



HOW to REACH The BioRobotics Institute

The headquarter of The BioRobotics Institute, called Polo Sant'Anna Valdera (PSV), is a knowledge and research center established by the Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna in 2002, in the industrial town of Pontedera, close to Pontedera train station (less than 5-min walk).

The full address is:

Polo Sant'Anna Valdera

Viale R. Piaggio 34
56025 Pontedera (PI) Italy
Tel +39 050 883000

Arriving by train

Pontedera station is located on the railway connecting Pisa and Florence (Firenze). From Pisa the trip takes about 15 min; from Florence it takes about 45 min. Trains run frequently, in both directions. "Firenze SMN" is the full name of the Florence Central Station. "Firenze Rifredi" is another station in Florence, convenient for reaching Florence airport (by taxi or by bus).

At the Pontedera railway station, exit on the opposite side of the station main exit, on Viale Rinaldo Piaggio, then turn left: Polo Sant'Anna Valdera is about 200m ahead, on your left.

See [Trenitalia website](#) for a complete timetable.

Arriving at Pisa Airport

The Pisa airport terminal is directly linked to Pisa central station (Pisa Centrale) in 5 minutes by a mono rail service (Pisa Mover) and to the line connecting Pisa to Florence. From Pisa Centrale trains run to Pontedera more frequently and they take 15 min. See previous section "Arriving by train".

Reaching Pontedera from Pisa airport by taxi is about 30 minutes and costs around 50,00 €.

See [Pisa Airport website](#).

Arriving at Florence Airport

Option 1: Take a taxi to Firenze Rifredi train station (15 min., 20,00 €). Then take a train bound to Pisa or Livorno, reaching Pontedera in about 40 min.

Option 2: Take a taxi (20 to 30 min., 20,00 €) or bus (every 30 min., 20-min. trip 4,50 €) to "Firenze SMN" station. Then take a train bound to Pisa or Livorno, reaching Pontedera in about 45 min.

Reaching Pontedera from Florence airport by taxi is about 1h and 150,00 €.

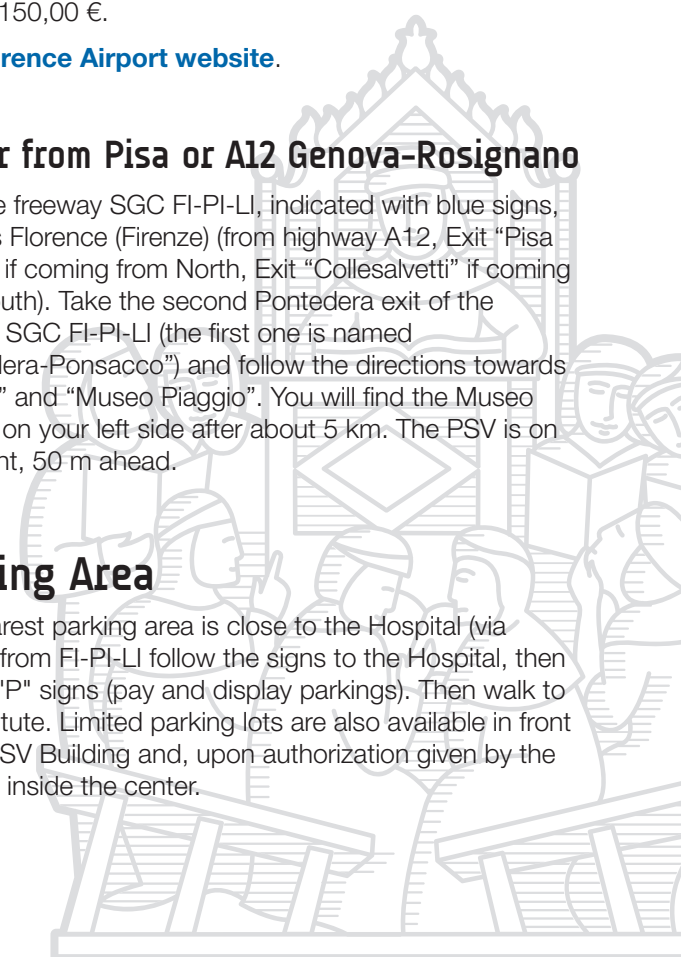
See [Florence Airport website](#).

By car from Pisa or A12 Genova-Rosignano

Take the freeway SGC FI-PI-LI, indicated with blue signs, towards Florence (Firenze) (from highway A12, Exit "Pisa Centro" if coming from North, Exit "Collesalveti" if coming from South). Take the second Pontedera exit of the freeway SGC FI-PI-LI (the first one is named "Pontedera-Ponsacco") and follow the directions towards "Centro" and "Museo Piaggio". You will find the Museo Piaggio on your left side after about 5 km. The PSV is on your right, 50 m ahead.

Parking Area

The nearest parking area is close to the Hospital (via Roma): from FI-PI-LI follow the signs to the Hospital, then the blu "P" signs (pay and display parkings). Then walk to our Institute. Limited parking lots are also available in front of the PSV Building and, upon authorization given by the Institute inside the center.



ACCOMODATION

Hotels in Pontedera

HOTEL ARMONIA ****

Piazza Caduti Cefalonia e Corfù, 11, 56025 Pontedera (PI)

Phone: +39 0587 278511

ALBERGO LA PACE ***

via Belfiore, 4, 56025 Pontedera (PI)

Phone: +39 0587 52339

HOTEL IL FALCHETTO **

Piazza Caduti Cefalonia e Corfù, 56025 Pontedera (PI)

Phone: +39 0587 212113

IL PICCOLO ROOMS

Viale Piaggio 58, 56025 Pontedera (PI)

Phone: + 39 333 2500345

NOTE: All hotels are at a walking distance from The BioRobotics Institute (10/15 min.)

Hotels in Pisa

HOTEL NH CAVALIERI ****

Piazza della Stazione, 2, 56125 Pisa (PI)

Phone: +39 050 43290

ROYAL VICTORIA HOTEL ***

Lungarno Pacinotti, 12, 56126 Pisa (PI)

Phone: +39 050 940111

HOTEL BOLOGNA ****

Via Giuseppe Mazzini, 57, 56125 Pisa (PI)

Phone: +39 050 502120

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