Fact sheet Villages of Tuscany

General information

Name of the village	**BORGO A MOZZANO**
Province	LUCCA
Tourist information	Pro Loco Borgo a Mozzano Via Umberto I, n. 3 Official opening hours to the public: **Tuesday**: 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM **& Friday**: 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM On closing days **there is an active Info Tourist** located at the famous **Devil's Bridge**, which follows more extended hours: **Thursday and Friday**: 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM **Saturday, Sunday and holidays**: 10:00 am to 6:00 pm **E-mail** to the proloco@borgoamozzano.org address while the telephone contacts for the two facilities are managed directly from the same central number **Main telephone (for both):** +39 0583 888881

TESTED BY: Handy Superabile Social Promotion Association in 2025

Please note The following information refers to the date of verification shown at the bottom of each sheet. **The Association** is not responsible for any significant changes made by the facility after the visit.

Table of Contents

Fact sheet Villages of Tuscany 1
General information 1
Description 3
How to reach Borgo a Mozzano 4
Parking 6
Pathway from the car park to the entrance 9
Description of the itinerary 10
Accessibility of the village 10
Medical practices/healthcare facilities 30

Description



Borgo a Mozzano, in the Middle Serchio Valley in Tuscany, stands out for an identity strongly linked to the river landscape and its historic architecture. The village is dominated by the scenic presence of the Ponte della Maddalena, also known as the Devil's Bridge, whose asymmetrical and slender structure represents one of the most evocative examples of medieval engineering in the area.

The urban fabric preserves traces of the different historical phases crossed by the territory, with religious buildings, public spaces and glimpses that tell the life of a center that developed along important communication routes between the Garfagnana and the Lucca plain. The relationship between nature and settlement is particularly evident in the continuity between the Serchio river and the surrounding green areas.

Among the most significant events, Borgo a Mozzano is known for the celebration of **Halloween Celebration Borgo a Mozzano**, which takes place close to October 31st. The initiative transforms the historic center into a thematic path with scenographic installations, shows and immersive activities, attracting a large audience every year and helping to define the contemporary image of the village.

How to reach Borgo a Mozzano

By car	**From Lucca (South):** Take the SS12 towards Borgo a Mozzano/Abetone. **From Florence/South Italy:** Highway A1, continue on the A11 Firenze-Mare, exit at Lucca Est or Capannori, then follow the SS12 northwards. **From Pisa/Viareggio (West):** A12 northbound (Genoa), exit at Viareggio-Camaiore, take the motorway link road to Lucca, and finally the SS12. **From the North (Parma/La Spezia):** A15 motorway to Santo Stefano Magra, A12 to Viareggio, or alternatively from Parma along the state road towards Garfagnana
By plane	Florence "Amerigo Vespucci" Airport, 84 km from Borgo a Mozzano Pisa "Galileo Galilei" Airport of Pisa at 44 Km.
Assistance service for people with disabilities	Yes
Embarkation/disembarkation of passengers with reduced mobility	With courtesy chair and ambulift/finger

Tactile paths for the blind and visually impaired	Yes
There is a toilet room accessible with grab handles	Yes
By train	
Nearest station	The Borgo a Mozzano railway station, in the center of the town, on the Lucca-Aulla railway line.
Assistance service for people with disabilities	No assistance is provided at this station. Contact the service through the reference Blue Room (RFI) at the toll-free number 800906060 (from a landline) or at the national number +39 02323232 (from a landline or mobile) for information on any nearest railway station that offers this service
Blue Hall Reference	Location Florence
There is a toilet room in the station accessible with grab handles	Yes
By public and private transport	
Nearest bus stop	The nearest bus station to Borgo A Mozzano is in **Via Ludovica/SP20**.

	There are **direct suburban buses** (Autolinee Toscane lines, type E4 / E71 / E82 depending on the route). The journey takes about **25–30 minutes** starting from **the Lucca bus station**
Presence of adapted buses with ramp	It is advisable to contact the **toll-free number** +039800142424 or +0039 055 51351

Parking

Public parking nearby	Si, in via Roma, oltre ad altri parcheggi a breve distanza dal centro (vedi foto)
Type of public parking floor	Asphalt
Presence of parking space reserved for people with disabilities	Once you reach Borgo a Mozzano coming from Lucca, you enter Via Roma, an area used for free parking, where 2 CUDE reserved parking spaces have been identified, the first at the beginning of the street, the second positioned a hundred meters ahead in front of the BPM Bank and the Museum of Memory. A third CUDE parking lot was taken over in the square of the Borgo a Mozzano railway station called Guglielmo Marconi. There are additional reserved parking spaces in the center.

	About 400 meters from the center there is an area equipped for **camper parking**, free of charge, precisely in Via Salvemini. Parking is near a gas station. There is drinking water and an area to evacuate grey water. Open all year round
Eventual notes	To regularly access the electronic gates of the **ZTL** with a vehicle serving people with reduced mobility, it is necessary to associate the car's license plate with the **European Unified Disabled Badge (CUDE).** Occasional visitors or non-resident tourists must communicate in advance the license plate of the vehicle, the details of the disabled pass and the period of stay. The request can be submitted electronically through the official channels of the citizen's portal or by contacting the Municipal Police Office of Borgo a Mozzano (located in Via Umberto I, 1) directly before entering the regulated area, or in any case within the amnesty terms provided for by the municipal guidelines to avoid automatic penalties



Figure 1 Reserved parking via Roma



Figure 2 parking lot in front of the Museum of Memory, also in Via Roma



Figure 3 Reserved parking in the railway station square



Figure 4 reserved parking adjacent to the Post Office, beginning of Via Roma



Figure 5 Camper parking

Pathway from the car park to the entrance

Route from the car park to the starting point	Flat
Distance from parking to entrance	Nearby
Type of trail surface	Asphalt
There are **indicators and tactile maps**	No

Description of the itinerary



Length	1100 meters
Along the itinerary there are **maps and tactile signs** for the blind	No

Accessibility of the village

Borgo a Mozzano presents a picture of accessibility closely linked to its historical and geographical conformation of the valley floor. The main urban center and the monumental area of the famous Ponte della Maddalena, known as "del Diavolo", are easily accessible; However, mobility within the historic center can be difficult for people with motor disabilities, the elderly and families with strollers. Cobblestone pavements, sometimes accentuated slopes and small historic sidewalks can in fact limit the autonomy of travel.

To tackle the most demanding sections more safely, people with reduced mobility are advised to use an **electric wheelchair engine**, such as a motorised wheel or an assisted traction system, which is particularly useful on slopes and uneven surfaces. It is also recommended, where necessary, the presence of a **companion**, who can offer support in the raised road junctions, along the narrowest passages and to reach the panoramic points characterized by greater slope, including the area adjacent to the Devil's Bridge.

To regularly access the electronic gates of the ZTL with a vehicle serving people with reduced mobility, it is necessary to associate the car's license plate with the **European Unified Disabled Badge (CUDE).** Occasional visitors or non-resident tourists must communicate in advance the license plate of the vehicle, the details of the disabled pass and the period of stay. The request can be submitted electronically through the official channels of the citizen's portal or by contacting the Municipal Police Office of Borgo a Mozzano (located in Via Umberto I, 1) directly before entering the regulated area, or in any case within the amnesty terms provided for by the municipal guidelines to avoid automatic penalties.

Pathway from VIA ROMA to the CONVENT OF SAN FRANCESCO

From Via Roma, continue to the intersection with Viale San Francesco, where the Misericordia headquarters are located; Continue for about 190 meters to reach the convent and the church of the same name.

The building, imposing and important for the history of Borgo a Mozzano, boasts a beautiful **church dedicated to St. Francis**, a beautiful cloister with frescoed lunettes recently restored with care and a splendid garden with centuries-old trees. The convent is an example of Baroque architecture, with a sixteenth-century cloister decorated with frescoes. These frescoes, rich in historical and artistic suggestions, tell a lot about the

Franciscan tradition. It houses valuable works of art, especially in the church, but there are many paintings and frescoes that also exist in other parts of the convent. Begun in the early sixteenth century by the Observants, then passed to the Reformed and then belonged to the Friars Minor until the donation to the Misericordia. Currently the complex houses a nursing home much appreciated for the care and dedication reserved for its guests.

Accessibility

Via **Roma**, which at the height of the town hall changes its name to Via Umberto I, crosses the entire village, and there are no restrictions on transit for vehicles. It should be noted that the road in some sections narrows and is slightly sloping without sidewalks, being free to the transit of vehicles poses some critical issues for the passage of pedestrians.

The path that leads to the convent, entirely paved and open to traffic, is on a steep slope (about 6-17%), with a narrow and sinuous roadway that limits visibility and makes it difficult for vehicular and pedestrian traffic to coexist. The lack of continuous and protected sidewalks is a significant barrier to accessibility, especially for the elderly, with reduced mobility or in wheelchairs.

However, it plays an essential role in accessing emergency vehicles, ambulances and personnel of the RSA della Misericordia, housed in the convent complex. Parking spaces at the Convent square (about 70 meters) are also limited and no CUDE parking spaces have been detected and are mainly intended for health activities and visitors.

The convent is accessed by an accessible paved ramp. At the entrance door of the convent church, we find a step about 22 cm high, the main door measures 94 cm wide, while the internal access doors to the church are 76 cm wide. No other accesses were detected. The interior of the church is fully accessible. On the right side of the entrance

to the church there is a ramp of facilitated accessibility to access the convent library which has a double-leaf door with a total opening of about 100 cm. Inside the convent there is a cloister that can be visited and accessible.



Figure 6 Viale San Francesco



Figure 7 uphill road to reach the Convent



Figure 8 viale San Francesco



Figure 9 Parking space



Figure 10 main access to the Convent



Figure 11 Access to the Convent Church



Figure 12 Facilitated access to the library



Figure 13 interior of the church



Figure 14 altar



Figure 15 Kiosk Access



Figure 16 Loggia



Figure 17 Convent gardens

Pathway from the CONVENT to the MUSEUM OF MEMORY

Proceed backwards to arrive in Via Roma, near the road intersection with Viale San Francesco for about 300 meters.

The **Museum of Memory,** small but interesting**,** is mainly dedicated to the history of the barrier fortified by the Germans from September 1944 to April 1945 that broke Italy in two.

It consists of two sections**:** the first is an archaeological collection of objects documenting the ancient history of the Serchio Valley; the second is reserved for the war events of the Second World War. The purpose of the museum is to raise awareness of the history of the country, to connect with what has been the daily reality of the population and to raise awareness of the tragedy of war conflicts.

Accessibility

At the time of the visit it was closed to the public.

The main access is characterized by a sidewalk (12 cm), and two steps (22 and 17 cm). No facilitated access system from Via Roma was detected.

However, it should be noted that there is a further indication relating to access to the Museum of Memory **from Piazza Marconi.** The official documentation of the Museum System of the Serchio Valley indicates Piazza Marconi 4 as the seat of the Museum of Memory. The accessible entrance to visit the Museum of Memory **is located at the back of the building, accessed directly from the internal square that borders Piazza Marconi and Piazza degli Alpini.**

It has been learned from locals, that access is possible by reservation at the municipal offices; It is therefore advisable to contact the organizers or local volunteers of the

association in advance. The official contacts to request assistance, information on architectural barriers and book visits are:

Main Phone: +39 371 6909132 active during opening hours

or at +39 0583 888881 Pro Loco; alternatively at +39 0583 820441, switchboard of the municipality or by email to **Official Email:** lineagotica.borgo@gmail.com

Opening hours Morning: Tuesday to Saturday, 09:00 to 12:00 - Afternoon**:** Thursday and Friday, 14:00 to 17:00) but you can also visit it **at other times by reservation**)



Figure 18 façade of the museum from Via Roma



Figure 19 main entrance door of the museum

Pathway from MUSEUM of MEMORIES to PALACE OF FESTIVALS

The connection between the **Museum of Memory** (entrance from Via Roma 31) and the **Salone delle Feste** (Piazza degli Alpini 3) represents an immediate and close urban transit, given the extreme proximity of the two public structures. In fact, the two

entrances are just **12 meters** apart, making moving on foot or in a wheelchair a direct transition of a few seconds that takes place entirely on the flat.

The **Salone delle Feste** of Borgo a Mozzano is not configured as a static museum space, but as the main **cultural center and multifunctional event center** of the community. In fact, the building regularly hosts theatrical festivals, concerts, institutional conferences and temporary art exhibitions, especially during the major events of the village such as the famous Halloween Party. Inserted in the complex adjacent to the suggestive Teatro di Verzura, the Salone represents the beating heart of local social and artistic life. Including it in a territorial analysis has a strong strategic value, since the structure demonstrates how a historic environment can be transformed into a modern, lively and above all inclusive meeting center, capable of welcoming the entire citizenry without barriers.

Accessibility

The pavement between the museum complex and the street-level entrance to the Salone delle Feste is free of significant slopes or differences in height.

Once you reach your destination, the large square offers a flat and regular surface, which leads directly to the entrance of the Salone delle Feste. **In the square** we find 8 free stalls and **a CUDE reserved stall**.

Although the main façade of the Salone delle Feste has a conspicuous stone staircase that constitutes an obstacle for those with mobility difficulties**,** or simply people with strollers**,** the structure still guarantees full universal accessibility. These structural entry limits are in fact easily overcome thanks to an alternative route located on the side of the building. Once this gate has been passed — for which **the intervention of staff** is usually required for opening — the user with reduced mobility can use all the internal

spaces of the salon, the stalls and the dedicated toilets in total autonomy and safety, which are fully compliant with the standards of inclusive mobility



Figure 20 Palazzo delle Feste and CUDE post in Piazza degli Alpini

Pathway from the PALAZZO DELLE FESTE to the ANTIQUARIUM CIVIC MUSEUM

We continue on Via Umberto I, a few meters, where on the left we find **Piazza XX Settembre.** The square is surrounded by historic buildings, including the **Palazzo del Comune** and the Loggias; in the past the center of the grain market and which today hosts events and demonstrations.

The **Town Hall, a** public building that houses the seat of the Municipality and the offices of the Mayor, is built inside the Palazzo Santini, an elegant historic building, which also houses the **Civic Museum**, called **"Antiquarium"**. It is an unmissable stop for lovers of

ancient history. The main reason to visit it lies in its extraordinary collection of artifacts that document the origins of the territory, with a rich exhibition of artifacts that belonged to the ancient civilizations of the **Ligurian-Apuan** and **Etruscan families**. Through ceramics, everyday objects and funerary objects, the Antiquarium offers a fascinating journey back in time, revealing how people lived in the Serchio valley before Roman domination; the Museum is located on the ground floor of the Palace.

Accessibility

The Town Hall has a step of about 4 cm at the entrance, the double-leaf door measures 49 cm x 2, inside a double-leaf glass door measures 59cm x 2. No facilitated access detected.

The accessible entrance to visit the **Archaeological Antiquarium** (and the Museum of Memory) **is located at the back of the building, accessed directly from the internal square that borders Piazza Marconi and Piazza degli Alpini.**

The museum can be visited by appointment: for reservations, contact the Tourist Office of the Authority at +39 0583/888881



Figure 21 loggias in Piazza XX Settembre



Figure 22 entrance to the Town Hall



Figure 23 inside the town hall

Pathway from the TOWN HALL to the Church of SAN JACOPO

Stay on **Via Umberto I**, proceeding north (leaving the ancient loggias of the market behind) for about 200 meters you reach a widening in front of the **church of San Jacopo.**

The parish church of S. Jacopo Apostolo was built between the eleventh and twelfth centuries and in the sixteenth century, then rebuilt and enlarged to three naves with Doric columns at the beginning of the 1600s. It is believed that the bell tower, which occupies part of the façade and the left aisle, was originally a defense tower. The interior has fine carved and gilded wood furnishings.

Accessibility

The church raised by 7 steep steps from the road is difficult to access. No facilitated access was detected; there are some parking spaces, 1 of which is CUDE prepared. Near the church, a fixed totem was detected for historical information to users about 100 cm high.



Figure 24 Via Umberto I



Figure 25 church façade



Figure 26 church staircase



Figure 27 Main Entrance



Figure 28 church interior



Figure 29 altar

Pathway from the church of SAN JACOPO to the church of SAN ROCCO

Continuing on Via Umberto Primo for about 140 meters you reach Via dell'Ortolano and from here, after 30 meters we arrive on Piazza San Rocco where there is the church of the same name. The **church of San Rocco,** originally a small oratory, was enlarged and modified during the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. XVII and XVIII, assuming its current appearance. It is located in the center of the town, next to Largo San Rocco, and its construction is linked to the Confraternity of Saints Rocco and Sebastiano di Cerreto, which moved downstream, to the new village, around 1525. Inside, a panel by Francesco Cellini from 1581 commemorates the two founding saints, initially co-owners of the oratory.

Accessibility

The main entrance is characterized by a step about 14 cm high and the door measures 88 cm in width. The interior of the church is widely accessible. There are some free parking spaces, not detected CUDE reserved spaces.



Figure 30 San Rocco façade



Figure 31 Main Entrance



Figure 32 church interior



Figure 33 altar

Extra Itinerary: PONTE DELLA MADDALENA (called Devil's Bridge)

It is about 850 meters from the Church of San Rocco.
Take the Abetone and Brenner State Road 12, along the Brenner Road.

This ancient bridge, which crosses the Serchio River, represents an extraordinary architectural marvel and is a symbol rich in history and legend, capable of fascinating visitors for centuries. Its structure is an excellent example of the mastery of the ancient builders, who managed to create such an impressive work using only local stone and traditional techniques.

Also known as the "Devil's Bridge", according to tradition it was built around the year 1000 by Matilda of Canossa to facilitate the passage of pilgrims on their way to Lucca.

Over 90 meters long, the bridge has the characteristic "humpback" shape. Its asymmetrical arches make it unique in the world: the central arch, in fact, reaches a height of more than 18 meters, giving the structure a scenographic and evocative appearance.

Accessibility

Access to the bridge is possible via a paved sidewalk or otherwise from a pavement adjacent to the gravel-based Serchio River. Climbing the bridge is very difficult due to the steep slope (average 30%) and the irregular stone bottom. Access is very difficult as in addition to the steep slope there is a staircase.

The planning of car parking near the Ponte della Maddalena requires a **clear distinction between the two banks of the Serchio river.**

The optimal and immediate access for people with disabilities is located exclusively on the **east bank**, along the Via del Brennero, where, right in front of the bridge, there are several

lay-bys along the Serchio river where you can leave your car for free. Although the overall space is small and the seats are limited, this bank ensures the closest possible proximity to the monument.

On the contrary, on the opposite bank (**west bank**), the road system is regulated by Via **Ludovica** (Provincial Road 12); along this road artery, at the bridge, there are only 3 free parking spaces for cars, but there is no equipped or protected parking area for people with disabilities, making this side unsuitable for users with reduced mobility; there are no CUDE reserved parking spaces, on both sides of the roadway.



Figure 34 east side bank, parking space on Via del Brennero



Figure 35 east side bank, parking space on Via del Brennero



Figure 36 West side bank, on Via Ludovica



Figure 37 staircase to access the bridge, west part



Figure 38 east bank, along the Brenner road; Rest area and panorama



Figure 39 The Devil's Bridge, a paved path that crosses the Serchio river



Figure 40 The bridge and the landscape

Medical practices/healthcare facilities

Hospitals near the village	**San Francesco Hospital (Barga)** Distance from Borgo a Mozzano about 15 km It is the nearest hospital It is a medium-small territorial hospital, part of the ASL Toscana Nord-Ovest.

	Emergency Room for emergencies as well as basic hospitalization and local care **Address** Via dei Frati, 1 (o 32), 55051 Barga (LU), Italy. Telephone (switchboard) +39 0583 7290 **San Luca Hospital (Lucca)** Distance from Borgo a Mozzano about 20–25 km, further away, but still easily accessible. It is the main hospital in the Lucca area (new modern hospital). 24-hour emergency room; Emergency-urgency area with trauma and acute case management. **Address** Via Guglielmo Lippi Francesconi, Località San Filippo 55100 Lucca (LU), Tuscany, ItalySwitchboard / Information**:** +39 0583 9701 (or 0583 970111)
Other healthcare facilities	For basic medical assistance, you can refer to the **ASL District of Borgo a Mozzano**, which provides health and outpatient services and nursing care **Address:** Via San Francesco,1 **Phone** +39 0583 80731



Figure 38 Exterior Mercy

Misericordia di Borgo a Mozzano

Address: Via San Francesco, 1 – 55023 Borgo a Mozzano (LU), Italy

Phone: +39 0583 80731

Sodini Pharmacy

Address: Via I Maggio, 16 – 55023 Borgo a Mozzano (LU)

Telephone: +39 0583 88059 /+39 0583 889190

Hours: generally 08:30–20:00 (closed on Sundays)

TESTED BY: Handy Superabile Social Promotion Association in 2025