

GETTING TO POMPEII

The best option is to take the Trenitalia "Frecciarossa" high-speed **train** from Termini to Naples (1 hr. 10 min.; 70€ one-way), though InterCity trains are cheaper (around 28€) and take just over 2 hours-still doable if you start early. The first Frecciarossa usually departs around 7:30am. Once at Napoli Centrale (Naples Central Station), follow the signs to **Napoli Piazza Garibaldi** station downstairs, where you transfer to the **Circumvesuviana Railway** (www.eavcampania.it; (800-053939)). Note that this railway is separate to Trenitalia, so you won't be able to buy a through ticket to Pompeii from Rome; just get a return to Naples, and buy the Pompeii portion on arrival in Naples. Trains depart to Pompeii every half-hour from Piazza Garibaldi, but make sure you get on the train headed toward Sorrento and get off at Pompeii/Scavi (*scavi* means "archaeological excavation"). If you get on the "Pompei" train (toward Poggiomarino), you'll end up in the town of Pompei-which is in a totally different place-and will have to double back to get to the ruins. A ticket costs 2.90€ one-way; trip time is 35 minutes

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