

Weekend Travel Tips

Picking a Location For Your Free Weekend: It is best to pick your destination based on where the field trip is located. (Example: If you want to go to Venice, it is easier to get to it from Florence than Rome since Florence is closer to Venice.). You can also choose to stay in Montepulciano for your free weekends or travel to towns close by for a day trip.

Trains will likely be the best mode of transportation:

- Best station for Montepulciano: Chiusi-Chianciano Terme
 - **Train types:**
 - Regionale Veloce (RV): Slow, many stops, least expensive.
 - Validate RV tickets or check in on your app before boarding to avoid heavy fines
 - Intercity: Fewer stops, mid-priced.
 - Freccia (rossa, bianca, argento): High-speed, most expensive
- **Purchasing a Train Ticket:** You can purchase tickets through the Trenitalia app, online at Trenitalia.com, at a ticket machine at the train station, or at a service counter at the train station.
<https://www.trenitalia.com/en.html>
 - Make sure you have the correct train station you need. The names will be in Italian.
 - Main station examples:
 - Montepulciano = Chiusi-Chianciano Terme
 - Rome = Roma Termini
 - Florence = Firenze S.M. Novella
 - Pisa = Pisa Centrale
 - Bologna = Bologna Centrale
 - Venice = Venezia S. Lucia
 - Milan = Milano Centrale
 - When choosing a ticket, you want to look for how many transfers there are as well as how close together those transfers are. (You do not want them too close in case the train, especially if one is late.)

Boarding the Train:

- When you arrive at the train station, look for the large schedule board that says, “Partenze,” meaning “departures.”
- The board will generally have:
 - Type of train & train number
 - Final destination of the train (often different than your stop)
 - Departure time
 - Time delayed (if applicable)
 - Information about the train
 - Binario/platform number
- Validate/time stamp RV tickets or check in on your app before boarding to avoid heavy fines
- As the time for your train approaches, go to the appropriate binario or platform. Check the screen by the train to make sure it is the right train.
- As the train arrives, locate the class (1st or 2nd). Locate the car and seat (not all tickets will have a seat number).

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FR RV 2335	ROMA TERMINI	09:30		FERMA A: ROMA OSTI	1
FR R 7409	ROMA TIBURT.	09:33		FERMA	3
FR R 22028	FIJUNICINO A.	09:36		ONEL. (09.39) - MAGLIANA (5
FR RV 24057	ROMA OSTIEN.	09:39		FERMA A: ROMA OSTI	3
FR R 22025	FARA SABINA	09:39		1.14) - SETTEBAGNI (10.19)	4
FR R 7412	CESANO	09:41		0 (09.47) - VALLE AURELIA	6
FR R 7139	ROMA TIBURT.	09:46		FERMA	1
FR R 22030	FIJUNICINO A.	09:51		ONEL. (09.54) - MAGLIANA	5
FR R 7391	ROMA OSTIEN.	09:52		FERMA A: ROMA OSTI	3

09:34
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What if I miss my train?

- If you are traveling by regionale, you can take the next train up to 24 hours after the reserved train. You should not time-stamp your card until you are ready to board the train.
- If traveling on other trains, you can go to the ticket office to see if they will give you a ticket for the next train or see if you can change it in the app.
- You may need to buy a whole new ticket.

What if I go past my stop?

- Get off at the next stop, go to the ticket office. Usually, they will help you get back to your destination station.

Returning from Chiusi-Chianciano Terme to Montepulciano:

- Taxi:
 - You can catch the taxi in front of the Chiusi-Chianciano train station.
 - It can drop you off at “Autostazione di Montepulciano” OR “Piazza Grande di Montepulciano”
 - The cost is between 70-90 euros per cab (can be split between 4-5 people)
- Bus:
 - Mondays - Saturdays, you can catch the bus to “Montepulciano Autostazione.” (NOT available on Sundays)
 - Purchase a ticket behind the counter at the train station, go out of the train station, go to the left, where you will see a road with a bus sign and a bench.
 - On the bus sign, locate the time that the bus arrives at Montepulciano Autostazione.
 - Wait for the bus that has the electronic marquee with Chiusi-Scalo to Montepulciano Autostazione.
 - Ride the bus to the very last stop, which will be the Autostazione.

Regional Buses: The public buses will allow you to explore more of Tuscany without the high price of a private car or bus. The bus will take you to all the neighboring towns of Montepulciano and then some. Montepulciano Autostazione is set right outside the walls of Montepulciano and has all the bus information, schedules, and that is where you purchase bus tickets.

Sometimes bus routes will also show up on Google Maps.