



Directions to La Serena from Ancona Airport

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 Ancona (Falconara Maritima) airport will take approximately 2 to 2.5 hours, depending on the traffic en route!

From Ancona Airport: Exit the airport and take the dual carriageway following signs to **Jesi** and **Fabriano**. Follow this road for about 70 kilometres, the last 10 kilometres of which become single carriageway.

You will come to a major junction with lots of roadworks (where a new road is being constructed). Turn left following signs to **Gualdo Tadino** and **Nocera Umbra** (signposts will also list **Foligno** and **Roma** on them) and follow this road for about 40 kilometres, passing both Gualdo Tadino and Nocera Umbra.

Just before you get to Foligno, you will pick up the E45 superstrada (another dual carriageway) onto which you turn right towards Perugia. Follow this road towards Perugia (also signposted to Roma and Firenze - Rome and Florence) for 30 kilometres, where you will see signs to Firenze going off to the right - **ignore these signs** to Firenze. At this point, still follow signs to **Roma**.

Exit the superstrada at **Torgiano / S. Martino in Campo** and follow the signs to S. Martino in Campo, turning left at the end of the slip road. **NB:** there are no junction numbers on Italian autostrade (motorways)! Proceed until you reach a roundabout. Take the exit towards **S. Martino in Colle** (this will be either the second or third exit, depending on which junction you took from the E45). The road will take you uphill and around a few bends for about 3 kilometres. At the T-junction, turn left and you will come to a traffic-lighted pedestrian crossing.

Very shortly after the traffic lights, turn right following signs to **Pila**. After about 4 kilometres, you will reach a crossroads with traffic lights, where you turn left - towards **S. Biagio della Valle** and **Villanova**. Follow this road for about **8** kilometres until you reach a T-junction. Turn right here and follow the road downhill, past a turning on the right to S. Biagio della Valle and you will see 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.



Call us if you need any help, on +39-075-878-7429.

If no reply, try our mobiles: Stephanie on +39-349-243-3706 or Derek on +39-346-527-0020



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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 Ancona Airport:

Taxis run the short distances to Falconara Railway Station (currently about €12) or Ancona Railway Station (currently about €27). Taxis are available at the airport or can be booked by telephoning the following numbers: +39-071-918-8221, +39-071-910-919, or +39-071-43321. Trains do not always stop at Falconara Station outside of the main season, so contact La Serena for the latest information.

Trains from Ancona: From Ancona Station, the best station to go to for La Serena is ***Perugia***. This entails a change at ***Foligno*** Station, which is very easy as it is not a very large station. 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, much lower than those in the UK - even first class!

As a general guide, you should allow 2.5 to 3 hours from arriving at Ancona Airport to reaching La Serena, 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.

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