

PRATICAL GUIDE FOR INTERNATIONAL VISITORS IN **UNISI - AREZZO**



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1. Important note on location

Please note that although this project is part of the University of Siena, our research group is based at the Arezzo Campus (Campus del Pionta), not in the city of Siena. When planning your travel and booking accommodation, please make sure your destination is Arezzo, Italy.

2. Traveling by Train in Italy

Italy boasts a highly efficient railway network, making trains the best way to travel between major airports, cities, and regional hubs like Arezzo.

We strongly recommend downloading the official Trenitalia App before your departure. Buying your tickets through the app allows you to manage your entire itinerary directly from your phone, avoiding long queues at ticket vending machines or station counters.



2.1. How to Use the Trenitalia App

1. Step. Download & Register

- Download the official Trenitalia app from the App Store or Google Play.
- Create a free account before booking. Registering allows you to save your personal details, access your tickets offline, and manage modifications easily across devices.

2. Step. Search & Purchase

- Simply enter your departure and arrival stations (e.g., Roma Termini to Arezzo or Firenze Santa Maria Novella to Arezzo).
- The app shows both high-speed trains (Frecciarossa, faster with assigned seats) and regional trains (Regionale, ideal for shorter distances and flexible travel).
- You can securely pay using credit cards, Apple Pay, Google Pay, or PayPal.

3. Step. Automatic Digital Validation (No Stamping Needed)

- Paper tickets bought at station kiosks must be physically stamped in green/white validation machines before boarding.
- Digital Regional Tickets (DRT) purchased in the app validate automatically at the scheduled departure time. You do not need to look for a stamping machine at the platform; simply open the app and present your digital QR code to the inspector.

4. Aspects to consider:

- **Schedule Flexibility.** For regional trains, you can make unlimited changes to your travel date and time up until the scheduled departure time directly from the app. If your flight is delayed, you can easily switch to a later train without losing your ticket.
- **Easy Access Onboard.** All your active tickets are stored under the "My Journeys" section. During ticket inspections on board, simply display the dynamic QR code on your phone screen (note: keep a valid photo ID handy, as inspectors may occasionally ask to verify your name).

3. Arriving in Arezzo

Simple routes from Florence Airport, Rome Fiumicino and Rome Ciampino

DESTINATION. Arezzo railway station · Piazza della Repubblica · 52100 Arezzo, Tuscany, Italy

Map: [open Arezzo railway station in Google Maps](#). The station is close to the modern centre and approximately 10–20 minutes on foot from much of the historic centre.

Quick overview

Starting point	Recommended route	Typical journey	Changes
Florence Airport (FLR)	T2 tram + train	About 1½–2¼ hours	1
Rome Fiumicino (FCO)	Leonardo Express + train	About 2½–3½ hours	1
Rome Ciampino (CIA)	Airport coach + train	About 3–4 hours	1

BEST GENERAL OPTION. Use the airport link to reach the main railway station, then take a direct train to Arezzo: T2 tram from Florence Airport, Leonardo Express from Fiumicino, or an airport coach from Ciampino.

3.1. From Florence Airport (FLR / Peretola)

3.1.1 Take tram line T2 from the airport

- Location. The airport stop is immediately outside the terminal. Take the T2 towards central Florence and get off at Alamanni–Stazione, beside Firenze Santa Maria Novella railway station.
- Payment. You can pay directly on board using the Tip Tap contactless machines inside the tram (simply tap your credit card or smartphone). Alternatively, you can purchase a paper ticket at the machines located at the tram stop. Note that paper tickets must be validated using the machines inside the tram immediately upon boarding.

3.1.2 Enter Firenze Santa Maria Novella station

Follow the railway signs, check the departure board and locate your platform.

3.1.3 Take a direct train to Arezzo

Choose a Trenitalia service that lists Arezzo as a stop. Avoid an unnecessarily tight connection if you have checked luggage.

EASIEST WITH HEAVY LUGGAGE. A taxi from Florence Airport directly to Firenze Santa Maria Novella removes the tram transfer. A pre-booked car directly to Arezzo is simpler still, but considerably more expensive.

3.2. From Rome Airports

3.1.4 From Rome Fiumicino Airport (FCO)

1. Step. Follow signs to the airport railway station. The station is within the airport complex near the terminals.
2. Step. Take the Leonardo Express to Roma Termini. This is a non-stop airport train. The official airport information gives a journey time of about 32 minutes. You can buy your ticket from the Trenitalia app.
3. Step. Change at Roma Termini for Arezzo. Use a direct Trenitalia train when possible. Leave a comfortable transfer margin, particularly if collecting checked luggage or travelling on separate tickets.

CONNECTION MARGIN. A delay to your flight may cause you to miss a train booked for a specific departure. A flexible regional option or a longer transfer margin reduces this risk.

3.1.5 From Rome Ciampino Airport (CIA)

1. Step. Take an airport coach to Roma Termini. Several operators run daily services from Ciampino Airport to Roma Termini. Stops are opposite International Departures; buy online, in the arrivals terminal or as permitted by the operator.
2. Step. Enter Roma Termini railway station. Check the departure board and allow time to reach the platform.
3. Step. Take a direct train to Arezzo. Select a Trenitalia service with zero changes whenever possible.

ALTERNATIVE. A taxi or private transfer from either Rome airport directly to Arezzo avoids the city-centre change but is a long and expensive journey. Confirm the fixed price, luggage and tolls before booking.

[Fiumicino · train information](#) | [Ciampino · bus information](#)

4. Tickets, luggage and arrival tips

- Search using the exact station names: Firenze S. M. Novella, Roma Termini and Arezzo.
- Check live departure boards on the day of travel; engineering works and strikes can alter services.
- For a reserved long-distance train, board only the train shown on your ticket unless Trenitalia confirms a change.
- Keep luggage within sight, especially in major stations and while boarding.
- Arezzo's historic centre includes steep streets. With heavy luggage, use a taxi from the rank outside the station.
- If driving, ask your accommodation about parking and the restricted-traffic zone (ZTL) before entering the historic centre.
- Useful phrase. "Questo treno ferma ad Arezzo?" — "Does this train stop in Arezzo?"
- Journey times are indicative and do not include every possible waiting period. Document updated on 20 July 2026.

5. Getting Around Arezzo and the Surrounding Area

5.1. Walking in Arezzo

Arezzo is a compact, pedestrian-friendly city. The historic center and most key areas are best explored on foot.

NOTE. The city is slightly hilly. If you arrive at the main railway station (Arezzo Terminal/Stazione FS) and need to reach the upper part of the city (such as Piazza Grande or the Cathedral), you can take advantage of the public moving walkways/escalators (scale mobili) located near the Pietri Parking area.

5.2. Local City Buses (Urban Transport)

For longer trips within Arezzo or to reach campus facilities (such as the Pionta Campus), the city urban bus network operated by Autolinee Toscane is the best option.

- The App: Download the "at bus" app (by Autolinee Toscane) on iOS or Android.
- How to buy tickets:
 1. Step. In the "at bus" app: Create an account (my at) to search for routes, check real-time bus arrivals, and buy single tickets or pass bundles digitally.
 2. Step. Contactless on board (Tip Tap): You can pay directly on board by tapping your contactless card or mobile wallet on the green/blue readers.
 3. Paper tickets. Available at newsstands, tobacconists (tabacchi), or ticket kiosks around the main train station. Remember to validate paper tickets in the machine on board.

5.3. Exploring the Surrounding Area & Tuscany (Regional Transport)

Arezzo is strategically located in eastern Tuscany, making it easy to visit neighboring towns, countryside valleys (Valdichiana, Casentino, Valtiberina), and major cities.

- By Train (Trenitalia & TFT):
 - Main Cities (Florence, Rome, Cortona): Use the main Trenitalia network. Regional trains (Regionale) run frequently throughout the day:
 - Florence (Firenze S.M.N.): ~1 hour.
 - Cortona (Camucia-Cortona station): ~15–20 minutes.
 - Rome (Roma Termini): ~2 hours.
 - Local Valleys (e.g., Casentino or Sinalunga): Local regional trains operated by TFT (Trasporto Ferroviario Toscano) depart directly from Arezzo Railway Station to destinations like Bibbiena, Poppi, or Sinalunga. You can buy these tickets directly in the Trenitalia app or at the station.
- By Suburban Bus (Extraurban Buses):
 - Regional buses operated by Autolinee Toscane connect Arezzo to smaller hill towns, villages, and countryside areas not directly served by the train line.
 - Route planning and ticket purchases can also be handled seamlessly through the "at bus" app.

5.4. Taxis in Arezzo

- Taxis do not usually cruise around the streets looking for passengers. You can find taxi stands directly outside the main Arezzo Railway Station (Piazza della Repubblica).
- To request or book a taxi by phone, call Radiotaxi Arezzo at +39 0575 382626.

6. Accommodation Options for Project Partners

Depending on the length of your stay, we recommend the following options for your research visit:

6.1. Short-Term Stays (Arezzo)

For short stays, we recommend staying in central Arezzo, close to the Pionta Campus and the main transport hubs.

- Hotel Continentale:
 - Conveniently located in central Arezzo, within walking distance of both the main railway station and the Pionta Campus.
 - Features air conditioning, complimentary Wi-Fi, and a central location near restaurants and services.
 - Address: Piazza Guido Monaco, 7, 52100 Arezzo AR, Italy
 - Phone: +39 0575 20251
 - Website: <https://www.hotelcontinentale.com/>

6.2. Long-Term Stays (San Giovanni Valdarno)

For longer research stays, guest accommodation is available at the University's Geotechnology Center.

- Center for Geotechnology (CGT) - University of Siena
 - Located in nearby San Giovanni Valdarno, easily accessible via regional trains (~20–30 minutes to Arezzo station).
 - Ideal for visiting researchers, PhD students, and project partners requiring long-term stay arrangements.
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 - Website: <https://geotecnologie.unisi.it/il-collegio/>

7. Workspaces and Study Areas in Arezzo

If you need a place to work, study, or access high-speed Wi-Fi during your stay, we recommend the following options:

1. Università degli Studi di Siena - Campus del Pionta

- The main campus of the University of Siena in Arezzo.
- Provides academic facilities, departmental work areas, Wi-Fi access, and quiet study spaces for researchers, visiting faculty, and students.
- Address: [Viale L. Cittadini, 33, 52100 Arezzo AR, Italy](#)

2. Informagiovani Arezzo

- A public youth and community service center located near the historic city center.
- Offers dedicated study rooms, co-working areas, free Wi-Fi, and a collaborative environment suitable for casual working.
- Address: [Piazza di Sant'Agostino, 8, 52100 Arezzo AR, Italy.](#)

3. Biblioteca Citta' Di Arezzo (Public Library)

- The main public library of Arezzo, housed in a historic building in the upper part of the old town.
- Features quiet reading rooms, desk spaces equipped for laptops, and free Wi-Fi, making it ideal for focused individual work.
- Address: [Via dei Pileati, 8, 52100 Arezzo AR, Italy.](#)

4. Biblioteca Comunale Le Fornaci (Public Library - San Giovanni Valdarno)

- Conveniently located near the Geotechnology Center for researchers staying in San Giovanni Valdarno.
- A modern public library offering bright reading rooms, quiet study desks, free Wi-Fi, and a comfortable working environment.
- Address: [Via Vittorio Veneto, 19, 52027 San Giovanni Valdarno AR, Italy](#)

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