

How to reach the Osservatorio Ximeniano

Borgo San Lorenzo 26 – Florence



■ By air

The nearest airport is Amerigo Vespucci (also called the “Peretola airport” by native Florentines). There are regularly scheduled [buses](#) from the airport to the Piazza Stazione bus station. The bus station is adjacent to the Firenze - Santa Maria Novella (S.M.N.) railway station. The ride takes approx. 15 mins. and costs 6,00 Euro. After getting off the bus, enter the Firenze - Santa Maria Novella (S.M.N.) railway station and follow the "Travelling by train" instructions. A direct taxi ride from the airport Amerigo Vespucci to the Osservatorio Ximeniano takes approx. 15 mins. and costs 20 Euro (+1 Euro each luggage).

If you land at the airport in Pisa, there is a direct bus connection from the Pisa airport to the Firenze Santa Maria Novella (S.M.N.) railway station. The journey time is approx. 60 mins.

■ By train

Florence has three railway stations: the Firenze - Santa Maria Novella (S.M.N.) main station, the Firenze Rifredi station, and the Firenze Campo di Marte station. The Osservatorio Ximeniano is a 10 minute walk, or a short bus/taxi ride, from the Santa Maria Novella (S.M.N.) main station.

■ By foot:

Since the Osservatorio Ximeniano is located just 500 meters away from S.M.N. train station, you can easily get there by foot. Take the arrival-side exit and turn right going toward Piazza dell'Unità. Once you get there, take the street (Via del Melarancio) between Grand Hotel Baglioni and Grand Hotel Majestic. At the end of the street you will get to the San Lorenzo area. The entrance of the Osservatorio is just in front of the San Lorenzo church.

■ By bus:

The direct bus is the C2. You can take it at the beginning of Via Panzani direction Beccaria. The nearest bus stop to the Osservatorio Ximeniano is in via Roma near the Cathedral. For detailed information refer to <http://www.ataf.net/Default.aspx?LN=en-US>

■ By car:

If coming from Rome the first exit is Firenze Sud. - If coming from Milan, Venice, Bologna or Genoa the first exit is Firenze Nord. - If coming from Pisa or Siena the roads will lead directly into the city. After exiting the motorway, first follow the signs indicating the centre and then the ones indicating S.M.N. train station. At the main station there is a fee-payment car park (quite expensive!) where you have to leave the car since the central area is “off-limits” for the private vehicles.

If you decide to come to Florence by car, the following information may prove useful. It is worth pointing out that the area of greatest tourist interest coincides with the ZTL (‘zona a traffico limitato’), a restricted traffic area controlled by a network of video cameras. If you need to get to pre-booked accommodation, inform the hotel in advance and they will pass on the details of your vehicle (number plate, etc.) to the local city police.

For detailed information on the fares refer to <http://www.firenzeparcheggi.it/>