via the Fast Ticket machines (not the ones marked Regionale), as follows:

1. Use the touch screen to select the language of your choice
2. Enter the PNR code in the box provided using the keyboard/pad - again using the touch screen
3. Enter the surname of the person who booked the ticket. If you have asked La Serena to book it, the PNR and Surname will be given to you beforehand.
4. Your tickets will be printed, together with a receipt - including seat reservation numbers if applicable. (Carozza = Train car or coach, Posto(i) = Seat or seats).

NB: You must validate your ticket by putting the end into the yellow slot on the Fast Ticket machine, or in any of the separate small yellow machines found on station concourses or platforms. If you don't do this, a train inspector can give you a fine. The reason being that most train tickets are issued to cover a range of dates, therefore, one has to validate it when it is being used. Trusting, isn't it??

5. When your train arrives - find your Coach number (usually printed on labels on the doors, then your relevant seat(s). If someone is already sitting in it, don't panic, they will have to move - it is probably just that they didn't reserve in advance and didn't know your seat was already booked.

Notes for Travelling on Italian Trains

Contrary to popular belief, Train Travel in Italy is very efficient on the whole. However, sometimes a train can be late - very occasionally very late. Please bear in mind that some of the trains - particularly the Eurostar or Intercity trains travel vast distances up and down Italy, so delays can happen. There is very little 'knock-on' effect onto other trains as the rail infrastructure is not as busy as some other countries, e.g., the UK!

When you are on the train, please don't rely on announcements for your particular station, as they don't always occur, especially if you are travelling early morning or late at night (to enable anyone sleeping to stay that way!). The best way to work out where you are is to look at the timetables on the platform of the station where you have boarded the train - they give lots of information, but you need to look carefully - using the time of departure that is given to you on your ticket, or e-ticket confirmation. Each scheduled train also has a unique number, so you can use that too.

On the timetable, each train is denoted (in order of departure time), together with its platform number. Information is then given on the principle stations it stops at - together with the time of arrival at that station. However, be careful, as sometimes the next column also states which other stations it may stop at (e.g., more provincial towns), again with the time of arrival at that station. It is not possible to tell you the destination station of your particular train, as the final train destination differs depending on the day and time of your chosen train.

The last step in the process is to leave the train, where Derek or Stephanie will be waiting for you to enjoy the welcome that is **La Serena in Umbria!** and the real start to your fantastic Umbrian holiday.



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