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# Planning Guide

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# Thank You for Booking with Us.

We're thrilled to host you in our home!

Our Planning Guide is designed to help you enjoy a smooth and memorable stay in Lucca. Inside, you'll find useful tips, local insights, and important check-in details. You may also find some of our [blog posts](#) helpful as you prepare for your visit.

For future stays, direct bookings are the best way to access savings compared to our Airbnb pricing. Feel free to reach out at [info@casacampolattaro.com](mailto:info@casacampolattaro.com).

Inside this guide, you'll find:

- Important arrival and check-in details
- Transportation tips and parking information
- Local dining & shopping favorites
- Simple guest guidelines for a smooth stay
- And plenty of other helpful tips!

We hope you enjoy your time in Lucca and create many wonderful memories!

Thank you,  
Ashley & Dario Campolattaro

# Arriving to Casa Campolattaro

Our local host is Vanessa with Lucca Travels.  
The best way to communicate with Vanessa, is on WhatsApp:  
WhatsApp: +39 333 718 7110  
If you will be using your cell: US number is + 1 979 574 8686  
Email: [lucatravels@gmail.com](mailto:lucatravels@gmail.com)

**\*\* Please message Vanessa at least 48 hours prior to your arrival. Arrival before 8 pm is preferred.**

Check-in time begins at 3pm. Check-in begins at 3:00 PM. Guests are asked to provide and confirm a 3-hour check-in window in advance. Arrivals outside of the agreed-upon window, or outside of the 3:00–8:00 PM check-in period, will incur a €20 fee, payable upon arrival.

Early check-in may be available - request with Vanessa prior to arrival. If you arrive before check-in time and need a place to store your luggage, there is a "Welcome Home" luggage storage place directly across the street on Via Galli Tassi. They are closed on Mondays.

**The address of Casa Campolattaro is:** Via S. Domenico 1. Our apartment is located in the building behind The Piazza della Magione. The entrance is on the side of the building. Vanessa will meet you at Casa Campolattaro at your pre-determined arrival time.

Even if you will have GPS in your rental car, we highly recommend printing these instructions. Many people arrive in Italy to find that their cell phones don't work as promised, so it's best to plan your route in advance of arriving in Lucca. A GPS system may take you into the restricted area of the city (or direct you down a one-way street) so please do not rely on it within the walls.



*The door to enter our apartment is on the side of the building. When standing in Piazza della Magione (the parking lot in front of the building), it is on the right side. This is a private entrance, and no other apartments share this doorway.*

# Bed Configurations

We have flexible bed options in the living room and second bedroom. **Please be sure to let us know your preferred bed configurations prior to your arrival.**



# Arriving by Car



*Parceggio Citadella Is the nearest lot to Casa Campolattaro. It's just steps away.*

You can enter Centro Storico via Porta S. Anna on Vittorio Emmanuel. You can unload your belongings at the apartment and then go and park your car. There are a number of pay and free lots both inside and outside of the walls.

**Please note:** *the parking directly in front of our building in Piazza della Magione is for residents only. You can unload bags from there if someone stays in the car.*

## **Parceggio Citadella (one block from our building) - 161 parking spaces**

Located on Via Padre Macarini

Parking spaces: 161

Opening hours: 00:00-23:59

Hourly rate: € 1,50/h; Minimum rate: € 1,50; Daily rate (8:00-20:00): First hour is € 1,50/h, from the second hour onwards is € 2,00. Night single rate (20:00-8:00): € 2,00

## **Parceggio Carducci, just outside Porta Sant'Anna - 539 parking spaces**

Hourly rate: € 1,00/h; Daily rate: € 8,00; Minimum rate :€ 0,50 (30 minutes)

Opening hours: everyday from 8:00 until 20:00. Maximum daily rate € 8,00. Free overnight parking

**For longer stays:** Go to: [www.metrosrl.it](http://www.metrosrl.it). This website will explain the requirements for obtaining a long-term parking pass for Lucca. It's not necessary to fill out the forms prior to arriving at the Carducci Office, but could save you some time in advance. After arriving in Lucca, proceed to the Carducci Parking Lot. You'll see a building/kiosk where they will issue you a permit. They are open Monday to Friday from 0830 to 1330 and Saturday from 0830 to 1230. On the form, check Citadella as your selected parking lot. Be sure to bring with you photocopies of your car's registration and your driver's License/IDP. They will not copy these items at their office. The cost will be 50€ for one month and you can pay with a credit card. You can renew this parking pass card at the automated machines for a longer period as long as you don't let it expire. They will give you a card that you will use to enter/leave the lot (Do not take paper tickets).

## **Free Parking is available outside the walls**

- Look for spots with WHITE lines, indicating free parking in the areas outside the walls.
- Piazzale Don Franco Baroni - same place where bi-weekly market is held.
- Outside the city walls; short walk into the center.
- Can be crowded on market/fair days. Avoid leaving valuables visible.

# Car Rentals

- **Europcar (our preference)** – Viale Castracani 110, 55100 Lucca
- **Hertz** – Via Eugenio Passamonti 1, 55100 Lucca
- **Avis/Budget** – Via Carlo del Prete 417, 55100 Lucca

Be sure to confirm office hours (many close midday and Sundays, but have key drop boxes).

# Taxis

Taxis are typically available at:

- The stand directly in front of the train station.
- Piazza Napoleone
- Piazzale Verdi (near buses)

You can also call for one to pick you up at any location:

Radio Taxi Lucca

Phone: +39 0583 1745

Website: <https://www.luccataxi.it>

appTaxi (mobile app)

Website: <https://apptaxi.it/en/lucca>

Useful if you need a taxi from your accommodation or late at night.

# Buses

Taking the bus is an affordable and reliable option for airport transfers.

Piazzale Verdi is Lucca's main bus hub, located just a few blocks from Casa Campolattaro. From Piazzale Verdi, local buses serve nearby neighborhoods and villages, while regional buses connect to cities like Pisa, Florence, and Viareggio.

It is also a common drop-off point for parking shuttles and tour buses, since non-resident cars and coaches cannot enter the restricted traffic zone.

The ticket office is located in the building next to where the buses park. Lucca offers intercity bus connections to more than 13 cities in Italy like Rome, Turin, Genoa and many others. <https://getbybus.com/en/bus-from-lucca>

# Driving & Parking



**IMPORTANT:** Only residents of Lucca can enter into the ZTL (Zona Traffico Limitato), but Casa Campolattaro Is located just prior to the (very clearly marked) ZTL. Check out our [blog on navigating ZTL](#).



= **STOP! DO NOT Drive Here.**

Download the Easy Park App. It's a lifesaver when you don't have change or the meter won't take your card. Plus, It allows you to add more time to your meter from afar.



*This PAID parking lot (Parcheggio Cittadella/Manifattura) is located only a block from Casa Campolattaro. This Is the ideal spot to park in while staying with us.*

Parking spots are painted different colors to indicate If it is paid, only for residents or free. This is true across all of Italy.

- Blue stripes - paid parking
- Yellow stripes - residents only, or handicapped parking (DO NOT park here)
- White stripes - FREE parking



The parking lot directly in front of our building has recently been converted to resident-only parking.

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# Arriving by Train from Pisa Airport

To travel from Pisa Airport to Lucca Centro by train, you'll first need to take the Pisa Mover shuttle from Pisa Airport to Pisa Centrale train station. Here's a breakdown of the process and the approximate cost:

1. Pisa Mover: The Pisa Mover is an automated people mover that connects Pisa Airport (Galileo Galilei Airport) to Pisa Centrale train station.
  - Cost: The fare for the Pisa Mover is typically around €2.70 for a one-way ticket. You can purchase tickets from the ticket machines at the airport or online in advance.
2. Train from Pisa Centrale to Lucca Centro: Once you arrive at Pisa Centrale train station via the Pisa Mover, you can catch a regional train to Lucca Centro.
  - Cost: The cost of a one-way train ticket from Pisa Centrale to Lucca Centro is approximately €3-€5, depending on the type of train and whether you purchase a first or second-class ticket.
  - Train Schedule: Trains from Pisa Centrale to Lucca Centro run frequently throughout the day, with departures approximately every 30 minutes.

## To use the Pisa Mover:

1. Upon arrival at Pisa Airport, follow the signs to the Pisa Mover station.
2. Purchase your ticket from the ticket machines located at the station or use a contactless payment method.
3. Board the Pisa Mover, which will take you directly to Pisa Centrale train station.
4. At Pisa Centrale train station, proceed to the ticket counters or ticket machines to purchase your train ticket to Lucca Centro if you haven't already done so.
5. Check the departure boards for the next train to Lucca Centro and proceed to the appropriate platform.
6. Board the train and enjoy your journey to Lucca Centro!

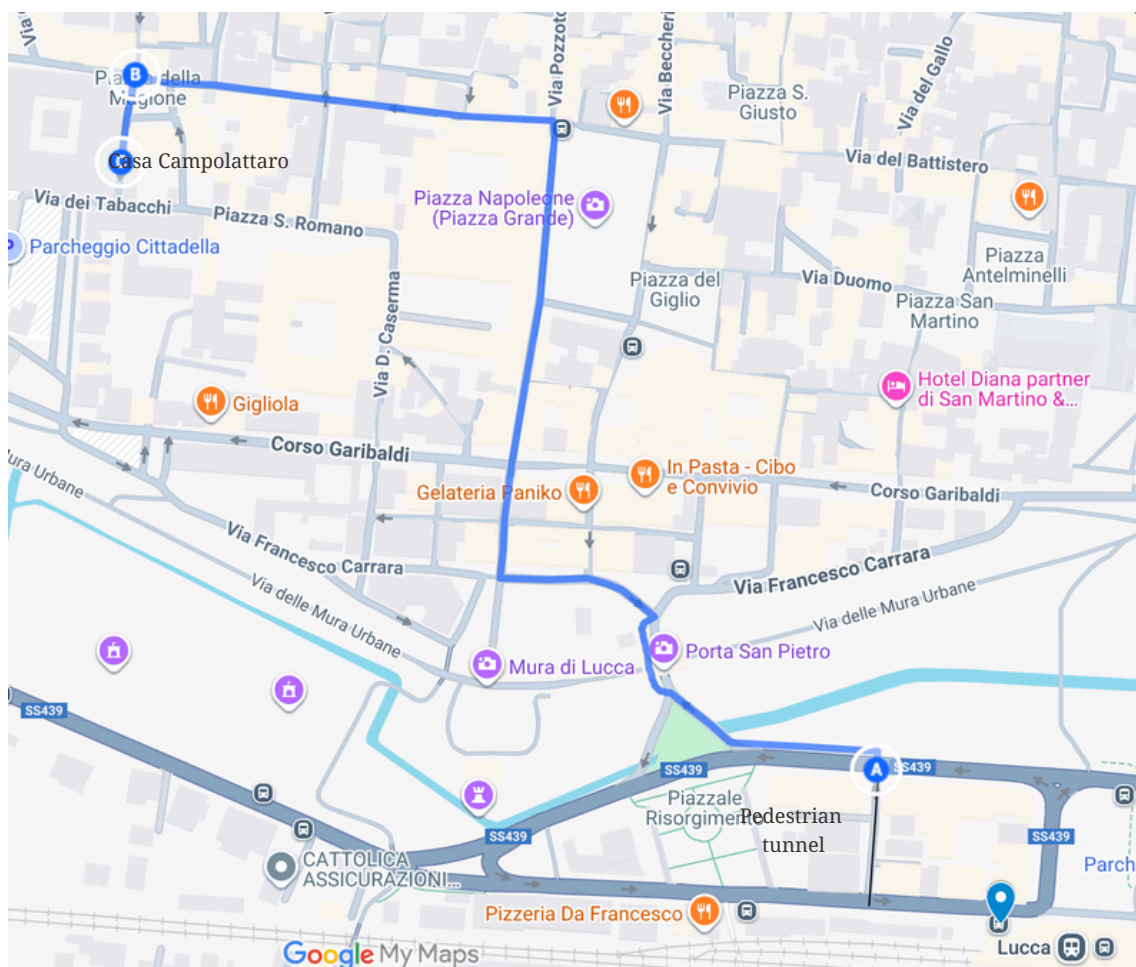
Please note that schedules and fares may vary, so it's a good idea to check the latest information closer to your travel date. Additionally, ticket prices and train schedules can change, so it's always a good idea to verify the details before your journey.

# Walking to Casa Campolattaro from the Train Station

We are a 12 minute walk from the Lucca Train Station. Click on the map below to be taken to a Google map. If you have a lot of luggage, taxis are available in front of the train station.

## Walking Directions:

- Take the pedestrian tunnel immediately across from the station
- When you come out of the tunnel continue straight on Viale Regina Margherita
- Slight right onto Piazzale Umberto I
- Enter Lucca's walls at Porta S. Pietro and bear left
- Turn right onto Via Veneto
- After you pass Piazza Napoleone (Piazza Grande), turn left onto Via Vittorio Emmanuele
- Pass the cinema on your left
- Turn left onto Via San Domenico at Piazza della Magione
- The entrance to Casa Campolattaro will be on your left, on the side of the building
- You've arrived!- Via S. Domenico, 1



# Trains

Trains are the simplest and most affordable way to reach Lucca, with frequent daily connections and easy access to the historic walled city.

## Lucca Train Station (Stazione di Lucca)

Address: Piazza Ricasoli, 55100 Lucca

- A short walk from Porta San Pietro and the historic center (2 blocks).
- Connections to Florence, Pisa, Viareggio, and other Tuscan towns.
- Amenities: Taxi stand, ticket machines, restrooms, café.
- Website: [www.trenitalia.com](http://www.trenitalia.com)

## Booking & Tickets

- Use the Trenitalia website or app for easiest booking.
- Tickets are also available at station machines.
- Regional trains have no assigned seating.
- Paper tickets must be validated in the stamping machines on each platform.
- Digital tickets are automatically validated.
- Validation is good for 6 hours; fines apply if not validated.

## Station & Lines

- 5 platforms; end-point of Pisa–Lucca and Lucca–Aulla lines; stop on Viareggio–Florence line.
- Only regional trains serve Lucca.
- Station has a ticket office, restrooms, a small shop, and a café.
- Local buses stop nearby; daily bus to Pisa airport available.

## Travel Times from Lucca

- Florence: Fast train ~80 min (recommended), slower stops ~1h 45m. Trains leave hourly.
- Pisa: ~15–20 min
- Viareggio (beach): ~20 min
- Pistoia: ~45 min
- Montecatini Terme: <30 min
- Cinque Terre: Via Viareggio or Pisa; change for La Spezia/Genova.
- Pisa Airport: Train to Pisa Centrale, then transfer to Lucca.
- Florence Airport: Bus (~30 min) or taxi (~€25) to Santa Maria Novella station, then train to Lucca.

## Tips & Notes

- Only validate the ticket in use, not your return ticket.
- Watch arrival/departure boards for delays or platform changes.
- For high-speed trains, tickets are dated and seat-specific—no validation needed.

# Arriving by Bus

There is a bus that leaves the Firenze airport and goes directly to Lucca. The bus station is located in Piazzale Verdi, inside the city walls, just about 2 blocks from Casa Campolattaro.

- Among the Tuscan cities that are connected to Lucca by bus, there is Florence, Pisa and Viareggio. The bus company is named VaiBus. Rides are going to take you a bit more than trains, so it may be easier to get to town by train. <https://lucca.ctnord.it/>
- Lucca offers intercity bus connections to more than 13 cities in Italy like Rome, Turin, Genoa and many others. <https://getbybus.com/en/bus-from-lucca>



# Taxis & Private Drivers

**Taxis are typically available at:**

- The stand directly in front of the train station.
- Piazza Napoleone
- Piazzale Verdi (near buses)
- Otherwise, it is very rare to catch a cab on the side of the street, so calling ahead of time to arrange for a ride is recommended. Hotels, restaurants, and bars will be happy to call for you.

**Taxi Apps:**

- Apptaxi
- WeTaxi app (similar to Uber)

**You can also book via these sites:**

Lucca Taxi - [Lucca.Taxi](https://www.luccataxi.it)

Lucca Taxi IT - [LuccaTaxi.it](https://www.luccataxi.it)

**Private Drivers**

While more expensive, this is a great option after long travel. If you want a driver waiting at the airport to transfer you directly to Casa Campolattaro, here are several options:

- The Tuscan Wanderer (Giovanni) - <https://www.thetuscanwanderer.com/transfers>
- Tau Touring - <https://www.tautouring.it/en/>
- Tuscan Drivers - [www.tuscandrivers.com](http://www.tuscandrivers.com)
- Lucca Drivers NCC - <https://lucCADRIVERS.business.site>
- Ingrid Wunnink - +393289399170
- Bella Touring (Simone) - [bellatouringtuscany@gmail.com](mailto:bellatouringtuscany@gmail.com)

# Local Transportation

Lucca is easily reachable both by car and public transport, thanks to its position on the main highways and railroad lines that connect Florence to Pisa and Viareggio.

## By Car

The old center of the city is closed off to traffic - and many of the areas that do allow for cars are exclusively reserved to residents. So once you get here, you need to park outside the walls. There are a few parking areas inside the walls but be sure to read the signs and look for indications that it is parking open to everyone.

- Lucca is located on the highway A11 Firenze - Mare, that road which connects Florence with Pisa and the Versilia Coast. If you're coming from either the North or South, you need to take A11 and exit at Lucca Est or Ovest.
- If you're coming from the coast, on the highway A12 Genova - Roma, you will first connect at Viareggio then proceed to Lucca Ovest and use a faster road called Bretella (there is a toll to be paid on A11 and a12).
- If you're coming from the Pisa or Florence airports and have a rented car, follow indications to A11 in both cases. Both Lucca highway exits are located about 1 km from the city center.

## Bikes

The city is small and flat so it is easy to navigate, but bikes allow you to cover more ground quickly. Lucca is known for being a bike-friendly town: there are many bike-reserved areas all over the city and there's no local who lives in Lucca who doesn't have a bike! **We provide two bikes for your enjoyment while staying at Casa Campolattaro.** Be sure to always lock the bikes! Bikes should be stored in our loggia when not in use. When out and about, always lock up the bikes. **DO NOT** ride your bike on the crowded shopping street, Via Fillungo, as you may be fined.

Should you need more than the two bikes provided, you'll find plenty of affordable hourly and daily rental bikes both outside and inside the city walls, especially at many of the access to the ramparts, We recommend: Amici Bici (just behind our building on Via della Cittadella) or Chrono Bikes or Cicli Rai. Rates run @€3 per hour to @€20 per day.

# Curate An Authentic Experience

For a hassle-free, authentic trip to Lucca and other points in Italy, we highly recommend **Away to Italy**.

Amy can help you craft a personalized itinerary, from hidden gems to must-see attractions for a memorable experience.

**Guests of Casa Campolattaro receive a 10% discount on her services —** just mention that you're staying with us. [www.AwaytoItaly.com](http://www.AwaytoItaly.com) OR [amy@awaytoitaly.com](mailto:amy@awaytoitaly.com)



# Day Trips from Lucca

## Easy Day Trips From Lucca

- Siena
- Florence
- Livorno
- La Spezia
- San Gimignano
- Montecatini Terme
- Montecarlo
- Borgo a Mozzano
- Chianti
- Pisa
- Viareggio
- Cinque Terre
- And, more...check out our [blog](#) for more Ideas!

# Tours Guides & Activities

- **Tour with Paola Moschini:** <https://www.paolamoschini.com/tours/>
- **Tour with Wanda** - <https://luccatours.com/>
- **Wine Tours & More with The Tuscan Wanderer** - <https://www.thetuscanwanderer.com/>
- **Tuscan Drivers** - A certified wine sommelier with AIS (Associazione Italiana Sommelier), she can suggest wineries based on your interests and make all the necessary arrangements. [www.tuscandrivers.com](http://www.tuscandrivers.com)
- **Tau Touring** - <https://www.tautouring.it/en/>
- **Lucca Tourism Center** - Information on markets, events, art, music, theater, churches, guided tours, etc. Located near Casa Campolattaro - Vecchia Porta S. Donato, Piazzale Giuseppe Verdi
- **Viator.com** has a lot to offer. You enter your destination and day and a bunch of options populate. Price along with excursion duration is clearly labeled. Everything from cooking classes, bicycle tours, busses, and private cars. Important cancelation information is clearly labeled too. We recommend trying a food tour like "Bikes & Bites" on one of your first days in town. It'll help you get the lay of the land and identify some places you may want to return to later in the week.
- **Tourradar.com** is a European site for finding experiences.
- **Tripadvisor.com** is another resource for finding experiences and reviews.

# Navigating Lucca and Beyond

Lucca is a walkable, charming city of towers, churches, alleyways, gardens, and Tuscan restaurants, less touristy than other Tuscan cities but lively and cultured. Explore museums, bike rides, and leisurely walks, and don't miss the tree-lined city walls (2.6 miles) for a safe, panoramic view.

For maps and tips, visit the Lucca Tourism Office (Vecchia Porta S. Donato, Piazzale Giuseppe Verdi) and check this [guide to exploring Lucca](#).



## **GPS My City - [www.GPSMyCity.com](http://www.GPSMyCity.com)**

You will find 3 expert-designed self-guided walking tours to explore Lucca on foot at your own pace. You can also create your own self-guided walk. Each walk comes with a detailed tour map as well as photos and background information for the featured attractions. The app's navigation functions guide you from one attraction to the next. The app works offline, so no data plan is needed when traveling abroad.



**Lucca Map** - Download this app for several walking guides to choose from.



## **Rome to Rio - [www.Rome2Rio.com](http://www.Rome2Rio.com)**

Easily calculate the distance and best method of transportation to your destination by using our address as your starting or destination point: Via San Domenico 1.



## **Trippy - [www.Trippy.com](http://www.Trippy.com)**

Very user-friendly road trip planner.



## **NAppa Lucca**

Interactive tool for visitors to explore sites in Lucca linked to Napoleon and his sister, Elisa Bonaparte Baciocchi.

# Tips for Dining in Italy

- **Closures** – Many restaurants are closed on Sunday and/or Monday, so plan ahead.
- **Reservations** – During high season (April–October), weekends, and special events, reservations are strongly recommended. A place may even appear empty yet still be fully booked. Reservations can often be made online via The Fork app or by stopping by in advance.
- **Dining hours** – Lunch is typically 12:30–2:30 pm, and dinner usually begins around 7:30–8:00 pm (later than many visitors expect). Many kitchens close between lunch and dinner service.
- **Seating** – Don't seat yourself. Wait to be greeted and shown to a table, even if the restaurant looks quiet.
- **Service** – Meals are generally relaxed and unhurried. Don't expect the check to arrive automatically; when ready to leave, ask for it with "Il conto, per favore."
- **Coperto** – Most restaurants charge a small per-person fee (coperto) for bread, table setting, and service. This is normal and not a scam.
- **Tipping** – While still appreciated, tipping is not obligatory in Italy. Locals might leave small change or round up the bill, but it's never expected the way it is in the U.S.
- **Bar etiquette** – Bars and cafés often charge more for table service than for standing at the counter. If you want a quick coffee, it's cheaper to order at the bar and drink it standing.

For our most up-to-date and complete recommendations, be sure to **check out our blog**.

# Dining Types Quick Reference

Type	Description	What They Serve	Approximate Cost
<b>Bar</b>	Everyday spot for coffee & quick snacks	Espresso, cappuccino, pastries	\$
<b>Caffè</b>	More elegant version of a bar	Coffee drinks, snacks, light meals	\$-\$\$
<b>Pasticceria</b>	Pastry shop	Cakes, pastries, sweets	\$
<b>Ristorante</b>	Full-service, formal restaurant	Full multi-course meals	\$\$-\$\$\$
<b>Trattoria</b>	Casual, family-run eatery	Home-style regional dishes	\$\$
<b>Osteria</b>	Simple, wine-focused eatery	Local dishes, wine, small menus	\$-\$\$
<b>Taverna / Locanda</b>	Tavern/inn-style rustic food	Hearty, traditional meals	\$\$
<b>Enoteca</b>	Wine bar/shop	Wine, cheese boards, meats, small plates	\$-\$\$
<b>Paninoteca</b>	Sandwich shop	Panini, quick lunches	\$
<b>Tavola Calda</b>	Cafeteria-style 'hot table'	Prepared hot dishes	\$
<b>Pizzeria</b>	Pizza restaurant	Pizza by the slice or full pizzas	\$-\$\$
<b>Gelateria</b>	Ice cream shop	Gelato (fresh or artisanal)	\$
<b>Rosticceria</b>	Rotisserie/prepared foods	Roast chicken, potatoes, fried items	\$

# Where We Would Eat If we only had a week in Lucca Centro

From cozy trattorias in hidden alleys to elegant bistros on lively piazzas, Lucca is full of endless options. Fair warning: attempting to follow this itinerary exactly might leave you needing to be rolled onto the plane—good thing all those steps exploring Lucca help balance it out. Also, "Con diviso" (divided) is a helpful phrase which allows you to try more things without overindulging!

We're not food critics, just food lovers who've done plenty of "research." If we only had one week in Lucca, here's where we'd eat—no particular order...

## Day 1:

**Breakfast:** Caffè del Teatro - Neapolitan pastries in a welcoming environment at Via S. Girolamo, 6

**Lunch:** Trattoria Da Giulio - Traditional Lucchese cuisine with beautiful outdoor seating at Via delle Conce, 45

**Aperitivo:** L'Angolonove - Quelocale- Funky vibe on the piazza with live music on occasion - Piazza Cittadella, 9

**Dinner:** Osteria da Pasquale - Extremely friendly owner and staff with extensive variety of vino. Corte Morovelli, 4

**Dessert:** Gelateria Anfiteatro - in Piazza Anfiteatro

## Day 2:

**Breakfast:** Pasticceria Dianda - Cappuccino and numerous pastries at Via S. Paolina 93

**Lunch:** Da Ciacco - Panini, salads and charcuterie boards (no pizza or pasta, which they'll remind you of every time you go!) at Piazza Napoleone 10

**Aperitivo:** Enoteca Vanni - Amazing wine selection. Be sure to check out the cellar! P.za del Salvatore, 7

**Dinner:** Osteria Miranda - Excellent service and inventive menu for a special occasion. Via dei Carrozzeri, 27

**Gelato:** I Gelati di Piero - Artisan gelato including several unique flavors. Via Roma 5





## Day 3:

**Breakfast:** Pasticceria Taddeucci - Taste the infamous sweet Buccellato bread where it was invented at Piazza San Michele, 34

**Lunch:** Strabuono - The best street food outside of Naples at Via Buia 2

**Aperitivo:** Franklin 33 - Speakeasy vibes and cocktails at Via S. Giorgio, 43

**Dinner:** Buca di S'Antonio - Tuscan Michelin-recognized cuisine at Via San Paolino near Piazza S. Michele

**Gelato:** Momo Gelati - Piazza della Magione, 1

## Day 4:

**Breakfast:** Pasticceria Pinelli - Enjoy your pastries under their covered seating across the way. Via Beccheria, 28

**Lunch:** Osteria del Neni - Traditional dishes at Via Pescheria, 3. Try their buccellato tiramisù!  
**Aperitivo:** Vinarkia - Cozy cocktails on Via Fillungo 188

**Aperitivo:** Ciclo Divino – Wine by the glass with cicchetti snacks. Great for people-watching. Via Michele Rosi, 7

**Dinner:** Gigliola - Small plates at Corso Garibaldi, 17 or Michelin-rated fine dining at Gigliola's big sister, Ristorante Giglio at Piazza del Giglio, 2 OR, consider taking a wonderful hands-on cooking class just outside of town.

**Dessert:** Caniparoli Cioccolateria - Artisanal chocolates and gelato. Also make great gifts for bringing home (especially their pistachio cream!) Via San Paolino 44

## Day 5:

**Breakfast:** Meucci la Pasticceria - Try their biscotti! Via V. Veneto, 12

**Lunch:** La Linea - Offering Neapolitan style pizzas and more. Via Vittorio Emanuele II, 28

**Aperitivo:** Bar San Michele - Great people watching at Piazza S. Michele 1

**Afternoon Tea:** Caffè Santa Zita - Be sure to check out their garden! Piazza S. Frediano, 16\*

**Dinner:** Miglio 50 - For an inventive menu with twists on some classic dishes. Corte San Lorenzo 1-3; Or, check out Carbone for an intimate dining experience ...their Bistecca alla Fiorentina is divine! Via Michele Rosi, 8



## Day 6:

**Breakfast:** Bar S. Michele - Overlooking the piazza and Chiesa S. Michele -

**Lunch:** Pizzeria Da Felice - Located right in the heart of the city center, try their cecina toscana (chickpea flatbread). They also have pizza by the slice. Via Buia, 12

**Aperitivo:** Caffè Manon Lescaut - Try the St. Germain spritz! Piazza Cittadella 16

**Dinner:** Chiasso 13 - Intimate spot with delicious food and wine (owner, Lorenzo will help you choose). Great service and reasonable prices. Chiasso Barletti, 13

**Gelato:** I Gelati di Piero - Highly rated for classic and more inventive flavors. Our personal favorite and often cited among the very best in Lucca, Via Roma 25



## Day 7:

**Breakfast:** Caffetteria Turandot - P.za San Michele, 8

**Lunch:** Gino Frutta & Bistrot - Attached to fruit and veg market offering the freshest ingredients and great wine selection. Try the fried anchovies and/or the eggplant parmesan! Piazza S.Maria 18

**Aperitivo:** Gabry Cafe -Nice selection of mini panini for free with your drinks. P.za del Salvatore, 9

**Dinner:** Ristorante Butterfly - Head just a short drive to this Michelin star restaurant with an inventive menu and impeccable service for a special occasion. Via del Brennero, 192, Marlia. OR for another option Inside the walls: Gigi Trattoria - Piazza del Carmine 7

**Dessert:** Gelateria Paniko - Via San Girolamo 28



## A Few Notes...

- **Breakfast**, often a simple affair consisting of a quick espresso or cappuccino accompanied by a pastry, is typically enjoyed between 7:00 AM and 9:00 AM. Bars, integral to Italian social life, open early in the morning to cater to locals seeking their morning caffeine fix.
- **Lunch**, considered the day's main meal, typically occurs between 12:30 PM and 2:00 PM, allowing ample time for indulging in multiple courses and leisurely conversation. Italians prioritize fresh, locally sourced ingredients, often enjoying a midday repast composed of antipasti, primo (first course), secondo (second course), contorno (side dish), and dolce (dessert), accompanied by wine and followed by a leisurely passeggiata, or post-meal stroll.
- **Dinner**, typically a lighter affair, is served later in the evening, usually between 7:30 PM and 9:00 PM, (although locals seem to arrive @8:15pm) offering another opportunity for culinary exploration and socializing with loved ones. These cherished dining rituals reflect Italy's rich culinary heritage and its reverence for food as a source of nourishment, pleasure, and connection.
- **CHECK OUT OUR BLOG** for more recommendations and helpful hints for dining in Italy.

# Daily Needs

One of the best parts of staying in Lucca is enjoying the abundance of fresh, local products—from fragrant bread and cheeses to seasonal fruits and vegetables, locally cured meats, and of course, Tuscan wine. Here are a few tips to help you shop like a local:

- **Tap water** – The tap water in Lucca is safe, fresh, and delicious. The city is blessed with mountain water delivered by aqueduct, and there are 22 old-style fountains scattered throughout the Centro Storico where you can refill bottles for free. Bring a reusable water bottle and enjoy! We provide our guests with glass refillable bottles.
- **Store hours** – Most small grocers and shops are closed on Wednesday afternoons and all day Sunday. Many also close mid-day for pausa (roughly 13:00–15:30), and nearly all close for the night around 19:30–20:00. Plan your shopping trips accordingly.
- **Markets** – Weekly outdoor markets are a wonderful way to experience local life and find fresh produce, cheeses, meats, clothing, and household goods at good prices. Ask around for the schedule—they’re held in different parts of the city.
- **Specialty shops** – You’ll find dedicated butchers (macellerie), bakeries (forni), and delicatessens (alimentari) throughout the historic center. These are often the best places to source regional specialties.
- **Supermarkets** – Larger grocery stores are located both inside and just outside the walls, offering wider selections and longer hours. They’re convenient for basics but don’t skip the smaller shops for authentic flavors.
- **Payment** – Credit cards are widely accepted, but some small shops still prefer cash, especially for smaller purchases.
- **Shopping bags** – Bring your own reusable bag (borsa) or be prepared to pay a small fee for one at checkout. We provide several for our guests.

Type (Italian)	Definition
Macelleria	Butcher
Forno / Panificio	Bakery
Alimentari	Delicatessen / Small Grocery
Salumeria	Cured Meat Shop
Gastronomia	Prepared-Food Shop
Caseificio	Cheese Shop / Dairy Producer
Pescheria	Fish Market
Frutta e Verdura	Produce Shop
Enoteca	Wine Shop

*Exploring Lucca’s shops and markets is as much a cultural experience as it is a practical one—take your time, interact with the vendors, and enjoy the seasonal variety.*

# Daily Needs

## GROCERY STORES & GENERAL PROVISIONS

- Conad City – Convenient market with all essentials, just steps from Casa Campolattaro. Via Vittorio Emanuele II, 58
- PAM Local – Compact market inside the walls. Via Santa Croce, 47
- Esselunga – Large supermarket just outside the walls. Viale San Concordio, 710
- Antica Bottega di Prospero – Five generations of specialty flours, legumes, cheeses, olive oils, and gifts. Via Santa Lucia, 13 (across from Forno Giusti)

## PHARMACY (FARMACIA)

- Farmacia Centrale Altieri – Main pharmacy in the heart of the city. Piazza San Michele, 36

## TOILETRIES, COSMETICS & HOUSEHOLD ESSENTIALS

- PiùMe – One of Lucca's main stops for toiletries, cosmetics, and household items. Two locations: Via Fillungo, 190 and Viale San Concordio 324 (off Via S. Paolina, closest to Casa Campolattaro)

## WINE

- Enoteca Vanni – One of Tuscany's best wine shops with an incredible cellar tour and outdoor tables for aperitivo. Piazza San Salvatore, 7
- Al Gavino - Just steps from Casa Campolattaro. Via del Crocifisso 2

## PRODUCE

- Gino Frutta - Fresh produce, staples (milk, bread, etc.) and freshly-prepared foods. Via S. Paolino, 56
- Gino Frutta & Bistrot – Fresh produce and prepared foods to take home. Piazza Santa Maria, 18
- Ortofrutta Morelli – Excellent produce market. Piazza San Salvatore, 5

## MEAT & POULTRY

- Tambellini Rinomata Salumeria – Cured meats and sausages. Piazza San Frediano, 6
- Polleria Volpi – Fresh poultry and prepared items. Via San Paolino, 42

## BAKERIES & PASTRIES

- Forno a Vapore Amedeo Giusti – Legendary focaccia and breads. Via Santa Lucia, 18/20
- Forno Casali – Another contender for Lucca's best focaccia. Via Guinigi, 27
- Pasticceria Pinelli – Elegant pasticceria for sweets and cappuccino. Via Beccheria, 26/28
- Pasticceria Meucci – Traditional cakes and pastries (closed Mondays). Via Viaccia, 11
- Pasticceria Taddeucci – Famous for buccellato since 1881. Piazza San Michele, 34

## CHEESE & SPECIALTY FOODS

- Cheese...Tiamo – Excellent artisanal cheese shop. Via San Paolino 71, V. Galli Tassi, 27

# Private Chef & Cooking Classes

If you would like to eat at Casa Campolattaro, but don't want to cook, here are a couple of options

## PRIVATE CHEF

- **Chef Matthew Cook** - [Info@matthewcook.it](mailto:Info@matthewcook.it)
- **Chef Celine** - [celine@chefceline.com](mailto:celine@chefceline.com)
- **Chef in Tuscany (Graziella)** - [info@chefintuscany.com](mailto:info@chefintuscany.com)

## COOKING CLASSES (A FUN GROUP EXPERIENCE!)

- **Chef Matthew Cook** - [Info@matthewcook.it](mailto:Info@matthewcook.it)
- **Traditional Farmhouse Cooking Experience with Antonietta Masini** - Book online, here: [vi.me/02BNN](https://vi.me/02BNN) You can arranged to be picked up. Email [amasini61@gmail.com](mailto:amasini61@gmail.com) or WhatsApp +39 333 1705006
- **Chef Paolo Monti Cooking School** - <https://www.cucina-italiana.com/>
- **Taddeucci** - A unique and engaging experience to get to know Tuscan cuisine "from the inside", and directly taste the results of your work.  
[pasticceria@buccellatotaddeucci.it](mailto:pasticceria@buccellatotaddeucci.it) <https://www.buccellatotaddeucci.it>

You will need to book all of these in advance.

# Wine & Olive Oil Tasting

These wineries are all under 30 minutes by car. You should make reservations via their websites. We recommend lining up one of our private drivers for transportation to/from.

- **Fattoria di Fubbiano** - <http://fattoriadifubbiano.it/>
- **Tenuta del Buonamico** - <https://www.buonamico.it/en/>
- **Colle di Bordocheo** - <https://www.colledibordocheo.com/en/#>
- **Fattoria Maionchi** - [www.fattoriamaionchi.it](http://www.fattoriamaionchi.it)
- **Fattoria Sardi** - <https://www.fattoriasardi.com>
- **Fattoria Il Poggio** - <https://www.fattoriailpoggio.net/?lang=en>
- **Enoteca Vanni** - Oldest wine cellar In Lucca. Private wine tastings for up to 12 people. +393513715000

# Markets & Events

Most Italian towns of a reasonable size have weekly or twice weekly street markets. They offer a great variety of regular, thematic, seasonal and bazaar markets. If you are in need of food, clothes, or household goods at fair prices, you can find them in the markets.

## ANTIQUES

Even if you have neither the desire or the money to buy something to take home, the market with the approximately 230 exhibitors is worth a stroll, as it is both picturesque and entertaining.

**When:** The market is held the third Sunday of each month and the prior Saturday.

Saturday from 7:00 to 19:00

Sunday from 9:00 to 19:00

**Where:** Via del Battistero, Piazza Antelminelli, Piazza San Martino, Piazza San Giusto, Piazza San Giovanni and Piazza Bernardini - Lucca

## FARMERS MARKETS

**Where:** Foro Boario, Via per Camaiore, 125

**When:** Saturdays, 7:00 - 13:00;

In summertime, on even Wednesdays, 7:00 - 13:00

**Where:** Piazzale Verdi

**When:** Thursday mornings

There is also a bio market In Piazza San Francesco on Wednesday afternoons

## WEEKLY MARKET

There is a market held every Saturday and Wednesday morning from 7am to 1pm. This market is located at Piazzale Don Baroni and features a variety of vendors selling food, clothing, and household goods. A cultural experience!

## ARTS & CRAFTS

**Where:** Via San Paolino, piazza dei Cocomeri, via di Poggio, piazza Cittadella

**When:** first weekend every month (March - December)

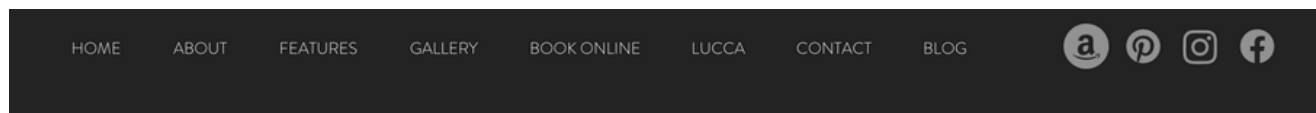
**To see what's happening In Lucca during your stay,** be sure to check out:

<https://www.luccanews.org/> or <https://www.LuccaWhatsOn.com>

# Check Out Our Blog

For guests planning a visit to Lucca, our Casa Campolattaro blog is a great place to start. In the For Our Guests section, you'll find helpful articles curated with travelers in mind—like what to pack for each season, can't-miss local events, and authentic experiences to enjoy during your stay. Whether you're curious about seasonal food festivals or looking for ideas to help you slow down and savor life like a local, our blog is full of tips and inspiration to help you make the most of your time in Tuscany.

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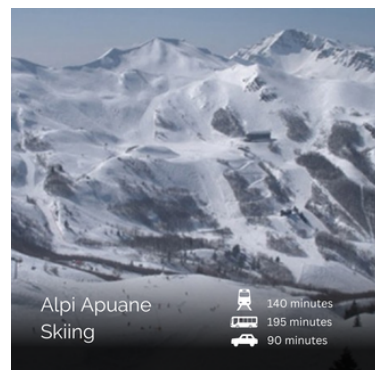
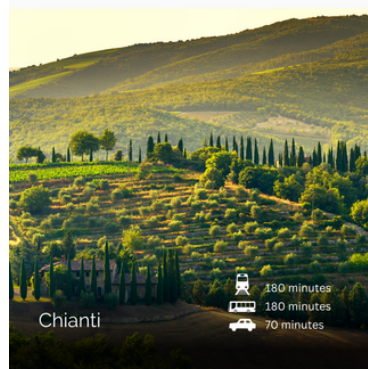
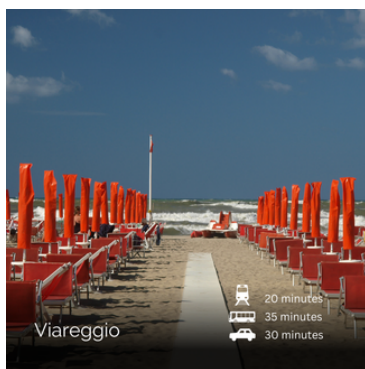
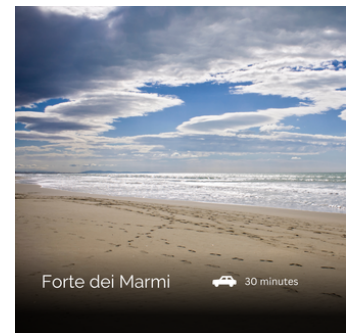
*Lucca is a year-round destination, offering something special in every season.*

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# Points Beyond Lucca

You will only scratch the surface of all that Lucca has to offer with a stay of a few days. If you're staying longer and using Lucca as a jumping off point, there's so much within reach! Here are just a handful...



# Biking In Lucca



We are happy to provide 2 bikes for you use in Centro Storico while staying with us. Should you need additional bikes for family members there are several options nearby. Lucca is a big biking town, so there are numerous shops that rent bikes in the historic center:

- **Amici Bici** (meaning friends/bicycles) - Conveniently located around the corner at Via Cittadella, 28. Rates start at 5 Euro an hour or 20 Euro for a full day. They offer special rates for multiple days. They also offer road bike rentals should you want to explore beyond the walls.
- **Chrono Bikes** - Corso Garibaldi, 93
- **Cicli Rai** - Via San Nicolao, 66
- **Bike Sharing** - The town now offers bike sharing via the app Ridemovi. Bikes can be usually found near the Tourism office.

*Lucca's historic city walls form a 3-mile greenway loop around the city, with a wide, flat, tree-shaded path perfect for year-round riding. The walls offer traffic-free cycling, views over rooftops and surrounding hills, picnic spots, cafes, benches, water fountains, and a playground. The path can get busy in the evenings when locals take their "passeggiata," so riding during these times is not recommended.*

*Do not ride your bike down Via Fillungo or other heavily-traveled pedestrian areas during peak tourist hours.*

**ALWAYS lock the bikes.**

**Lucca Is very safe, but bikes do get stolen.**

**Please DO NOT lock our bikes at the train station for the day.**



# Quick Guide



Via San Domenico 1  
(Behind Piazza Magione)



Emergency, dial 118



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## House Rules



No parties.



No pets.



Accidents happen. Alert us immediately if anything breaks so we are able to fix it for the next guests.



Absolutely no smoking/vaping, even on the balcony, loggia ...and, definitely not in the garden!



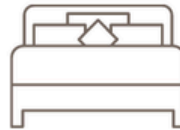
Clean up spills and crumbs quickly.



Please be mindful of energy consumption - turn off AC/heat when leaving the apartment. Do not run AC with windows open.



Double check for your belongings - under the beds, in the dryer, showers, etc. Don't forget your chargers. Be sure to log out of your accounts on the smart TV.



No need to make the beds. You are welcome to strip them, leaving the sheets on top of each bed.



Remove all but the non-recyclable trash prior to checking out.



Kindly load dishwasher and set to run.



Be sure bikes are safely stored in the loggia where you found them.



Please leave the keys (doors, bikes) in the silver bowl on the shelf inside the door. Close all windows. Also, don't forget to leave the trash card.