

Circumvesuviana Train Line

The Circumvesuviana train service is a regional network of lines running out of Naples to the east of the city around Mount Vesuvius. It is not part of the Italian national rail network so you cannot buy tickets from Trenitalia online or from rail stations nationally.

The Naples to Sorrento line of Circumvesuviana takes about 75 minutes with countless stations along the way. The experience is very similar to a city metro line, but with views. Frequencies are very good, around every 30 minutes all day.



The Circumvesuviana is basically a commuter train service offering cheap transport to the masses. The frequency of stations and the interior of the trains are more like a city metro experience than a standard full size train. Trains are very crowded at nearly all times, there is a good chance you will be standing for some section of the journey.

The trains are fine with luggage. There are large standing areas by the doors and you should find a spot and perhaps sit on your luggage. There is the occasional small luggage area in some carriages but not really realistic to use. You are hardly going to leave your luggage in a crowded carriage unattended and find a seat elsewhere.

Sorrento Station

Sorrento Station is the terminus of the line and is situated in the heart of Sorrento just east of the old town and main shopping area.

The station forecourt is also used as the main bus terminus for the region although the local town buses do not come into the station itself. The Circumvesuviana trains to Naples are the only trains that use the station.

There is an official information point within an old railway carriage at the entrance of the station with restricted opening hours. The newsagent's shop at the entrance is open all hours, much more helpful and informative regards transport and will also sell you train tickets more efficiently and friendly than the official station ticket office.

Pompeii (and tour vehicles to Mount Vesuvius)

Pompeii Station is a very pleasant little station.

There is a tourist office and the tours to Mount Vesuvius are parked outside the station.

The entrance to the Pompeii archaeological area is just a few yards down the street.

Ercolano Scavi (for Herculaneum)

There is more than one Ercolano Station so be sure to get off at Ercolano Scavi.

The station is in the middle of town. Be prepared to be greeted by touts as you leave the station. If you are heading for Herculaneum, the site is a 5-10 minute walk down the main street that is periodically signposted. The touts may try and persuade you otherwise and tempt you onto their shuttle bus.

Garibaldi / Central Station Naples

Central Station (Stazione Centrale) is the main Naples train station just to the east of the city centre. The Circumvesuviana trains stop at a physically separate set of platforms to the main train station with their own separate ticket barriers.

Although you never leave the Central Station building the Circumvesuviana platforms are called Garibaldi Station which can be confusing to strangers.