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 on the START bus -- the bus company that offers transportation from Rome to Ascoli Piceno. At the bus station in Ascoli Piceno you will meet the UNH in ITALY staff who will escort you to your apartments. If you run into any delays or issues during your travel to Ascoli, please reach out directly to Cristian Muscelli (email: Cristian.muscelli@gmail.com, office: (39) 073 626 3503, mobile: (39) 329 444 6916).

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 serve. Also if you get car sick, you WILL need Dramamine. The bus crosses the Apennines, the mountains that divide Italy. Be careful Rome. You are not physically at risk but keep an eye on your luggage, camera, laptop, etc. at all times.


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 five trips each day from the Airport to Ascoli. They run at 7:30 AM, 14:10 (2:10 PM), 17:00 (5:00 PM), 18:50 (6:50 PM), 22:15 (10:15 PM). Nearly all flights from the USA arrive in time for you to catch the 14:10. It takes approximately 4 hours and 20 minutes to get to Ascoli. The bus leaves the airport from Terminal 3, at the very end of the Terminal, parking space #1 or #2. This could change, so always ask someone to double check.

The 18:50 bus goes direct to Ascoli. For the others you change buses in Porto D’Ascoli: you will be asked to switch to the one that goes to Ascoli (right at the bus stop—you get off one bus and on another). Another 30 minutes and you are there!

The cost of the ticket is about 20 Euros.

OPTION TWO: From the Tiburtina Train Station in Rome
If you are too early or too late for the rides from the Airport, you can take the START bus from the bus station in Rome itself. Or if you have arrived early in Rome, this will be your easiest option.
You go into Rome to the Tiburtina train station (NOT Termini Station): from there buses to Ascoli leave at 7:20 AM, 8:40 AM, 13:50 (= 1:50 PM), 15:05 (3:05 PM) 17:00 (=5 PM), 18:00 (= 6 PM), 20:15 (= 8:15 PM) and 22.50 (10:50). The ride takes about 3 and 1/2 hours and the cost is about 17 Euros. Some buses are direct. Some require a change in Porto D’Ascoli (see above). Getting to
the train station from the airport can be confusing, so we only recommend this option if you have arrived early and are already in Rome.

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 (the main train station). For example, TERRAVISION offers the ride for 4 Euros online/6 Euros at the bus. It goes direct to the Termini Station and takes a little under an hour. Here you can check the TERRAVISION bus schedule: [http://www.terravision.eu/rome_fiumicino.html](http://www.terravision.eu/rome_fiumicino.html). The Leonardo Express train between Fiumicino Airport and Termini Station in Rome is another option. Tickets cost about 14 euro and the ride lasts about 30 minutes. Once at the airport, you will see signs pointing you toward the train.

From Termini Station, you will need to make your way to Tiburtina Station. The easiest way is to take the Metro B Line (Blue) in the direction of Rebibbia. Tiburtina is 4 stops away. Once you have reached the Tiburtina Station you want to cross the road and go to the bus terminal – which is not visible from the station. Go to the tickets office to purchase your ticket to Ascoli Piceno. Just say: “Vorrei un biglietto per Ascoli Piceno.”

REMEMBER: START buses leave from the TIBURTINA BUS STATION in Rome. Tiburtina is also a train and metro Station. **Be sure you can reach the station well ahead the time of your bus’ departure.** Rome can be very chaotic and traffic could slow you down.