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HERE
YOU WILL
FIND THE
REAL TUSCAN
LANDSCAPE

The Lands of Pisa



MOTORWAY ROUTE

- Pisa – Rome **350 km**
- Pisa – Milan **280 km**
- Pisa – Genoa **160 km**
- Pisa – Bologna **190 km**
- Pisa – Florence **90 km**
- Pisa – Livorno (harbour) **20 km**
- Pisa – Lucca **20 km**
- Pisa – Siena **130 km**



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FIND 2000
YEARS OF
BEAUTY
IN A SINGLE
PLACE



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A breathtaking artistic heritage, a rich journey in a part of Tuscany that has preserved the beauty produced by man over the centuries. Monuments and masterpieces alternating in breathtaking views. From the great architectural works of the past to the wonders of medieval and Renaissance art.

Your journey of discovery begins in **Piazza dei Miracoli**, listed among the UNESCO World Heritage Sites thanks to authentic architectural “miracles” such as the **Baptistry**, the **Monumental Cemetery**, the **Cathedral**, and the **Leaning Tower**.

This is the ideal starting point to enter a city which was not only one of the four Maritime Republics but also the cradle of art before the Renaissance even happened.

Pisa boasts an interesting historic centre thanks to the splendid **Piazza dei Cavalieri**, a number of Pisan Romanesque churches, the **Lungarni**

riversides overlooked by many beautiful palaces, the medieval walls, and a rich selection of museums and sites including the **Museum of Ancient Ships**, **Palazzo Blu**, the **Nationals Museums of Palazzo Reale and San Matteo**, the **University Museum System**, and the **murals by Keith Haring**.

The route continues in the Lands of Pisa, reaching places of great historical and artistic value such as **San Miniato**, the city of the two emperors along the Via Francigena; **Volterra**, a treasure trove with masterpieces from the medieval, Roman and Etruscan time; and the architectural and spiritual jewel that is the **Calci Charterhouse**.

Scattered between the sea and the hills are many **villages**, often unknown, each with its stories and proud identity. A succession of **Romanesque parish churches** and **chapels**, **fortresses** and **castles**, **villas** and **historic houses**, which have marked the history of the area and which were often the backdrop for struggles between the Tuscan cities in the Middle Ages.



HERE
ARTISANS
PRODUCE REAL
MASTERPIECES



If you love beauty in all its forms you will definitely fall under the spell of the works of Pisan **craftsmen**.

Typical of the area is **alabaster** carving, a tradition dating back to 2500 years ago when **Volterra** was an Etruscan city-state.

Thanks to the trade of the Maritime Republic of Pisa in the Mediterranean, the complex and refined workmanship of **artistic ceramics** spread along the Arno river, developing a unique school and style in each village.

The area is also famous for its processing of **leather**. Indeed, commerce in the **Santa Croce sull'Arno** District develops around tanneries that can satisfy the increasingly demanding market of high fashion and design. Tanning products are closely related to **footwear** and **leather goods**, which are characterized by their unmistakable “**made in Tuscany**” craftsmanship.

Moreover, it was in **Pontedera**, that the scooter that revolutionized urban mobility all over the world - **the Vespa** - was built. So why not make a stop at the **Piaggio Museum** during your trip, to retrace the history of an Italian icon?





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A place where artistic and natural beauties are enriched by the aromas and flavours of good food which, savoured in restaurants or during the many food and wine events, make your stay in the Lands of Pisa even more pleasant.

Venture along the “Strada del Vino delle Colline Pisane” (**Pisan Hills Wine Road**) or the “Strada dell’Olio dei Monti Pisani” (**Pisan Mountains Olive Road**),

enjoying the view of rows of vines, the green of the olive trees, and the yellow of the wheat fields.

Discover the **food and wine products** typical of Tuscan culture. The Terre di Pisa DOC red wine, the Chianti ‘vin santo’, the olio extravergine di oliva IGP Toscano (PGI Tuscan extra virgin olive oil), the white truffle, the handmade pasta, the pecorino toscano DOP (PDO Tuscan pecorino) and that of the Balze Volterrane.



Visit modern and traditional wine cellars, taste our **extra virgin olive oil** and precious **white truffle**, do not miss out on the excellent catch of the day accompanied by the pine nuts of the forests of the **San Rossore Park**, enjoy the sweetness of **beach honey**, and of the varieties of fruits and cheeses.

You will find the true flavours of Tuscany in the village **shops**: at the butchers’ where there is no shortage of **wild boar** and **Mucco Pisano**, at the greengrocers’ you will find the seasonal fruits and vegetables, while the bakeries or pastry shops are filled with ‘pane sciocco’ and ‘torta co’ **bischeri**. And let’s not forget pizzerias, where you must order a piece of ‘cecina’, the typical Pisan street food.



IF YOU LOVE
NATURE,
HERE
NATURE
WILL SURELY
LOVE YOU
BACK



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The “Lands of Pisa” are characterized by a wealth of **green areas** and **protected natural reserves** to enjoy on a

holiday away from everyday stress.

A beautiful territory featuring various ecosystems: **sandy dunes and Mediterranean scrub on the coast**, the fertile **plain of the Arno**, the humid environment of the **Padule di Bientina** and the woods of the **Cerbaie**, the gentle reliefs of **Monte Pisano**, the green hills of **Valdera**, the rugged gullies of **Balze Volterrane**, the nature reserves of the **Upper Cecina Valley**, and the unique geothermal beauty of fumaroles and blowers in the so called **Devil’s Valley**.

The “Lands of Pisa” are the quintessence of the Tuscan countryside, the one you see in postcards: here are the hills, the mountains, the lake, and the sea. Authentic, safe, welcoming, full of memories and culture, a place where you can still discover surprising treasures of

art and history immersed in the sloping hills filled with orchards, chestnut woods and ancient trees, olive groves and rows of vines.

A truly hospitable land, filled with paths of breathtaking beauty ready for you to discover **on foot, by bike, or on horseback**. Rediscover serenity of spirit along the ancient **Via Francigena** that medieval pilgrims traveled to reach Rome towards the Holy Land.

Enjoy the beautiful green of the **Migliarino San Rossore Massaciuccoli Park**, the blue sea of the coast sporting fully-equipped beaches, the marina harbour of **Marina di Pisa**, the golf courses, the Tirrenia pine forest, and the long, beautiful and wild beach of **Marina di Vecchiano**.

And for lovers of wellness and relaxation, there is nothing better than a stop at the **Casciana Thermal Baths** or at the **Bagni di Pisa** in San Giuliano Terme, an ideal spot to regenerate and get back in shape.





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EVENTS AND
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JUST THE FIRST
IN A LIST OF
ATTRACTIONS

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A rich calendar of events intertwining traditions and historical re-enactments, food culture and popular festivals,

recreational moments and culture that include exhibitions, concerts, festivals, sporting events, and guided tours.

Experience the intensity of **June in Pisa**: enjoy the **Luminara** on the evening of June 16, over 100,000 lights strung up along the river; or the **“Gioco del Ponte”**, with the fighters who, on Ponte di Mezzo, give life to a spectacular challenge preceded by a historical

pageant of over 700 people in costume. Entertainment and fun all year round and for all - that's what you find in the “Lands of Pisa”.

Last but not least, don't miss the **Concert by Andrea Bocelli** at the **Teatro del Silenzio** in his Lajatico, Volterra's **Medieval Week** in August, or the San Miniato **white truffle market exhibition** in November. These and many other events are waiting for you!

Terredipisa.it is your guide to discover and keep up to date on what this beautiful area of Tuscany offers.



How to reach Pisa



By Plane

"Galileo Galilei" International Airport
direct flights, low-cost included, from and to national and international destinations.
(www.pisa-airport.com)



By Train

"Pisa Centrale" Tran Station - connections with Florence, Genoa, Rome, and Milan.
(www.trenitalia.com)



By Car

A11 Motorway, Pisa Nord exit; or A11 + A12 Motorway, Pisa Centro exit. Alternatively, SGC FI-PI-LI Highway from Florence or Livorno. (www.autostrade.it)



By Boat

Livorno Harbour (20 km)
stop included in international cruises
www.portolivorno2000.it
Marina di Pisa Harbour (12 km)
www.portodipisa.it



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