



Villages

General information

Village name	CASTELNUOVO GARFAGNANA
Province	LUCCA
Tourist information	Tourist Information Office – Piazza delle Erbe, 1, 55032 Castelnuovo di Garfagnana (LU) Tel. +39 0583 365169 E-mail: info@turismogarfagnana.eu Website: https://www.turismo.garfagnana.eu

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Description



Castelnuovo di Garfagnana is located in the northern part of Tuscany, in the province of Lucca, in the heart of Garfagnana, between the Apuan Alps and the Tuscan-Emilian Apennines, along the Serchio river. Its strategic position has favored its development since the Middle Ages as a control center and connection between the plain and mountain passes, making it one of the main references of the valley. The origins date back to **the early Middle Ages**, but it is between the thirteenth and sixteenth centuries that the village takes on an important political and administrative role, becoming the seat of the Este governorate. The presence of **Ludovico Ariosto**, who stayed there as governor, is linked to this period. The historic center still retains its medieval layout today. Castelnuovo stands out for its balance between historical heritage, urban vitality and natural context, representing an ideal starting point to discover the Garfagnana.

During the year, and in particular during the summer, the village comes alive with events and exhibitions that help to enhance its tourist offer. The most important is the **Week of Commerce**, which transforms the historic center into an area animated by markets, gastronomic events, concerts and cultural initiatives, attracting numerous visitors. This is flanked by the **Fair of San Pietro**, linked to the local agricultural and commercial tradition, with

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exhibitions, typical products and activities dedicated to the territory.

How to reach Castelnuovo Garfagnana

By car	Castelnuovo di Garfagnana is crossed by the SR 445 of Garfagnana , the main road axis of the valley. From the south it can be reached through the connections with Lucca and the A11 Firenze-Mare motorway; from the north the connections take place through Lunigiana and the Aulla area, in connection with the A15 Parma-La Spezia motorway
By plane	The nearest airports are the "Amerigo Vespucci" airport in Florence, about 110 km away , and the "Galileo Galilei" airport in Pisa, about 82 km from Castelnuovo di Garfagnana. Both airports have dedicated assistance services for passengers with disabilities or reduced mobility
Assistance service for people with disabilities	Yes, complete assistance is ensured, on departure/arrival, thanks to the staff in charge who is available to accompany the passenger with disabilities, during the delivery of the luggage, up to the boarding gate, or for baggage claim
Embarkation/disembarkation of passengers with reduced mobility	With courtesy chair and ambulift/finger
Tactile paths for the blind and visually impaired	YES
Present a local accessible toilet with grab bars	YES

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By train	Castelnuovo di Garfagnana has a railway station on the Lucca–Aulla Lunigiana line .
Assistance service for people with disabilities	No assistance service for people with disabilities and reduced mobility. For information and assistance, you can contact Sala Blu RFI on the toll-free number 800 90 60 60 from a landline or on +39 02 32 32 32 from a landline, mobile or from abroad
Blue Hall Reference	Florence
In local toilet station accessible with grab bars	YES
By bus	Bus connections are managed by Autolinee Toscane , with suburban routes that connect Castelnuovo di Garfagnana with Lucca and with the Versilia area. The main stops are located near the railway station ("Castelnuovo Garfagnana FS" area), which is also the closest drop-off point to the entrance to the historic village. For information on timetables and lines, you can contact the toll-free number 800142424 or 055 51351;
Presence of adapted buses with ramp	For specific needs related to accessibility and the reservation of buses equipped with a platform, the dedicated number 800 14 24 25 is available.

Parking

Public parking	The recommended parking is along Via Vittorio Emannuele. Other possibilities are: parking in Piazza della Repubblica, parking in Via Domenico Pacchi, parking in Piazza delle Erbe,
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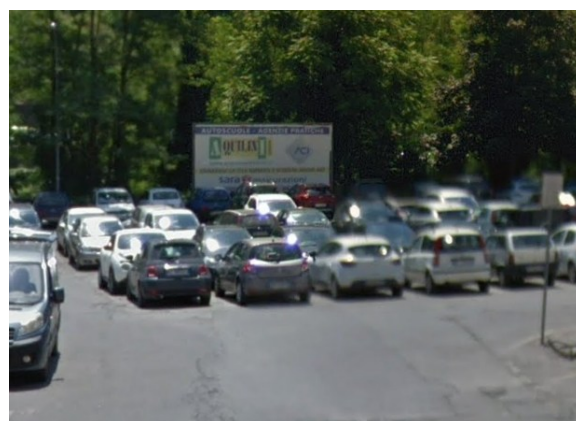


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	parking in Piazzale del Genio
Public parking fund	asphalt
Parking space reserved for people with disabilities	Yes



1 Piazza della Repubblica car park



3 Piazzale del Genio



2 Parking Via Domenica Pacchi



4 Reserved parking spaces Via Vittorio Veneto

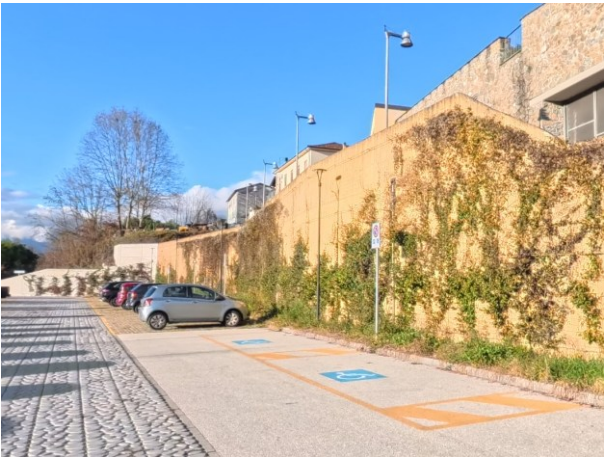
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5 Duomo Parking



6 Theatre parking with reserved spaces

Route from the car park to the village

Characteristics of the route from the car park	Mostly flat
Distance from parking to entrance	In the immediate vicinity
Type of trail surface	Smooth asphalt with a smooth surface
There are indicators and tactile maps	NO





Itinerary description





Length

1.3 km

Along the itinerary there are maps and tactile signs for the blind

NO

ROUTE FROM THE CAR PARK TO THE ROCCA ARIOSTESCA

The itinerary starts from the parking lot located along **Via Vittorio Emanuele**, in a strategic position, adjacent to the Rocca Ariostesca and a short distance from the main entrance of the village of Castelnuovo di Garfagnana. Access to the historic center can be reached by skirting the Rocca for about 40 meters and then turning right.

Before passing through the entrance gate, it is possible to observe the imposing walls that still surround the town, significant evidence of the ancient defensive system and the strategic importance that the village has had over the centuries.

The **Rocca Ariostesca** is the main symbol of Castelnuovo di Garfagnana and scenographically dominates the square with its characteristic trapezoidal structure. The building, of medieval origin and conceived as a military fortification, has undergone numerous expansion and transformation interventions over the centuries; Among these, particularly relevant is the construction, in 1675, of the terrace overlooking the square. The fortress owes its name to Ludovico Ariosto, who stayed there in the sixteenth century during his tenure as governor of Garfagnana. Damaged during the Second World War, the structure was later restored and today hosts exhibitions and cultural events.

Inside there is the **Archaeological Museum of the Garfagnana Territory**, which preserves finds from prehistoric and Etruscan times, offering an important testimony of the oldest phases of population of the valley.

Accessibility:

In the square there are two stalls reserved for people with disabilities. The entrance to the

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village introduces a stone pavement, typical of historic centers, which is irregular and with sloping sections, an element to be considered when moving. Access to the museum is facilitated by a dedicated entrance located on the left of the main one. The Rocca Ariostesca has been the subject of recent structural redevelopment interventions aimed at improving overall accessibility: inside there are lifts and walkways that allow you to reach the different levels and rooms, as well as **accessible toilets** (see the toilets section), making the visit usable even for people with reduced mobility.



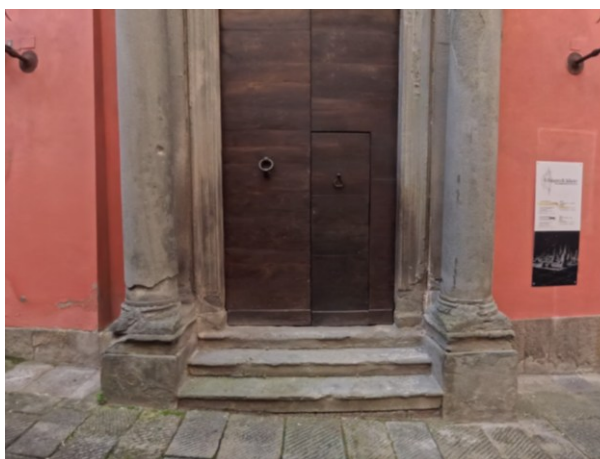
7 Reserved parking adjacent to Rocca



8 Entrance to the village



9 Rocca outdoor area



10 Main entrance Rocca

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11 Facilitated side entrance Rocca



12 Rocca interior space with ramp



13 Rocca internal elevator



14 Rocca Interior Room

ROUTE FROM THE ROCCA TO THE DUOMO

From the Rocca Ariostesca continue for about 175 meters along **Via Fulvio Testi** until you reach the large **Piazza del Duomo**, one of the main spaces of the historic center of Castelnuovo di Garfagnana. On the right side of the square is the **Cathedral**, also known as the **Abbey Parish of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul**.





The current building dates back to the sixteenth century and is in Renaissance style, with a façade punctuated by pilasters, arches and concluded by a pediment in classical style. The origins of the church, however, are older and can be traced back to a previous Romanesque structure dating back to between the tenth and eleventh centuries, subsequently rebuilt and enlarged in the early sixteenth century. The interior, enriched in the Baroque era, has been partly brought back to forms closer to the original layout following the restorations that became necessary after the damage suffered during the Second World War. Among the most interesting works are the Altarpiece of St. Joseph in glazed terracotta, attributed to the workshop of Andrea della Robbia, and a wooden crucifix of the fifteenth century.

Accessibility:

The Duomo has easy access from the side door to the left of the main entrance, served by walkways and platforms with a slope of 17%. The interior of the church is accessible. Outside there are 3 CUDE stalls, located near a short stone-paved ramp, also with a slope of 17%, which allows you to reach the churchyard.



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15 Duomo façade



16 Inputs



17 Facilitated side entry

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18 Central nave Cathedral



19 Cathedral Altar



20 Side chapel



21 Duomo Parking

ROUTE FROM THE CATHEDRAL TO THE SANTA LUCIA BRIDGE

From the Duomo, continue for about 35 meters along Via Fulvio Testi in the direction of **Via Castruccio Castracani**; then take the latter and continue for about 70 meters, until you pass the gate of the village of Castelnuovo di Garfagnana. The route leads directly to the Santa Lucia Bridge, which crosses the Serchio River.

The **Santa Lucia Bridge** is one of the most significant medieval structures in the Garfagnana. Built in the fourteenth century in sandstone, it is distinguished by the presence of two large

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round arches of equal size, an architectural solution that guaranteed solidity and functionality for transit. Originally conceived as a strategic link for the local road network, the bridge has undergone several interventions over time, including a major restoration in 1822. During the Second World War it was destroyed by retreating German troops and subsequently rebuilt after the war, maintaining the original layout.

Accessibility:

The pavement of the bridge is made of stone slabs with good practicability.



22 Village exit gate



23 Santa Lucia Bridge

ROUTE FROM THE BRIDGE TO THE ALFIERI THEATER

After crossing the Santa Lucia Bridge, turn slightly left onto **Via XX Settembre**, which you follow for about 180 meters; then continue on the **SP 72 of Passo delle Radici** and, after about 20 meters, on the right you will reach the Alfieri Theater of Castelnuovo di Garfagnana.

The **Alfieri Theater** represents one of the main places of culture in Castelnuovo di Garfagnana and is the most important nineteenth-century theater in the Serchio valley, as well as being one

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of the most important in the entire province of Lucca. Built in the nineteenth century, it is part of the tradition of Italian theaters, characterized by an elliptical hall with overlapping boxes and classic-style decorations. Over time it has been the subject of restoration and modernization interventions that have preserved its historical value, while adapting it to contemporary needs, making it today the site of a lively cultural program including theatrical performances, music and events.

Accessibility:

At the theater there is a large parking lot with 2 CUDE reserved stalls located near the elevator and a ramp with a 10% slope, which allows you to reach the structure. The main entrance has steps, but an easy side access served by the ramp has been set up. The access door is a fire-rated door, with outward opening and a useful width of 90 cm.

The modernization interventions carried out guarantee good overall accessibility of the spaces.

Inside the Alfieri Theater there is an **accessible toilet** (see tab in the toilets section)



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24 Theatre façade



25 Ramp for easy access to the Theatre

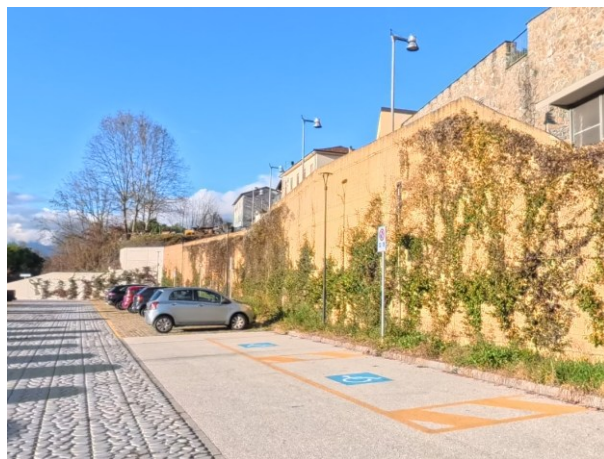


26 Secondary facilitated entry on the back

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27 Theatre parking with reserved spaces



28 Elevator connecting the Theatre car park – ramp



29 Ramp connecting elevator – Theater

ROUTE FROM ROCCA ARIOSTESCA TO THE CHURCH OF THE MADONNA

Returning to the starting point of the itinerary, from the Rocca Ariostesca continue for about 130 meters outside the village, towards the Turrice Secca bridge, beyond which is the **Church of the Madonne del Ponte**.

The building, also known as the Oratory of the Madonna del Ponte, was built between 1602 and

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1603 as a votive offering for a grace received and owes its name to the ancient Calcinaia Bridge, built in 1453 to connect the village to the roads coming from southern Garfagnana.

The church retains a simple but refined layout: a rectangular hall covered by a barrel vault with lunettes, interrupted in the center by a small elliptical dome frescoed. During the nineteenth century the side bell tower was added and the main façade was modified, while an important restoration is documented in 1955.

According to local tradition, the oratory was born following the vow of a shoemaker injured during a quarrel: after invoking the Virgin depicted at the bridge and being healed, he had a small place of worship dedicated to the Madonna built.

The position of the building, between the stone bridge and the course of the Turrise Secca, still creates a very characteristic view at the entrance to the historic village, in close relationship with the medieval road network and the river landscape of Castelnuovo.

AccessibilityThe church can be visited. The entrance has a step of about 7 cm on the threshold; the interior is accessible.





Accessible public places

LOCAL	
Room type and name	Aquila D'Oro Restaurant
Location	Vicolo al Serchio n. 6
Local access mode	Entrance threshold 2 cm
Useful width of door/entrance gate	80 cm
Type of door	Double Leaf 60 x 2, with internal thrust spring
Types of tables	80 x 80 squares, with 4 stems
Braille menu	No
TOILETS	
There is an accessible toilet	Yes
Toilet room location	Next to it dining room
How to access the room	Flat from the dining room
Usable width of the entrance door	80 cm
Type of door	Door with external opening
Toilet height	52 cm
Toilet seat with open front tooth	Yes
Support handles	Yes to the right
Flexible shower on the side of the toilet	Yes
Free space on the toilet sides	26 cm to 35 cm oblique wall
Electric doorbell on the side of the toilet	Yes
Washbasin with wheelchair space	Yes, with 78 cm
Height from the ground lower edge mirror	127 cm
Baby changing table	No

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30 Restaurant entrance



31 Indoor dining room Restaurant



32 Bathroom interior Restaurant



33 Bathroom interior Restaurant

LOCAL	
Room type and name	Bar Pasticceria Pedreschi
Location	Vicolo al Serchio n. 1
Local access mode	Glass door with external opening and 3 cm threshold, accessible by a platform





Useful width of door/entrance gate	90 cm
Type of door	Single-leaf metal glass, outward opening
Types of tables	Round exteriors 60 cm, with central shank
Braille menu	No
Eventual notes	There is an outdoor gazebo also accessible with a platform.
TOILETS	
There is an accessible toilet	YES
Toilet room location	From the lounge bar
How to access the room	Anteroom door / bathroom door
Usable width of the entrance door	79 cm / 72 cm
Type of door	Dressing room int./ext. bathroom
Toilet height	52 cm
Toilet seat with open front tooth	Yes
Support handles	N. 3 fixed
Flexible shower on the side of the toilet	Yes
Free space on the toilet sides	21 cm on the right, free on the right
Electric doorbell/telephone on the side of the toilet	Yes
Washbasin with wheelchair space	Yes h. 76 cm
Height from the ground lower edge mirror	116 cm, reclining
Baby changing table	No



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34 Pastry entrance



35 Access to the outdoor gazebo via ramp



36 Pastry Bathroom



37 Pastry bath

LOCAL	
Room type and name	New bar
Location	Via Olinto Dini
Local access mode	Metal ramp 7%, length. 200, larg. 115
Useful width of door/entrance gate	97 cm, internal thrust spring
Type of door	Glass door

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Types of tables	Round and square with space underneath 80 cm, with central shank
Braille menu	No
TOILETS	
There is an accessible toilet	No



38 Ramp for Bar access



39 Bar Entrance Door

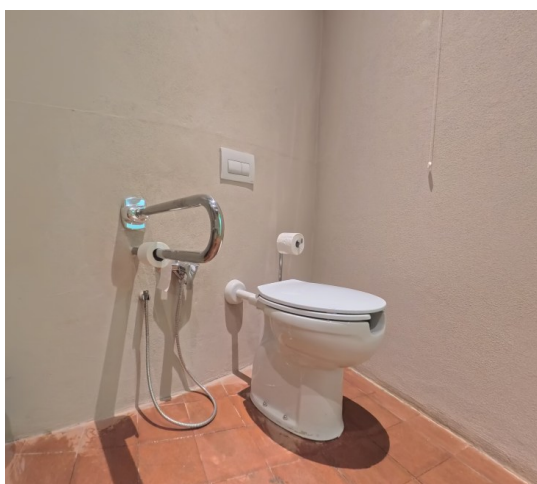
Toilets

There is an accessible toilet	Yes, at the Rocca , which can be used during the opening hours of the structure
Location of the toilet room	ground floor
How to access the premises	via port
Usable width of the entrance door	>80 cm
Type of door	Door with outward opening
Toilet height	50 cm
Toilet seat with open front tooth	Yes





Support handles	Fixed right
Flexible shower on the side of the toilet	Yes
Free space on the sides of the toilet	Front clearance on the right
Electric doorbell/telephone on the side of the toilet	Yes
Height from the ground lower edge mirror	reclining mirror usable by wheelchair users
Baby changing table	Yes



40 Rocca bathroom interior



41 Rocca bathroom interior

There is an accessible toilet	Yes, at the Alfieri Theater , which can be used during the opening hours of the structure
Location of the toilet room	along the corridor
How to access the premises	via port
Usable width of the entrance door	80 cm
Type of door	inward-opening door
Toilet height	52 cm

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Toilet seat with open front tooth	Yes
Support handles	on the right side
Flexible shower on the side of the toilet	Yes
Free space on the sides of the toilet	57 cm on the left side, free on the right
Electric doorbell/telephone on the side of the toilet	Yes
Height from the ground lower edge mirror	to 115 cm
Baby changing table	No



42 Interior Bathroom Theatre



43 Interior Bathroom Theatre

EVENTUAL NOTES: from the parking lot in Via Piazza Vittorio Emanuele, you can reach the toilets via a ramp or an elevator. Elevator and services are only open on Saturdays, Sundays and Thursdays (market day). The services adapted for people with reduced mobility were also currently out of service





Medical practices/healthcare facilities

Hospitals near the property	"Santa Croce" Hospital – Via dell'Ospedale, 3, Castelnuovo di Garfagnana (LU), about 5 km from the village; Tel. +39 0583 6691 "San Francesco" Hospital – Via dei Frati, 1, Barga (LU), about 10 km from the village (Azienda USL Toscana Nord Ovest)
Other healthcare facilities	Misericordia di Castelnuovo di Garfagnana – Viale Giovanni Pascoli, 10, about 5 km from the village; Tel. +39 0583 644414 Territorial social and health centre – Via Pio La Torre, 6, Castelnuovo di Garfagnana, about 5 km from the village; Tel. +39 0583 62975

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