Traveling with Confidence from the Rome Airport

After your long flight, you will be both tired and eager to see your new home away from home. You are almost there, but first you need to find your way from Fiumicino/Leonardo Da Vinci Airport to Ascoli Piceno on the START bus -- the bus company the offers transportation from Rome to Ascoli Piceno. At the bus Station in Ascoli Piceno the UNH-in-Italy staff will meet you and escort you to your apartments.

DIRECTIONS

After retrieving your luggage at the airport, you have two options depending on the time of your arrival.

OPTION ONE: From the Airport

There are three trips each day from the Airport to Ascoli. They run at 7:30AM, 2:10PM, 5PM, and it takes approximately 4 hours and 20 minutes to get to Ascoli. The bus leaves the airport from Terminal C, parking space #12. You may purchase your ticket on the bus.

Note that you change buses in Porto D’Ascoli: you will be asked to switch to the one that goes to Ascoli. Another 30 minutes and you are there!

The cost of the ticket is 20 Euros

OPTION TWO: From the Train Station in Rome

If you are too early or too late for the buses from the Airport, you can take the START bus from the station in Rome itself. You go into Rome to the train station (Termini) and walk about 5 blocks to the START office on Viale Castro Pretorio 84. From there buses to Ascoli leave at 1:50PM, 5PM, 8:15PM, 10:15PM. The ride takes about 3 hours and the cost is 17 Euros.

FYI, this is also how you should get to Ascoli if you have arrived in Rome early to spend time there, or when you have gone to Rome for the weekend.

Step 1: From the Airport to the Train Station.

Exit the airport and walk all the way to the right until you get to some parking spaces where buses are parked. There will be several companies that offer transportation to
Rome’s Termini Train Station. For example, TERRAVISION offers the ride for 4 Euros online/6 Euros at the bus. It goes direct to Termini and takes a little under an hour. You can also take the train but it is more expensive and less convenient.

Here you can check the TERRAVISION bus schedule: [http://www.terravision.eu/rome_fiumicino.html](http://www.terravision.eu/rome_fiumicino.html)

Step 2: From Termini to the START Office

The bus will leave you on Via Marsala, the street on the left side as you face the Train Station. From Via Marsala walk up either Via Marghera or Via Vicenza (heading away from the Train Station—[see map on next page](#)). Follow Via Vicenza for 5 blocks until you come to Viale Castro Pretorio. You will know that you are almost there when you pass the Best Western Hotel Canada. Make a left and the bus stop/ticket office will be on the left side of the street. If you are too tired to walk you might want to take a taxi. The taxi ride should not be too expensive since it is such a short distance (5 blocks).

*Please refer to the map on the next page.*

If you look up these directions on Google, it might be worth using the function “Street View” to familiarize yourself with the surroundings!

**Note:** Do not expect to see a bus terminal. Tickets are sold in a simple store with the sign “START” over the front door (visible if you google “Viale Castro Pretorio 84, Rome”, and use “Street view”). The bus to Ascoli normally loads across the street. The store could be closed when you arrive, but it will open at least a half an hour before the departure.

Go into the START office to purchase your ticket to Ascoli Piceno. Just say: “Vorrei un biglietto per Ascoli Piceno.”

There is no restroom on the bus, though it does make one ten-minute stop at the midway point when it is possible to use facilities and to get a bite to eat. Please contact the office staff if you are delayed—they will be at the Ascoli Train Station (which is also the bus stop) to meet you when your bus arrives to show you to your new home away from home.

Seats are usually assigned on buses in Italy. It is not first-come; first-served. Also if you typically get car sick, you WILL need Dramamine. The bus crosses the Apennines, the mountains that divide Italy, and the road winds a lot.
If you need something to eat, there are Bars (coffee bars) on both sides of the Start Office and a great pizza by the slice place (really pizza by weight—you tell them or point out how much you want and they weight it) around the corner. There are also fast food restaurants, a bookstore that sells English language books, and a grocery store in the Termini station.

Be careful in and near Termini. It is a high theft area. You are not physically at risk but keep an eye on your luggage, camera, laptop, etc. at all times.