How to Reach the Villa Schifanoia of the European University Institute

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To reach Villa Schifanoia from central Florence, you can either take a taxi which should cost around €15, or there is also a very good bus service from Florence to Fiesole which stops in San Domenico, close to Villa Schifanoia. Bus No. 7 (ATAF) goes roughly every 10-15 minutes starting at 6:00 am until midnight. The closest stop to the Hotel Athenaeum and the Hotel Giglio is behind and to the left of Piazza San Marco in VIA LA PIRA. The No. 7 takes you to the village of San Domenico (half-way up the hill to Fiesole). From Villa La Stella walk to Via San Domenico, cross the street and take the No. 7 from SAN DOMENICO 06. Get off the bus at the stop called SAN DOMENICO 01 − UNIVERSITÀ EUROPEA. (Note: There are several San Domenico stops before you arrive at the village of San Domenico.) At the stop you will see a bar/pizzeria on your left and a bar/café on your right. Cross the road and turn to the left downhill into via Boccaccio. Villa Schifanoia is on the right-hand side after about 150 metres down the road (after the road narrows and after the traffic light).

From the **Pensione Bencistà** you can take bus No. 7 when it is returning to Florence from Fiesole. Turn left out of the pensione gate and walk up the hill to the bus stop on the far side of the road called REGRESSO 02. (From REGRESSO 01 you will get to Fiesole.) You will ride the bus for about 7-10 minutes and get off at the stop called SAN DOMENICO which is just across the road from the San Domenico church. Walk in the direction the bus is going and turn right into Via Boccaccio. Villa Schifanoia is about 150 metres down the road on the right hand side after the traffic lights.

Bus tickets (*biglietti per autobus*) must be bought before boarding the bus, and are on sale outside the railway station, at ATAF ticket kiosks and vending machines, tobacconists, newspaper kiosks, and some coffee bars (usually those with a big blue and white "T" sign outside). Once on the bus the ticket must be stamped in the machine on the bus. For bus routes and timetables see the <u>ATAF Website</u> or the number <u>7 bus timetable</u>. Check this Google map for directions to and from your hotel:

https://maps.google.com/maps/ms?msa=0&msid=206559024595188222561.0004f02a6391e7bdb06bc

