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www.pisamazingcity.it



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How to get here

Car

Most of the historic centre of Pisa is subject to traffic restrictions. Unauthorized access to the restricted zone ("ZTL") is punishable with a fine. Guests of hotels within the ZTL can obtain a temporary parking permit from their hotels. Visitors in possession of a disabled driver's pass can access the ZTL on condition that they first request authorization from the local police (tel. +39 050 910851/910810).

The camper van parking facility in Via di Pratale on the edge of the old town is equipped with waste drains, drinking water and public showers. The city centre is reachable by bike (via the cycle lane) or bus (green LAM line).

www.cpt.pisa.it

Camper

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www.cpt.pisa.it

Coaches

All tourist coaches terminate in the coach park in Via Pietrasantina, at the northern entrance to the city. This coach park is about 800 metres from Piazza dei Miracoli, which can be reached on foot (about 10 minutes) or bus (frequent service on the red LAM line).

www.cpt.pisa.it
www.pisamo.it

Tourist information offices

Hotel bookings
and tourist services



Car

Galileo Galilei international airport offers direct routes to many Italian cities and a large number of international destinations, in Europe and further afield. The airport is located 1 km from the historic centre of Pisa, and can be reached in just a few minutes by a bus service which shuttles between the airport's rail terminal and Pisa's central railway station. A bus service (LAM red line) also runs regularly between the airport, the central station and the city centre. A taxi rank can also be found at the terminal exit.

www.pisa-airport.com



By sea

The new pleasure port in Marina di Pisa faces the Tyrrhenian Sea from the south bank of the Arno estuary and is equipped with all the most modern port facilities. Designed to accommodate 344 boats, the harbour enclosure has a depth of between 3.5 and 5 metres, enough to enable the movement and berthing of yachts of class 8 or higher. Just 20 kilometres from Pisa is Livorno, a ferry port serving the islands of the Tyrrhenian and a major port of call for international cruise liners.

www.portodipisa.it
www.portolivorno2000.it



By air

Pisa's central station is a major regional and national rail interchange. There are frequent services to Florence, Rome, Genoa and Lucca. The station lies on the southern fringes of the old town, around a mile from the airport and just two hundred metres from the intercity coach terminal. Outside the central station are a taxi rank and bus terminal with regular services to Piazza dei Miracoli, the airport and the Cisanello hospital complex.

www.trenitalia.com



Train

One of Italy's great cities of history and art, Pisa is justly famous for its Leaning Tower and Piazza dei Miracoli. But there's a less well-known side to its heritage that's also well worth discovering: the historic centre with its Renaissance palazzos, medieval tower houses, Romanesque and Gothic churches, and the warren of narrow streets and small piazzas that back the riverfront esplanades. There's much worth seeing here: Piazza dei Cavalieri with its church of the same name and the impressive sgraffito façade of the Palazzo della Carovana, the botanical gardens and the National Museum of San Matteo, with its unique collection of 12th- and 13th-century masterpieces. But Pisa's also a young and dynamic city, with its university and prestigious research institutes: the Scuola Normale Superiore, the Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna, and the CNR (National Research Council). It has much to offer in terms of leisure, too. There's excellent shopping on Corso Italia and under the arcades of Borgo Stretto, and authentic trattorias around the market in Piazza delle Vettovaglie. A short boat trip downriver along the Arno is the San Rossore natural park, a protected area that's given over to macchia and Mediterranean plantlife.

Open all year round, Pisa has a rich and eclectic programme of civic and cultural events: Pisan new year, the Internet Festival and Pisabookfestival during Giugno Pisano, the Luminara light festival, the historic regatta and the Battle of the Bridge pageant, the Regata delle Antiche Repubbliche Marinare (every four years) and the Anima Mundi festival of sacred music. In the immediate environs of Pisa, sights worth seeing

Useful links

www.pisaunicaterra.it
www.turismo.pisa.it
www.turismo.intoscana.it



P.I.S.A. where beauty is at home



include the Romanesque basilica of San Piero a Grado, the charterhouse of Calci with its museum of natural history, and the fortified village of Vicopisano, with its Palazzo Pretorio and castle designed by Brunelleschi. A little way up the valley of the Arno are Pontedera, whose Piaggio museum is a place of pilgrimage for Vespa lovers from all over the world, and San Miniato, famed for its white truffles and the ideal base for exploring the surrounding countryside. Overlooking the Valdera, Colline Pisane and Val di Cecina in the southern reaches of Pisa province rises the ancient town of Volterra, renowned for its Etruscan and medieval ruins and now home to a major Etruscan museum, a remarkably good art gallery, and a museum of alabaster.



Golf Cosmopolitan Golf & Country Club
www.cosmopolitangolf.it



Golf Club Tirrenia
www.golftirrenia.it

Golf Club Fontevivo
www.samminiatogolf.it

Seaside, nature and leisure

With Marina di Pisa, Tirrenia and Calambrone to the south of the Arno estuary and Marina di Vecchiano to the north, the Pisan coastline has seaside resorts and sandy beaches that make it the ideal location for family holidays and for lovers of sports like golf and windsurfing.

The entire Pisan coast is contained by the natural park of Migliarino-San Rossore-Massaciuccoli, a mosaic of remarkably unspoilt nature reserves that offer endless opportunities for exploration. The hinterland has a variety of landscapes and ecosystems: the green hills of the Monti Pisani and the Colline Metallifere; the vine- and olive-clad scarps of the Volterra area, and the geysers and hot pools of the upper Val di Cecina.

All over Pisa province the countryside, embellished over the course of the centuries with terraced olive groves and row after row of vines stretching into the distance, is dotted with farmhouses, rural hotels and old mills.

The countryside around Pisa is also rich in hot springs whose waters have been prized since Antiquity for their curative properties.

The spa resorts that have grown up around these springs are frequented not only for therapeutic purposes but also for beauty treatments, fitness, wellbeing and peace and quiet. One of the leading spas is San Giuliano Terme, which rose to fame in the 19th century when it was frequented by the European aristocracy. It offers a mix of traditional and contemporary treatments in elegant

and refined surroundings. Visitors to the spa of Uliveto Terme can enjoy the benefits of hydroponic therapy and stroll in the spa gardens with their recreational areas, swimming pool and tennis courts.

The oldest spa resort, Casciana Terme, has a cure and recuperation centre with the most advanced technology and services, as well as an elegant wellbeing centre whose panoramic terrace overlooks a large outdoors thermal pool and the surrounding gardens.



For food lovers

Pisa province is more than lovely landscapes and artistic heritage. It also has an impressive gastronomic tradition. Leading local products include wine, extra-virgin olive oil, truffles, cheese, cured meats and much, much more. A number of dedicated food and wine trails take in impressive landscapes and country chapels in their voyage of discovery of a local food and wine tradition whose roots strike right down to the civilizations of the Etruscans and Romans.

Among the leading itineraries are the Wine Trails and the Olive Oil trail. Follow the Colline Pisane Wine Trail and you'll get the chance to try delights such as Chianti DOCG delle Colline Pisane, Bianco Pisano San Torpè DOC and Vin Santo San Torpè DOC.

The Etruscan Coast Wine Trail loops into Livorno province, and among the Pisan wines included on its route is the renowned Montescudaio DOC, produced in red and white varieties.

The Monti Pisani Olive Oil Trail is dedicated to the famous olive oil which has been produced since the Middle Ages on the seaward slopes of the Monti Pisani, where the favourable climate and terrain help make it one of Tuscany's most highly prized olive oils.

And then there's the truffle, mainly found in the hills around San Miniato and now the star of a series of



initiatives, chief among which is the national white truffle festival held in San Miniato every November. Other products of note include cured meats (some of which are unique and not to be found anywhere else), cheese (with a number of varieties of ewe's milk cheeses), pasta, Lari cherries and traditional sweets such as torta co' bischeri (Pontassero), nozza (Calcinaia) and... even a world-famous chocolate.



Places (museums and historic sites)



1 Piazza dei Miracoli

Dominated by the Leaning Tower, Piazza dei Miracoli is the hub around which the artistic and architectural fame of Pisa revolves. The dazzling whiteness of the monuments, rising from the radiant green of the grounds of the Piazza, is a unique spectacle for visitors. The harmony of the arches which makes the imposing structure of the Leaning Tower so graceful is repeated in the nearby cathedral and - a little further away - the Baptistery, creating a visual and stylistic continuum of rare beauty. Two further attractions on Piazza dei Miracoli are the Museo delle Sinopie, with its collection of preparatory drawings for the frescoes of the Camposanto, and the Museo dell'Opera del Duomo, with its impressive collection of sculptures, paintings and reliquaries. In 1987, UNESCO included Piazza dei Miracoli on its World Heritage list.

Tel. +39 050 835011
www.opapisa.it

2 Museo della Grafica

Pisa's museum of graphic arts is housed in Palazzo Lanfranchi. One of the biggest public collections of contemporary graphic arts, it offers scholars, students and enthusiasts a truly stellar overview of the art of graphic design. The museum also traces the development of the graphic arts in the 19th and 20th centuries with documentary exhibits of work by Sebastiano Timpanaro, Carlo Ludovico Raggianti and Giulio Carlo Argan.

Tel. +39 050 2216060
www.museodellagrafica.unipi.it



3 National Museum of San Matteo

Located in the medieval monastery of the same name beside the river Arno, the National Museum of San Matteo has one of Europe's finest collections of medieval art. Its collections include a complete series of works by leading Pisan and Tuscan painters from the 12th to the 17th centuries and an impressive section dedicated to ceramics and archaeological finds. Among its masterpieces of Pisan sculpture from the 12th to 15th centuries are the polyptych of Simone Martini, originally in the church of Santa Caterina d'Alessandria, a Nativity by Tino di Camaino, and the Madonna del Latte by the brothers Andrea and Nino Pisano.

Tel. +39 050 541865
www.sbappsaepi.beniculturali.it



4 Palazzo Blu

Palazzo Blu stands on the south bank of the Arno, just a stone's throw from Ponte di Mezzo in the heart of the old town of Pisa. Recently restored by Fondazione Pisa, this former seigniorial residence is now one of Pisa's major arts venues. The palazzo's permanent collection can be viewed free of charge, while it also hosts occasional exhibitions of works by major artists.

Tel. +39 050 2204650
www.palazzoblu.it



5 Jewish Cemetery

Outside the medieval city walls not far from Piazza dei Miracoli, Pisa's Jewish cemetery is one of the oldest of its kind in the world and documents four centuries of Jewish presence in Pisa. The cemetery also contains the graves of Jewish soldiers who died in the First World War, and of the victims of the German massacres and Nazi persecutions.

Tel. +39 050 542580
www.pisaebraica.it



6 Palazzo Reale

Pisa's Palazzo Reale is one of the city's most prestigious buildings. Designed by Bernardo Buontalenti, it was formerly home to the courts of the Medici, Lorraine and Savoy dynasties. The palazzo now contains a National Museum with an impressive collection of local artefacts, Medici tapestries and suits of armour. Among the paintings, there are works by Rafael, Rosso Fiorentino, Bronzino and Antonio Canova.



7 Botanical Gardens

The botanical gardens of the University of Pisa were created in 1543 by the physician and botanist Luca Ghini. They are the oldest university botanical gardens in Europe. Originally located near the Medici shipyards, in 1563 they were transplanted to the north-eastern fringe of the city's historic centre, before moving to their present location in 1591.

Tel. +39 050 2211310
www.biologia.unipi.it/orbotanico



8 Domus Galilaeana

Domus Galilaeana, home of the Italian institute of science history, works to promote study and research in the work of Galileo Galilei and, in a broader sense, the history of ancient, modern and contemporary science. Its library includes two missives by Galileo among its many holdings, one of which, on the laws governing falling bodies, is written in Galileo's own hand.

Tel. +39 050 23726
www.domusgalilaeana.it

9 Domus Mazziniana

Domus Mazziniana contains the spiritual and material legacy of the house of the Nathan-Rosselli family, where the Italian statesman Giuseppe Mazzini lived his last years. It is home to the Centre for Mazzini Studies, with its important library on the history of the Risorgimento, and a museum which preserves the relics, medals, flags, autographed papers, books, documents and personal effects of Mazzini.

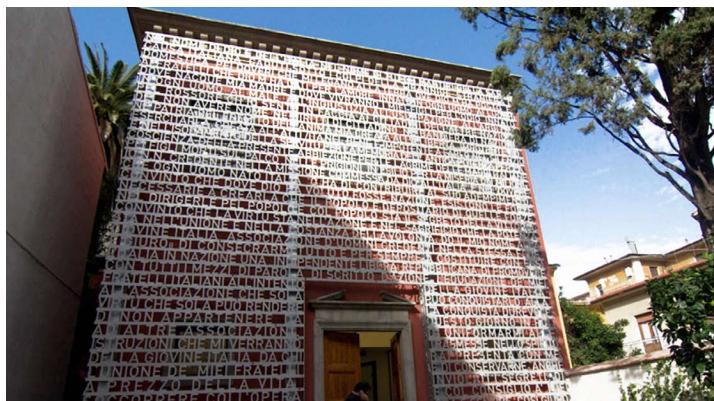
Tel. +39 050 24174
www.domusmazziniana.it



10 Museum of Calculation Instruments

Not far from the Piazza dei Miracoli, the University of Pisa's museum of calculating machines offers a unique and fascinating journey down the history of information technology. The Pisan Electronic Calculator, the Olivetti that dominated the market in 1960s, portable calculation machines from 1800 to the present day: unique examples of an exceptional collection that tell the story of computers from a scientific perspective. The museum has a room dedicated to the Pisan physicist Antonio Pacinotti, with a number of his inventions (including the famous macchinetta or dynamo) which illustrate the history of electromagnetism and document the theory which underlies the industrial use of electricity.

Tel. +39 050 2213626
www.fondazionegalileogalilei.it



11 Archeo site of the Roman Ships of Pisa

In 1998 during the works at the foundations of Pisa-San Rossore train station, not far from the Leaning Tower, the remains of 16 ancient ships, well preserved and dating back to Roman period (1st century B.C - 4th century A.C.) were found. Their cargo included goods such as ropes, fishing equipment, anchors, baskets and fishing pots. Guided visits to the archeological site only on booking.

Tel. +39 055 5520407
turismo@archeologia.it
www.enjoyfirenze.it



13 Charterhouse of Calci

Founded in the 15th century, the charterhouse of Calci is a monumental Baroque complex comprising a large internal courtyard - the focus of the common life of the monastery and its point of contact with the outside world - surrounded by a series of abutting buildings containing the sleeping quarters, vegetable gardens and areas reserved for the observation of the Carthusian rule. The monastery was inhabited by Carthusian monks until the 1970s. It is now open to visitors.

Tel. +39 050 938430
www.sbappae-pi.beniculturali.it

12 Fondazione Cerratelli, stage costumes exhibition

Fondazione Cerratelli is home to the priceless collection of costumes by the famous Florentine fashion house. Its collection of 25,000 stage costumes and another 20,000 artefacts including film posters, set photos, playbills and sketches is now conserved and on show to the public in a 1800m² facility in Villa Roncionni di Pugnano (San Giuliano Terme).

Tel. +39 050 817900
www.fondazionecerratelli.it



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15 The University of Pisa's museums

Since the 16th century the University of Pisa has been assembling some truly extraordinary collections in fields as diverse as Egyptology, plaster copies of ancient sculptures, veterinary anatomy, calculating machines, graphic arts, pathological anatomy, human anatomy, natural history (Calci) and botany. Each of these museums organizes guided tours for adults, educational initiatives for schools, conferences and concerts.

Tel. +39 050 2213626 - 050 2213625
www.sma.unipi.it





16 The fortified village of Vicopisano

The frontier town of Vicopisano played a decisive role in the wars between Pisa, Lucca and Florence. Its castle, designed by Filippo Brunelleschi, was built in 1440. Since then, it has retained its character as a fortified village and preserves some impressive medieval heritage, including no fewer than twelve towers dating from the 11th to 15th centuries, two medieval palaces and Brunelleschi's castle, which is open to guided tours for the public.

Tel. +39 050 796581
www.viconet.it/turismo



17 Museum networks: San Miniato, Volterra and Valdera

The museum network of Volterra includes the Guarnacci Etruscan museum, the art gallery and the alabaster museum. San Miniato's network of affiliated museums includes the Tower of Frederick II, the archaeological museum and the diocesan museum with its collection of religious art. The museum network of Valdera includes all the museums in and around Valdera. These include the zoological museum (Capannoli), the Giorgio Kienker museum (Fauglia), Vicari castle (Lari), the rural heritage museums of Palaia, the museums of Peccioli, the museum of wood (Ponsacco), the Piaggio museum and the Sete Sóis Sete Luas centre (both in Pontedera).

www.valdarnomusei.it
www.sanminiatopromozione.it
www.volterratur.it
www.rmvaldera.it

18 The Piaggio Museum

The Piaggio museum occupies a former machine shop that is one of the oldest buildings in the company's Pontedera plant. Its Piaggio, Vespa and Gilera collections are on permanent exhibition: all models are unique, original, and often curious, and all have made a contribution to the history of transport in Italy and around the world. Among the star exhibits are rare Vespas that served as inspiration for artists like Salvador Dalí, and models that were equipped with special fairings in an attempt to break the speed record in the 1950s. There are also sections dedicated to the legendary Ciao and Ape in some of their more creative iterations.

Tel. +39 0587 27171
www.museopiaggio.it



19 Guarnacci Museum

Founded in 1761, the Guarnacci is one of the oldest public museums in Europe. The museum's Etruscan collection has artefacts from the Villanovan and Roman periods. Star attractions include the Urn of the Spouses and the bronze sculpture known as The Shadow of the Evening. A single ticket gains you admission to several museums in Volterra: the Guarnacci Museum, the art gallery (Pinacoteca), and the alabaster museum.

Tel. +39 0588 86347
www.comune.volterra.pi.it

20 Vicari Castle, Lari

Vicari castle stands in the centre of the medieval village of Lari, which has been inhabited since the Etruscan period. Although a castle has stood on this spot since 1000, it was the Florentine influence from the 15th century onwards that gave the structure its present impressive appearance. Inside the castle, the Filippo Baldinucci civic museum has a collection of Etruscan and Roman archaeological artefacts, a number of works by the della Robbia brothers, and sections dedicated to 14th- and 15th-century frescoes.

Tel. +39 0587 687116
www.castellodilari.it



21 Geothermics Museum

The geothermics museum of Larderello explores the history of geothermal energy with models illustrating research and drilling techniques. Groups with advance bookings can also enjoy a video show explaining how geothermal energy works, with a well sunk for demonstration purposes.

Tel. +39 0588 67724
www.museodelminiere.it

22 Museum of Mining

The mining museum of Montecatini Val di Cecina tells the story of the old copper mines of Camporciano, located less than a kilometre from the town centre, and the miners who worked them. The museum organizes guided tours of the former mine at Pozzo Alfredo and educational initiatives for schoolchildren.

Tel. +39 0588 86099
www.museodelminiere.it



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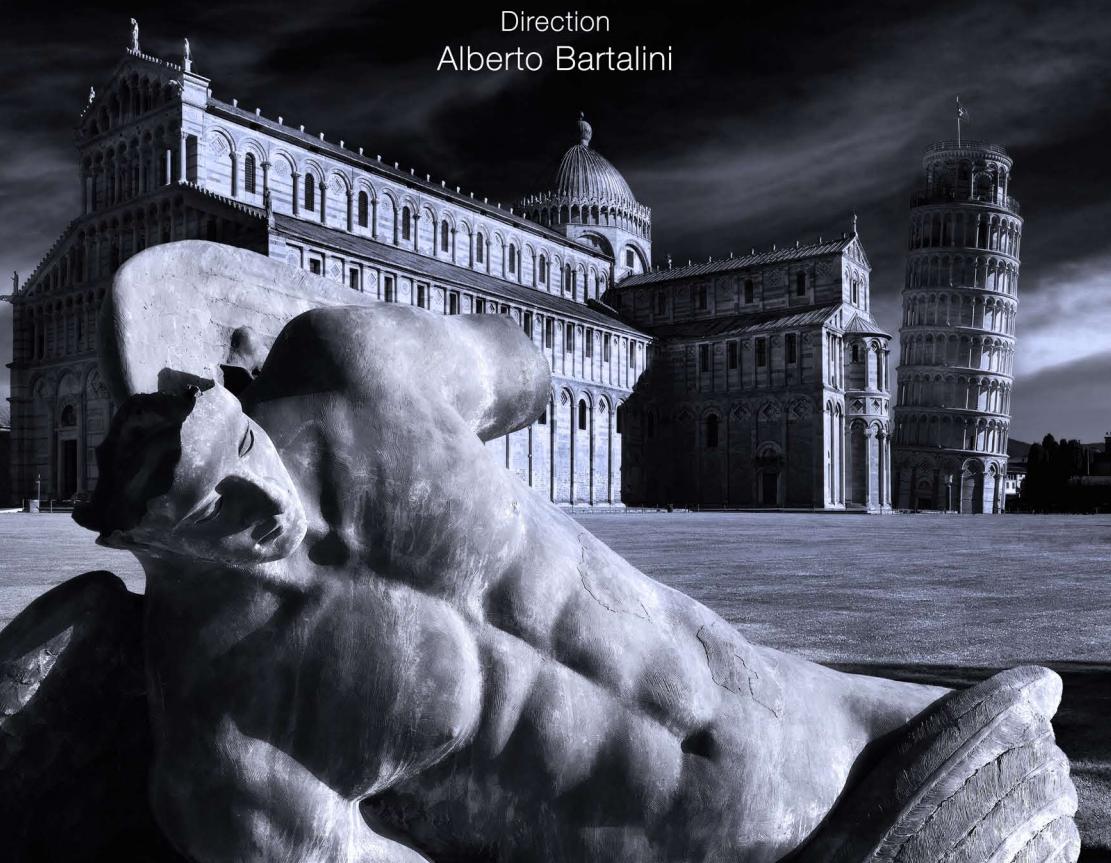
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17 May 2014 - 15 January 2015

www.opapisa.it

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I tineraries (nature, sports and leisure)



PISA, ART AND CULTURE

Pisa is the city of Galileo and the Leaning Tower. But it offers so much more besides, and it really requires a few days to take in all its attractions. The city grew on a bend in the river Arno, and the river makes a fitting setting for palazzos of the granducal period, Romanesque and Gothic churches, medieval and Renaissance fortresses. Pisa was once an obligatory stop for the Grand Tourists of the European aristocracy, and many authors - Italian and European - have written of the fascination the city exerted on them. Overlooking the Arno are a number of museums: the San Matteo, the Palazzo Reale, Museo della Grafica and Palazzo Blu, a major venue for travelling exhibitions. The area between Piazza dei Miracoli and the river is the medieval heart of the Maritime Republic of Pisa, while Piazza dei Cavalieri, built during the Renaissance, is the symbol of the Medici domination. The piazza was commissioned by Cosimo I dei Medici and is named after the knights of the Order of St Stephen. Laid out by Giorgio Vasari, the piazza is lined by some important palazzos and churches of the granducal period, including the Palazzo dei Cavalieri with its impressive façade, now occupied by the prestigious Scuola Normale Superiore. The churches of Pisa are well worth visiting: The small Gothic church of Santa Maria della Spina on the banks of the Arno, Santo Sepolcro, built on an octagonal floor plan in emulation of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem, San Paolo a Ripa d'Arno (known as the Duomo Vecchio or old cathedral), and the churches of Santa Caterina d'Alessandria, San Francesco, San Michele in Borgo and San Pierino in Vinculis with its crypt. Also not to be missed are the Museo del Calcolo with its collection of calculating machines, the Orto Botanico (the oldest university botanic gardens in Europe), the Keith Haring mural (the American artist's last work in Europe) and the Ancient Ships compound, with a guided tour that explores this important archaeological site that has only recently been unearthed.



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THINGS TO DO

Shopping in the historic centre, Corso Italia and Borgo Stretto

Bike sharing in Pisa
www.ciclopi.eu

Cecina and spuma bionda
the Pisan pizzeria experience

Boat trips on the Arno (July/August)
+39 050 533755

Jogging in the Piagge gardens
or San Rossore park

Pisa and Islam in the Middle Ages:
www.pisaeislam.humnet.unipi.it

Chiesa di Santo Stefano dei Cavalieri
open on Saturdays 10-12 a.m.
until October 2014



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Itineraries (nature, sports and leisure)



VOLTERRA AND VAL DI CECINA. ETRUSCAN, ALABASTER, AND THE VOLTURI

Dominating the Cecina valley from its hillside 70 km outside Pisa, Volterra is a treasure trove of Etruscan, Roman, medieval and Renaissance art. Today, it retains its distinctly medieval appearance, but the Etruscan influence - Volterra was originally known as Velathri - is never far from the surface. The focal point of the medieval town is Piazza dei Priori and the imposing palazzo of the same name, its facade pierced by three rows of biforate windows and studded with the coats of arms of various Florentine magistrates. Volterra's religious buildings are concentrated around Piazza San Giovanni: the baptistery, Ospedale di Santa Maria and the Romanesque cathedral. Volterra is famed for its alabaster crafts, a centuries-long tradition which is kept alive in the shops and studios of the old town.

An exceptionally beautiful place, Volterra has often been the setting for books and films, such as Luchino Visconti's *Sandra*. More recently, the town came to global attention thanks to the US author Stephenie Meyer's *The Twilight Saga: New Moon*, a film based on the second novel in the *Twilight* series, was partly filmed here. Below Volterra, the Cecina valley is an ever-changing landscape where quintessentially Tuscan scenery - rolling hills, cypress trees, olive groves and vineyards - alternates with craggy outcrops, woodland and nature reserves, the spectacular ravines known as balze, and the spectacular steam vents of the geothermal belt. The geothermics museum of Larderello documents the history of geothermal energy, while the mining museum of Montecatini Val Di Cecina recalls a not-too-distant past when copper and iron were mined here.

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THINGS TO DO

Excursions, guided tours, walking, bike and horseback tours in the nature reserves of Val di Cecina and the geothermal belt

Tripe, zuppa volterrana, Pomarance ricciarelli, and the Montegemoli bread

The archaeological zone

Journey to the centre of the earth: the copper mines of Montecatini Val di Cecina

Take a dip in the geothermal pools of Sasso Pisano

Visit an alabaster laboratory

Tel. +39 0588 86099
www.volterratur.it

THINGS TO SEE

Museo Guarnacci and the other museums of Volterra and Val di Cecina

Palazzo Viti www.palazzoviti.it



WALKING IN THE PARK

The natural park of Migliarino-San Rossore-Massaciuccoli extends along the coastline of the provinces of Pisa and Lucca in a zone that was formerly a wetland of marshes and lagoons. Over time, alluvial deposits from the rivers Serchio and Arno have filled in the marshes, but the area is also the result of human intervention over a span of centuries, with artificial watercourses and land reclamation. The first reclamation campaigns were sponsored by the Medici. Thanks to its geographic location and climate, the park is unusually diverse in the environments it contains: a vast coastal wood, long stretches of beach and dune (Tirrenia and Marina di Vecchiano), and wetlands of international renown (Lago di Massaciuccoli, San Rossore).

The economy of the park is based on agriculture and related activities (agrifood products, pine nuts) and cattle and goat rearing. The authorities in charge of the park work constantly to improve cultivation methods and expand organic production, and have even introduced a local quality label to attest to the authenticity and organic pedigree of the produce of the park. Horse breeding has a long and illustrious tradition in these parts, and racehorses are just one aspect of this tradition. The San Rossore hippodrome is well attended during the race season (www.sanrossore.it).

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THINGS TO DO

Guided tours (advance bookings only) on foot, bike, narrow-gauge train, horse drawn carriage, or horseback

Hire a bike, e-bike, or go-kart (Saturday/Sunday only)

Boat trips on the Arno (July/August)

Shopping in the park boutique

Spend the night in the park

Centro Visite San Rossore
Tel. +39 050 530101
visitesr@tin.it
www.dormirenelparco.it

EVENTS

Migliarino-San Rossore-Massaciuccoli Natural Park Festival 16-25 May 2014

Route 2014: Meeting of Catholic Scouts 6-10 August



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Itineraries (nature, sports and leisure)



SAN MINIATO AND THE VALDARNO: GOOD FOOD ON THE PILGRIM ROUTE

San Miniato stands on the Via Francigena, a major medieval pilgrim route which linked northern Europe with Rome. It is strategically located above the valley of the Arno, at the intersection of roads linking Florence, Pisa, Lucca and Siena. It's unsurprising, then, that the town has associations with Holy Roman Emperors like Frederick II or popes like Gregory V and Eugene IV.

History has left an impressive heritage of art and architecture in San Miniato. Most of the town's sights are concentrated around Piazza del Duomo, where San Miniato's oldest and most prestigious buildings stand: the Palazzo Comunale, the episcopal palace, the 14th-century Palazzo dei Vicari, the cathedral and the Rocca Federiciano, symbol of the town.

An interesting sequence of museums runs through the old town, with exhibitions, collections and historic buildings as well as museums proper. San Miniato is a Slow Food town and the heart of an area that's famous for its food and wine. Among the local delicacies is the white truffle, to which a festival is dedicated every November. Shops, taverns and restaurants offer the best in local and Tuscan tradition. On the culture front, San Miniato has a long tradition in theatre and cinema. The town regularly attracts theatrical productions of international renown, a drawing power that has earned it the nickname of "city of theatre".

On the cinema side, San Miniato is home to a centre of film studies named after the filmmakers Paolo and Vittorio Taviani, natives of San Miniato who have drawn inspiration from the legend and history of their home town in films such as The Night of the Shooting Stars.



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THINGS TO DO

Truffle hunting in San Miniato

San Miniato, Slow Food town: buying and trying food in the shops of the old town

www.sanminiatopromozione.it

www.sanminiatoturismo.it

Walk the Via Francigena from San Miniato to Gambassi Terme (24km) or go by mountain bike

www.camminafrafrancigena.it

Santa Croce sull'Arno, world capital of leather: tour the tanneries and buy directly from the factory

www.prolocosantacroce.it

Castelfranco di Sotto: excursions and activities in the Cerbaie nature reserve

www.consortioforestaecerbaie.it

Excursions in the Padule di Bientina wetlands

Centro Educazione Ambientale

Tel. +39 0587 756495

www.comune.bientina.pi.it



THE COLLINE PISANE WINE TRAIL

The Colline Pisane wine trail winds through the hills of Valdera and the lower Valdarno. Winding roads, panoramic views, hill towns bursting with history and culture, romantic villages and charming hamlets - with vineyards, wine shops, local produce and delicacies everywhere you look.

The Colline Pisane are world-famous for wines such as Chianti DOCG, Colli dell'Etruria Centrale DOC (red and white), Bianco Pisano di San Torpè DOC (a wine best enjoyed young and fresh), and Vin Santo. The whole area produces a number of IGT wines, including the so-called Super Tuscans: full-bodied, well-ageing wines made from selected grapes, with carefully monitored fermentation and ageing in small (barriques) or large (tonneaux) barrels.

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THINGS TO DO

Winery tours and tasting

www.stradadelvinocollinepisane.it

Bike, vespa and motorcycle tours through the villages of the Valdera and the Colline Pisane

Shopping in Pontedera

THINGS TO SEE

Piaggio Museum, Pontedera

Prehistoric Parc of Peccioli for families and children

Tel. +39 0587 636030

www.parcopreistorico.it

Lajatico: birthplace of Andrea Bocelli and the Teatro del Silenzio



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SPAS AND WELLNESS ON THE MONTI PISANI OLIVE OIL TRAIL

The Monti Pisani Olive Oil Trail is an association created by local authorities and olive oil producers in an endeavour to promote the excellent local extra-virgin olive oil. The trail takes in art and history, food and wine and local products ranging from Toscano Monti Pisani IGP extra-virgin olive oil to cured meats made from Mucco pisano, a local variety of beef, combining the pleasures of the palate with relaxation and wellbeing at the spas of San Giuliano and Uliveto. Pisa province is well stocked with hot springs that have been celebrated for their curative properties since Etruscan and Roman times.

The present-day thermal establishment of Bagni di Pisa was built during the grandulal period, and rose to fame in the 19th century when it was frequented by the European aristocracy. It offers a mix of traditional and contemporary treatments in elegant and refined surroundings. The Monti Pisani Olive Oil Trail passes through the spa town of Uliveto Terme.

Uliveto has long been famous for the curative properties of its mineral-rich hot springs. Southwards through the hills, the trail comes to another town known for its springs, Casciana Terme, whose spa includes an advanced physical rehabilitation centre and a large open-air swimming pool much appreciated by families with children. There's also Villa Borri, a spa with wellness centre and themed treatment programmes.



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THINGS TO SEE

The Charterhouse and Museum of Natural History of Calci

The fortified town of Vicopisano and Brunelleschi's castle
+39 050 796581

Tonini Castle and Villa Medicea in Buti

The Romanesque churches of Pugnano, Rigoli, Calci, Cascina and Vicopisano

The Radico Ecomuseum, with central office in Rigoli www.radico.it

Sea, beach and dunes in Marina di Vecchiano

THINGS TO DO

Guided tours in the natural parks of Monte Pisano
+39 050 815061
cidamp@comune.sangilianoterme.pisa.it

Paragliding and hang gliding in the Pisan hills

Olive oil tasting in the oil mills along the Monte Pisano route. www.stradaolio.it

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savour (taste and good food)

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Flavours of Volterra

29-30 March
25 October-2 November

A two-stage (spring and autumn) festival of food and drink, with white truffles, wines, cheeses, cured meats, extra-virgin olive oils, tasty local dishes and all kinds of food-and-culture tie-ins.

The spring stage of the festival includes a prizegiving ceremony for the winners of the "Smooth as Oil" award for the best extra-virgin olive oil in the province.

www.volterrاغusto.com



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The Lari Cherry Festival

End of May /
Beginning of June

The Lari cherry festival is one of the oldest produce fairs in Tuscany and your chance to sample all kinds of cherries, presented by local producers in baskets and specially-designed recipients.

www.comune.lari.pi.it



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Terricciola grape and Wine Festival

Mid-September

The Terricciola grape and wine festival - now in its 52nd year - celebrates the winegrowing tradition in an event that combines wine, food and culture. Wine tasting, estate tours, events and wine evenings.

www.comune.terricciola.pi.it

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**D.O.C.
Wine fair
Montescudaio**
*First Sunday
in October*

D.O.C. wine fair Now entering its 47th year, the Montescudaio D.O.C. wine fair is held in Piazzale del Castello in the historic centre of the village. It includes wine tasting, a small crafts market, food stalls serving traditional Tuscan fare and a rich programme of fringe events for grown-ups and children.

www.comunemontescudaio.pi.it

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**The San
Miniato
White Truffle
Festival**
*Last three weekends
in November*

Three consecutive weekends packed with events - and truffles - in the historic centre of San Miniato. All the local restaurants have truffles on their menus, and there's also the chance to take part in a truffle hunt: with dogs. The white truffle is the star of the festival, but it's ably backed by the finest Italian farm produce. The villages in the environs of San Miniato have their own satellite truffle festivals - these can take place any time from late September to early November.

www.sanminiatopromozione.it
www.sanminiatoturismo.it

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Dolcemente
*22-23 November
Stazione Leopolda*

Pisa's Stazione Leopolda is the venue for this festival dedicated to Tuscany's most exquisite and refined confectionery. Visitors can meet producers, sample their products, and offer their feedback. The initiative is specially conceived to showcase traditional confectionery that's not found in the usual retail circuits.

www.dolcentepisa.it

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**A walk
among the
olive groves**

San Giuliano Terme is the location for this festival of olive oil, where producers from the Monti Pisani Olive Oil Trail open their estates to visitors. Restaurants participating in the initiative offer menus specially created to celebrate the quality of the extra-virgin olive oil of the Monti Pisani, and there are guided tours of the local oil-producing area.

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Tel. +39 335 5863364
+39 338 1755360
www.icavalieri.org
info@icavalieri.org

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**Pisa Food
& Wine
Festival**
*13-14 December
Stazione Leopolda*

A festival of the very best local produce from Monti Pisani to Valdicecina, including pasta, honey, sweets and cakes, cured meats, cheese, wine, olive oil, sauces and chocolate. Organized by the city's chamber of commerce, the Pisa Food & Wine Festival is designed to bring local producers and restaurateurs into contact with food lovers and the general consumer alike. It's part of the rich programme of similar events held throughout Tuscany every year and is a major showcase for the food, wine and agricultural produce of Pisa province. It also includes cookery lessons for adults and children.

www.pisafoodwinefestival.it

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**Vetrina
Toscana**

Vetrina Toscana is a project jointly organized by the government and chambers of commerce of Tuscany and made to happen by restaurants and victuallers. It promotes a food philosophy based on locally sourced ingredients, artisan production and the uniqueness of terroir. The restaurants and victuallers who participate in the initiative display a special Vetrina Toscana logo, and promote products and dishes of the Pisan and Tuscan culinary traditions with all the quality that only small producers, local distribution and seasonal cultivation can guarantee. Includes DOC wines and olive oils from the Pisan hills.

www.vetrina.toscana.it

Guided Tours

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PISATOUR

PISA - A WOMAN'S PERSPECTIVE

This original tour offers a female perspective on the city of Pisa from the Maritime Republic to the present day, looking at its monuments, streets and piazzas from the point of view of the illustrious females associated with the city.

ROMAN PISA: AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL TOUR

A guided tour that takes in Roman, medieval and more recent archaeological sites.

Tel. +39 328 1446855
www.pisatour.it

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PISAINCOMING GUIDES

A Tour of the Piazza dei Miracoli

Fri-Sat-Sun all year round, 11:30 am. Dates with special programmes for 2014: 25 March, 21 April, 1 May, 2 June, 8 December.

'Sunset on the Camposanto' Tour

Fridays and Saturdays 20 June-31 August at 7:30 pm.

Galileo Tour

Every Saturday in June, 5 pm. With the participation of Roberto Sonnini, a leading Galileo scholar.

Me and Busketo my cathedral' Tour

A guided tour of the cathedral and its epigraphy, in the company of the author of the bestselling novel *Io Busketo*. Date: 22 March at 3 pm, 25 May, 15 June and 14 September at 5 pm.

Tel. +39 333 6144924 +39 389 7886808
www.pisaguide.com

4 GRAND TOUR OF PISA THE SIX SENSES

Sight: From the pendulum to the telescope

12 April 10:30 am

Smell: The gardens of Pisa

25 May 10:30 am and 3:30 pm

Hear: Sounds of the city - closing concert

1 June 4:30 pm

Touch: The basilica of San Piero between stones and pine seeds

12 July 9:30 pm

The sixth sense: Perceptions, miracles, legends

20 September 4:30 pm

Taste: "Gottin di vino e stiacciate con cecina"

11 October 4:30 pm

Tel. +39 320 9154975
+39 388 5896909
www.lestoriegrandtour.wordpress.com

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SAN MINIATO PROMOZIONE

Wines, cured meats and truffle hunting in San Miniato. All year round

Tel. +39 0571 42745
www.sanminiatopromozione.it

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VADOEVEDO

Guided excursions in the protected areas of the Monte Pisano.

Tel. +39 347 5870026
www.vadoevedo.it

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TOURISM ASSOCIATION OF VOLTERRA, VALDICECINA AND VALDERA

In the footsteps of Edward and Bella: the New Moon trail

19 and 26 April, 3 and 31 May, 5-12-19 July, 2-9-16-23-30 August at 6 pm

Discovering medieval Volterra

22 August 2014, departures at 3 and 5 pm

Heat and energy of the earth: the geothermics museum of Larderello

1 June-30 September, every Thursday at 4 pm

Rocca Sillana and the Pavone Valley

1 June-30 September Every Saturday, Sunday and Monday from 5-8 pm

Night visit to the ruined Castle of Rocca Sillana

1 July-31 August every Tuesday at 9 and 10:30 pm

The Mines of Montecatini Val di Cecina

25 April-30 September, every Friday at 4 pm

The Cecina river and Masso delle Fanciulle

15 July-31 August every Tuesday at 4 pm

Tel. + 39 0588 86099
www.volterratur.it

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PISA CITY SIGHTSEEING TOURS

Discover Pisa from the comfort of the world's most famous tourist bus. Hop-on hop-off around the clock.

Tel. +39 328 8090205
+39 050 533755
www.pisa.city-sightseeing.it

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COOPERATIVA KINZICA

Palazzo Blu and Balle di Scienza

March-June, 4 pm

Tel. +39 377 1672424
www.kinzicacoop.it

5 SEGNI DI VIAGGIO

Around Pisa: street art, gardens, towers and courtyards - ends at the Leaning Tower

30 March to 28 September, every Sunday at 10:30 am.

Around Pontedera: chocolate, Vespas and contemporary art

12 April to 13 September, every second Saturday in the month at 3:30 pm

Calci: the town and Charterhouse

12 April to 13 September, every second Saturday in the month at 10 am

Tel. +39 050 502518 +39 377 2590164
www.segnidivaggio.com

Art

(exhibitions,
dance, readings
and music)



1 Pisan New Year 2016 *25 March 2015*

Faithful to the tradition of the Maritime Republic, Pisa celebrates its own new year on 25 March. Every 25 March on the stroke of noon, a ray of sunlight shines into the nave of the cathedral and strikes a marble egg-shaped bracket above the pulpit of Giovanni Pisano. On Monday 25 March, therefore, Pisa will already be in 2016. The celebrations also mark the start of the tourist season in the city of the Leaning Tower and the surrounding province.

www.pisainformaflash.it

2 950 years of Pisa Cathedral

950 years since the foundation stone of its cathedral was laid, Pisa will be celebrating the anniversary with a series of events and initiatives, including the restoration of the apse of the cathedral and the façade of Museo delle Sinopie. In May there's an exhibition by Polish artist Igor Mitoraj, with sculptures, paintings and drawings. Part of the restored fresco cycle The Triumph of Death will be returned to its place in the Camposanto by summer.

www.opapisa.it

3 June in Pisa: a festive month

June in Pisa is a month packed with historic pageants, parades, concerts, street parties and cultural initiatives as Pisa celebrates its time-honoured traditions. The three highlights are the Luminara, the Regatta and the Gioco del Ponte or Battle on the Bridge.

www.pisaunicaterra.it



4 Luminara di San Ranieri *16 June after sundown*

The magical Luminara di San Ranieri takes place every 16 June on the Pisan waterfront. It's a tradition that dates back to 1688. Over 120,000 small glass-enclosed candles are suspended from white wooden frames whose outlines follow the forms of the architecture – the buildings, bridges, churches and towers of the waterfront – they're attached to. It's an unforgettable sight, and to top it all off there's a fireworks display.

www.comune.pisa.it



5 Palio di San Ranieri *17 June*

Four boats in the colours of Pisa's traditional neighbourhoods – Santa Maria, San Francesco, San Martino and Sant'Antonio – hold a boat race on the Arno in a tradition that goes back to the days of the Maritime Republic.

www.comune.pisa.it



6 Battle on the Bridge *29 June*

A historical re-enactment of a battle in full period costume, the Gioco del Ponte or Battle on the Bridge unfolds in two different stages: a spectacular historic parade along the waterfront featuring with 700 marchers, and the "battle" proper on the Ponte di Mezzo, where the city's four traditional neighbourhoods, assembled in two rival factions, face off in a show of physical prowess. Victory goes to the side that succeeds in taking control of the bridge by pushing a heavy cart along a grooved track to the other side of the bridge.

www.giocodelpontedipisa.it



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Blue Moon
20-22 June

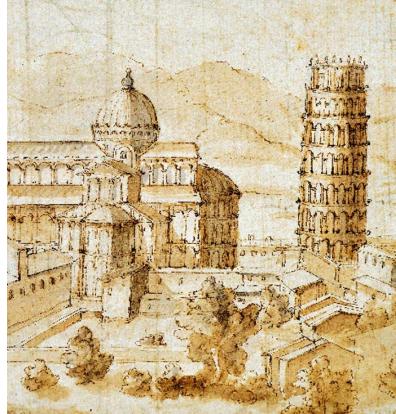
This annual festival in San Miniato showcases some of the leading Italian and international puppet theatre talent. It's Italy's leading festival of its kind, with marionettes, puppets, shadow theatre and more.

www.terzostudio.it

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**Evening opening
in Piazza
dei Miracoli**
17 June-31 August

Evening opening of the Leaning Tower and Camposanto. From 8-10 pm.

www.opapisita.it



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**The Piazza
in drawing**
12 April-3 August

An exhibition of engravings and drawings of the Piazza del Duomo to mark the 950th anniversary of the laying of the foundation stone of Pisa cathedral.
Palazzo Blu, second floor rooms Lungarno Gambacorti 9
Open: Tuesday-Friday
10 am-7 pm, Saturday and Sunday
10 am-8 pm (closed Mondays).
Free admission

www.palazzoblu.it

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**Volterra
Teatro**
14-27 July

The summer theatre festival of Volterra and Val di Cecina has major international companies plus Compagnia della Fortezza, a theatre group formed in Volterra jail.

www.volterrateatro.it



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**Teatro del
Silenzio
Andrea
Bocelli and
Ennio
Morricone
in concert**
20 and 22 July

Now in its ninth year, the Teatro del Silenzio festival has not one but two big name attractions this year: Andrea Bocelli (20 July) and Ennio Morricone (22 July). In the enchanting hillside setting of Lajatico.

www.teatrodelsilenzio.it

12
**Musicastrada
Festival**
15-20 August

The touring festival of quality music in all its expressions, created as a platform for the musical genres that mass media usually ignores: blues, jazz, ethnic, folk and traditional.

www.musicastrada.it

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**Querceto
International
Piano
Festival**
20-31 July

The piano is the protagonist of this summer festival, played solo or as part of an ensemble.

www.association-marcopolo.org



14
**Collinarea
Festival**
25 July-2 August

A theatre festival which combines productions by established Italian companies with performances by talented up-and-coming troupes, while other groups return year after year to establish a certain continuity from one festival to the next.

www.collinarea.it





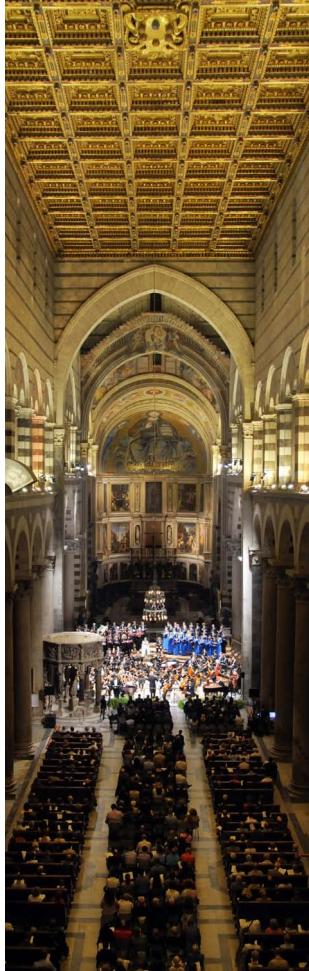
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Volterra AD 1398

17 and 24 August

A medieval city comes back to life for two weeks in a colourful explosion of shows, events, crafts, music, jugglers, knaves and noblemen. For visitors it's a unique opportunity to immerse themselves as if by magic in the atmosphere of the Middle Ages – and all in one of the most beautiful cities in Tuscany.

www.volterra1398.it



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Anima Mundi

12-27 September

The Anima Mundi international festival of sacred music has been under the artistic direction of Sir John Eliot Gardiner for the last seven years, and this year's concerts, in the incredible settings of the cathedral and Camposanto, are free.

www.opapisa.it

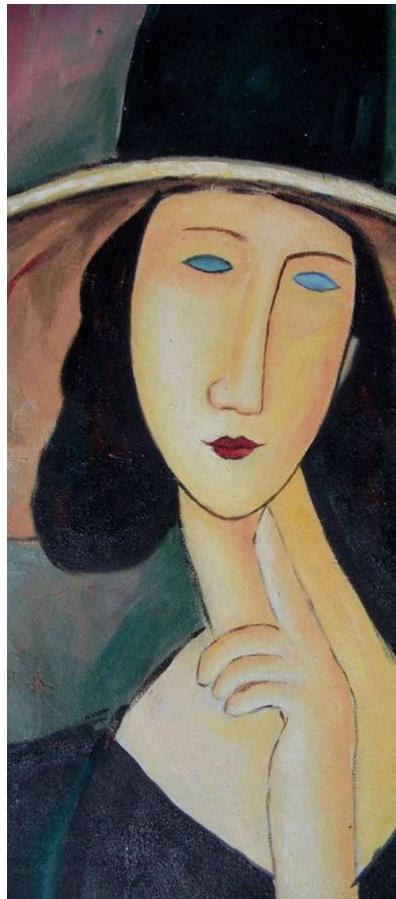
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Modigliani in Palazzo Blu

*3 October 2014
15 February 2015*

Autumn and winter in the city of the Leaning Tower come alive with a major new exhibition in Palazzo Blu. After Chagall, Mirò, Picasso, Kandinsky and Warhol, this year's show is on Modigliani.

www.palazzoblu.it



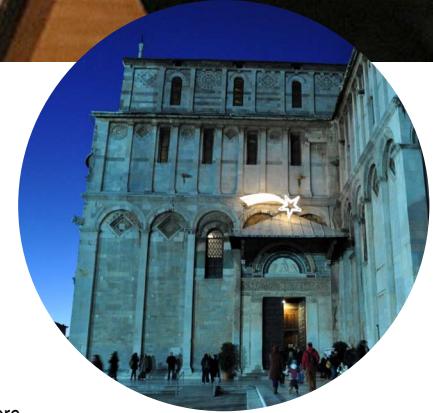
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Teatro Verdi

*October 2014
May 2015*

Pisa's Teatro Verdi returns in 2014 with a rich and varied programme: masterpieces of opera, dramatic productions ranging from the classical to the contemporary, a dance season that's established itself as a leading showcase for the many facets of dance, and much more: including a season of concerts by the orchestra of the Scuola Normale Superiore.

www.teatrodipisa.pi.it



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I Concerti della Normale

*October 2014
June 2015*

Pisa's Scuola Normale Superiore draws on a wide and varied repertoire to put together a programme whose emphasis is on educating the ear. The idea is to bring musical culture closer to students and public alike, while encouraging audiences to listen comparatively to the different pieces performed. The concerts span a variety of musical styles and epochs, instrumental interpretations and genres of composition to create a comparative picture of the innovative and experimental idioms of contemporary music.

www.concerti.sns.it

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Christmas Concert

20 December

The Christmas concert in Pisa cathedral: Beethoven's Mass for soloists, chorus and orchestra in C major (op. 86)

www.opapisa.it

Other Events



1 Park Festival 16-25 May

To mark European Parks Day, a full programme of outings, excursions and guided tours designed to bring the public closer to the Migliarino-San Rossore-Massaciuccoli natural park, in all its variety of fauna and flora.

www.parcosanrossore.org

2 Route 2014 6-10 August

25 years after the visit of Pope John Paul II to Pisa, this year's scouts' rally in Tenuta di San Rossore includes the special participation of Pope Francis.

www.routenazionale.it

3 Internet Festival 9-12 October

Pisa is Italy's city of information technology. Its university was the first in Italy to offer a course in IT, and it was the first Italian city to connect to the Internet. The internet festival is a chance for everyone who's interested to catch up on the latest trends, tendencies and outlooks in the online world.

www.internetfestival.it

4 Nights in colour

28 June, Pontedera
13 September, Volterra
6 December, Pisa
July; San Miniato
(date to be defined)

Nights of different colours in Pisa and the leading towns of the province: White Night in Blue in the provincial capital, the classic White Night of Pontedera, the Red Night of Volterra and the brand-new Black Night of San Miniato.

www.nottebiancapontedera.it
www.volterratur.it
www.nottebiancainblu.it
www.nottenerasanminiato.it

5 Pisa Book Festival 7-8-9 November Palazzo dei Congressi

Pisa's conference centre hosts Italy's leading independent publishers' fair, dedicated to small publishing houses, bookshops and everyone who's passionate about books.

www.pisabookfestival.it

6 Christmas in and around Pisa

Christmas in the city and province of Pisa is a time of fairs, concerts and all kinds of initiatives.

Don't miss the many spectacular nativity scenes: Cigoli (San Miniato), which draws tens of thousands of visitors every year, San Romano, Nicosia, Vicopisano, Lari, the miniature nativity scenes of Montegemoli, and the Angelo, built entirely by hand by the artist Angelo Perini.

PISA AD 2014

continues... in 2015



A YEAR TO REMEMBER

THE 450TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF GALILEO
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OF THE FOUNDATION STONE OF PISA CATHEDRAL

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www.pisaAD2014.it



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