



# HOW TO REACH POLO SANT'ANNA VALDERA

## The BioRobotics Institute's Headquarters

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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 the Pontedera train station (less than 5-min walk).

#### 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).

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

Pisa airport has a train station named "Pisa aeroporto". The Pisa airport terminal is directly linked to Pisa central station (Pisa Centrale) in 5 minutes by a bus 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 Florence main railway 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 from A12 Genova-Rosignano

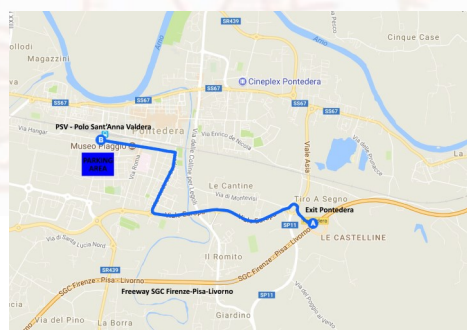
Take the freeway SGC FI-PI-LI, indicated with blue signs, towards Florence (Firenze) (from highway A12, Exit "Pisa Centro" if coming from North, Exit "Collesalveti" if coming from South). Take the second Pontedera exit of the freeway SGC FI-PI-LI (the first one is named "Pontedera-Ponsacco") and follow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

#### By car from Florence or from A1 Milano-Napoli

Take the freeway SGC FI-PI-LI, indicated with blue signs, towards Pisa (from highway A1, Exit "Firenze Signa"). Take the exit "Pontedera" of the freeway SGC FI-PI-LI and follow the directions towards "Centro" and "Museo Piaggio" (see Map). You will find the Museo Piaggio on your left side after about 5 km. The PSV is on your right, 50 m ahead.

#### Parking Areas

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 (see maps for your reference). Limited parking lots are also available in front of the PSV Building and, upon authorization given by the Institute.



## ACCOMODATION

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### HOTELS IN PONTEDERA

#### HOTEL ARMONIA \*\*\*\*

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

Tel: +39 - 0587 278511, Fax: +39 - 0587 278540

Prices (breakfast included):

Single room and Double room single occupancy: € 100/110, Double room: € 145

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#### ALBERGO LA PACE \*\*\*

via Belfiore, 4, 56025 Pontedera (PI)

Tel.: +39 - 0587 52339, Fax: +39 - 0587 52414

Prices (breakfast included):

Single room: € 60, Double room single use € 65, Double room: € 75

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#### HOTEL IL FALCHETTO \*\*

Piazza Caduti Cefalonia e Corfù, 56025 Pontedera (PI)

Tel: 0587 212113, Fax: 0587 212113

Prices (breakfast included):

Single room: € 53, Double room single use € 58, Double room: € 78

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#### IL PICCOLO ROOMS

Viale Piaggio 58, 56025 Pontedera (PI)

Tel: 333 2500345

Prices (breakfast not included):

Single room: € 45, Double room: € 60

MINIMUM STAY 2 NIGHTS

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**NOTE:** All hotels are at a walking distance from PSV (10/15 min.) The above mentioned prices are special rates for Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna guests.

In order to book at this prices, please make your reservation through the Institute Secretariat:

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## PSV GUEST HOUSE

Polo Sant'Anna Valdera has a small guest house with 10 double rooms with private bathrooms. Rooms are simple, equipped with LAN connection. A common space is available with kitchen facilities and TV.

To check availability and to reserve please contact [f.radici@santannapisa.it](mailto:f.radici@santannapisa.it).

#### PRICES:

	SINGLE USE	DOUBLE USE
ONE DAY	27,50	38,50
ONE WEEK	123,20	154,00
TWO WEEKS	198,00	220,00
ONE MONTH	319,00	374,00
	VAT 10% INCLUDED	VAT 10% INCLUDED

### HOTELS IN PISA

#### HOTEL NH CAVALIERI \*\*\*\*

Piazza della Stazione, 2, 56125 Pisa (PI)

Tel: +39 050 43290

Prices (breakfast not included):

Double room single occupancy: € 69, Double room: € 89

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#### ROYAL VICTORIA HOTEL \*\*\*

Lungarno Pacinotti, 12, 56126 Pisa (PI)

Tel: 050 940111, Fax: +39 050 940180

Prices (breakfast not included):

Double room single occupancy: € 60, Double room: € 75

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#### HOTEL BOLOGNA \*\*\*\*

Via Giuseppe Mazzini, 57, 56125 Pisa (PI)

Tel: 050 502120, Fax: +39 050 43070

Prices (breakfast included):

Double room single occupancy: € 94, Double room: € 138

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