



Fact sheet Villages of Tuscany

General information

Name of the village	FILATTIERA
Province	Massa Carrara
Tourist information	The Filattiera infopoint is located at the Sorano Educational Production Center, near the Parish Church of Sorano. Managed by the Coop. by GAE Sigeric, the center is also a pedal-assisted bike rental point of the soft mobility project Parco bike, promoted by the National Park. of the Tuscan-Emilian Apennines. T Tel.: +39 331 8866241 – E-mail: info@sigeric.it. More information on the website of the Municipality of Filattiera, Website: www.comune.filattiera.ms.it E-mail: info@comune.filattiera.ms.it APERTURE: APRIL – OCTOBER Monday – Sunday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm 31 JULY/23 AUGUST Monday – Sunday 9:00 – 13:00 14:30 – 16:30 More information on the website of the Municipality of Filattiera Website: www.comune.filattiera.ms.it E-mail: info@comune.filattiera.ms.it Tel.: +39 0187 457349

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	N.B: To access the info point it may be necessary to have the help of a companion or an electric engine due to the presence of slopes greater than 8% and dirt road.
Notes	For people with reduced mobility, it is recommended to visit the village with an electric drive or with the help of a companion. The roads can in fact be bumpy and not always easily accessible, as it is a medieval village.

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Description



The territory of the municipality of Filattiera extends for about 50 km² in a mountainous and hilly area, on the left bank of the Magra, in the upper Lunigiana. In addition to the Magra, the municipality is also watered by the Caprio stream. Originally as a noble center, Filattiera reached its current territorial structure in 1865, when the hamlets of Rocca Sigillina, Cavallana, Lusignana and Gigliana, detached from the municipality of Bagnone, were added to it. The village of Filattiera has origins linked to the Byzantine fortification that took place during the wars against the Lombards. In fact, the name derives from Greek and the Byzantines used it to indicate the watchtowers, necessary for the control and blocking of strategic points.

The settlement of very ancient populations was discovered with the discovery of the seven Stele Statues in the area around the Parish Church of Santo Stefano di Sorano, as well as numerous finds dating back to the Iron Age.

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The construction in 109 BC of the Via Aemilia Scauri, as a direct connection between the Roman port of Luni and the Po Valley, allowed the development of the area. The Parish Church of Sorano, on the other hand, dates back to the period of the Lombard conquest. While only during the early Middle Ages was the ancient castle of San Giorgio built on top of the hill, where the ancient village stands today, of which only a tower and a church remain today. The village as we know it today developed between the tenth and eleventh centuries. The Malaspina dominated it from the twelfth century. Today Filattiera is characterized by the medieval village, still inhabited.

In Filattiera you can taste the typical dishes of Lunigiana such as herb cake, potato cake, testaroli and the famous spalla cotta filattierese, a pink cold cut with a spicy aroma, to be accompanied with flans, vegetable side dishes and to be flavored with green sauce.

Nearby it is possible to visit the Parish Church of Santo Stefano di Sorano, mentioned at the end of the tenth century by Sigeric, archbishop of Canterbury, who passed through this town on his return journey from Rome. The parish church was built in Romanesque style between the eleventh and twelfth centuries, as part of the ecclesiastical reorganization of the Diocese of Luni, of which this church is perhaps the most important dependency in Lunigiana. The parish church will live its period of maximum splendor until the fourteenth century, when it begins to be abandoned and is gradually transformed into a cemetery chapel. The whole building is built with a very particular technique, with unsquared river pebbles and placed on site bound with mortar. The interior decoration is limited to a few images. The parish church consists of three apses: pilasters and arches frame the deep splay of the windows.

Accessibility info of the Parish Church

To reach the Pieve, from the Borgo, you have to take the car again. The parish church is located in Via Nazionale, in the lower part of the town, called "il Ponte".

Adjacent to the entrance there is a parking lot accessible to people with disabilities marked with a vertical sign. From the parking lot, the route is for a few meters on a dirt road and then on an uneven pavement on stone. To access internally there is an external step measuring 10 cm in height and inside 15 cm. The external door measures 70 cm for each leaf, the internal one 90 cm.

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How to reach Filattiera

By car	Easily accessible by car thanks to the proximity of the A15 Parma-La Spezia motorway (Autocamionale della Cisa). From the North (Parma, Milan, Bologna) • Take the A1 motorway towards Bologna. • At Parma Ovest, take the A15 motorway towards La Spezia. • Exit at Pontremoli and follow the signs for Filattiera. From the South (Florence, Pisa, La Spezia) • From Florence, take the A11 motorway to Lucca and then continue on the A12 towards La Spezia. • From Pisa or Livorno, follow the A12 motorway directly to La Spezia. From here, continue on the A15 motorway towards Parma. Exit at Pontremoli and follow the signs for Filattiera.
By plane	Pisa Airport (Galileo Galilei Airport) • Distance from Filattiera: about 107 km (1 hour and 15 minutes by car). • From Pisa, you can take a rental car or taxi to reach Pontremoli via the A12 motorway and then the A15.

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	Alternatively, you can take a train from Pisa Station to La Spezia and then a regional train to Aulla or Pontremoli.
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	Pontremoli 8 km Aulla 15 km
Assistance service for people with disabilities	Yes, in both stations, on request at least 12 hours in advance, through: 800 90 60 60 toll-free number from landline in Italy 02 32 32 32 from landlines and mobile phones, even from abroad (at the ordinary rate) By e-mail to the Blue Room of reference in this case: salablu.firenze@rfi.it Go to the website for more information: www.rfi.it
Blue Hall Reference	Location Florence
Carriage access	By forklift
There is a toilet room in the station accessible with grab handles	Pontremoli does not Aulla yes
By public transport	
Nearest bus stop	In the upper part of the town Viale della Vittoria.





	In the lower part of the village in Via Ponte Provinciale or Nazionale.
Presence of adapted buses with ramp	At autolinee toscane For all urban and suburban Tuscan municipalities and cities, with the exception of the urban line of Florence, which is always equipped with accessible vehicles, it is necessary to request an adapted bus with a platform, 48 working hours in advance, at the Toll-free number for people with reduced mobility: 800 14 24 25 hours 8:00 20:00 or on the website: www.at-bus.it in the section: TRAVEL - ACCESSIBILITY – HOW TO BOOK - all the information - by filling out the online form. The platforms are enabled for the ascent or descent of standard wheelchairs (112x70x109 cm) and a maximum capacity of 300 kg Other contact details: Toll-free number: 800 14 24 24 hours 6:00 24:00 Landline: 055 51351 6:00 24:00
Presence of taxis with adapted ramp	No

Parking

Public parking nearby	YES
Type of public parking floor	Asphalt and cobblestones
Presence of parking space reserved for people with disabilities	N° 2 reserved parking spaces in Piazza Castello

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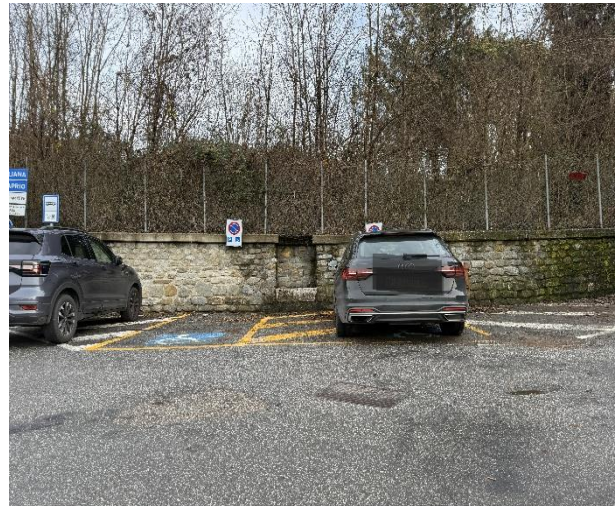




	N° 2 reserved parking spaces at the top of Viale della Vittoria N° 1 reserved parking space at the top of Viale della Vittoria, on the right before going down to the parking lot. N° 1 reserved place in the lower part of the village only to visit the Pieve di Sorano and reach the tourist information point.
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1 Reserved parking Piazza Castello



2 Reserved parking Viale della vittoria



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3 Reserved parking Piazza Castello



4 Reserved parking Viale della vittoria



5 Reserved parking at Pieve di Sorano

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Pathway from the car park to the entrance

Pathway from the car park to the starting point	If there are no events, it is advisable to park in Piazza Castello, otherwise at the top of Viale della Vittoria, in which case the village begins after about 50 meters, overcoming a climb for which the help of an electric engine or a companion may be necessary.
Distance from parking to entrance	Adjacent or approx. 50 meters
Type of trail surface	Some parts of the village are on pavement composed of pebbles with an irregular surface, partly on a fairly smooth surface with some uneven parts, in some places the slope could be more than 8% so the help of a companion may be necessary.
There are indicators and tactile maps	No



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6 Uphill asphalt route



7 Uphill asphalt route

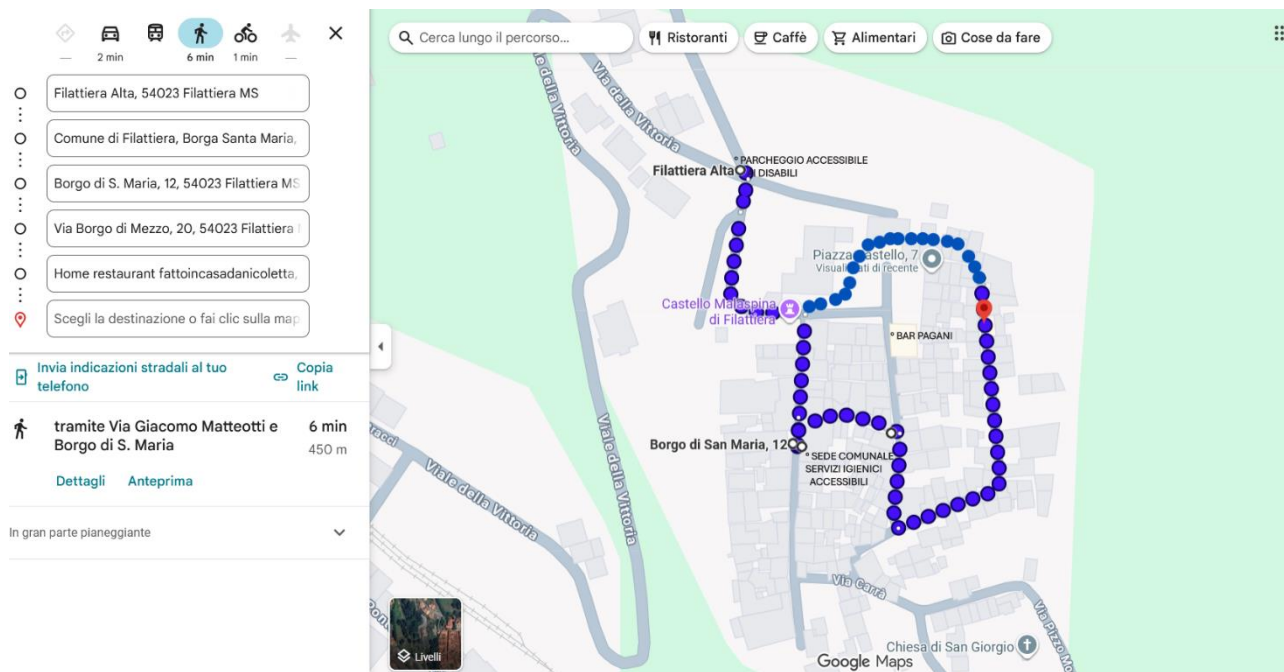
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Description of the itinerary



Length	About 500 meters
Along the itinerary there are maps and tactile signs for the blind	No

From the car park, with 2 parking spaces reserved for people with disabilities, at the top of Viale della Vittoria, walk uphill along Via Giacomo Matteotti. The first stretch is on a paved road, the second on an irregular surface on cobblestones until you reach Borgo Santa Maria.

Before reaching the main square of the town, turn right onto Borgo Santa Maria where at number 7 there is the Town Hall and the Parish Church of Santa Maria.





The religious building dates back to 1656, and was made of stone pebbles and inserted into the fabric of the village. Renovated in the sixteenth century, with the gradual depopulation of the area of Sorano, it obtained the privileges of the parish church of Santo Stefano. The church has a medieval apse and a circular tower with a clock. It has a gabled façade and a niche with the sculpture of Santa Maria Assunta and above the circular rose window.

Continuing on Vicolo del Forno you arrive in the Borgo di Mezzo of the town, and continue on Borgo di Cò to reach the beating heart of the town in Piazza Castello.

From the square you can admire the walls of the Malaspina Castle and the ancient well. Unlike other Malaspina fiefdoms **in Lunigiana**, that of Filattiera is characterized by a succession of different domains that are clearly visible thanks to the ruins of the various fortifications.

The structure of the current **Castle of Filattiera**, renovated in the fifteenth century, occupies two sides of the main square and is equipped with imposing walls crowned by a Ghibelline battlement added during the renovation works by the current owners, the Cesare Buglia family. The interior, refurnished after the restorations, can be partly visited: in the hall on the ground floor a single central stone pillar supports four cross vaults, while going outside it is possible to access the splendid garden of the castle. The Malaspina castle today is open only for private events.

Before leaving the village, we advise you to get lost in the wonderful alleys that cross the village and reconnect the village of Cò, the Borgo di Mezzo and the Borgo Santa Maria.

Accessibility:

Giacomo Matteotti ramp with a slope of more than 8%

Routed from Via Borgo di Mezzo and Via Borgo di Cò it has some gradients of more than 8%. The itinerary is on a smooth surface with stone paving and in some short sections there are pebbles.

Parish Church of Santa Maria: ramp to reach the entrance is 17%.

The external door measures 77 cm, small step of 3 cm. The internal door measures 87 cm.

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8 uphill route Viale della



9 Borgo Santa Maria



10 façade of the church of Santa Maria



11 external entrance portal with 3 cm step





12 Interior Port



13 church interior



14 Alley of the Oven



15 Middle Hamlet



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16 Village of Cò



17 Castle Square



18 Malaspina Castle and Walls

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19 Malaspina Castle



20 characteristic alleys



21 Reunification with the other villages

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Events

In Filattiera the main events are the following:

the Feast of Hunger and Thirst in June, a village festival full of shows and typical products;

the Barossi race, the craziest race in Lunigiana, **ingenuity and creativity** to build carts that challenge each other along the way with strokes of sympathy, in **September**;

In the nearby village, in the hamlet of Ponticello, **Crafts in the village, in August**, re-enactments and demonstrations of the ancient crafts and daily life of the Lunigiana peasant world and craft markets.



22 Locandine Event



23 Locandine Event

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Accessible public places

There are no restaurants in the village.

The Home Restaurant Fatto in casa da Nicoletta, in **Via Borgo di Cò n.5** is open only by reservation and has steps at the entrance.

The Pizzeria Locanda Antica Pieve is located in front of the Pieve di Sorano, in the lower part of the village about 1 km from the village and can **be reached by car** due to the presence of a very steep climb that connects Filattiera alta to the lower part of the village also known as "the bridge". Above the Locanda Pizzeria Antica Pieve on the side is the **Bar Pagani**, accessible on the floor from the entrance in **Via Borgo di Mezzo, 1**. Inside it lacks wheelchair accessible toilets

See details below:

LOCAL	PIZZERIA LOCANDA ANTICA PIEVE
Room type and name	Pizzeria and inn
Location	Via Ponte Nazionale, 55
Clear door light	2 doors measuring less than 60 cm
Types of tables	4 legs
Space below	Above 60 cm
Equipped toilet	NO
Eventual notes	The parking lot is uphill so you need the help of a companion. The restaurant is on the 1st floor, accessible by elevator.

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24 Outside inn and pizzeria



25 indoor tables



26 Pagani Bars

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Communal toilets

There is a common toilet	There are no accessible public , common toilets. In the municipal building there is a toilet accessible to the disabled open only during the office hours of opening to the public of the municipality. You must request the keys from the offices. Tel.: 0187 457349
Location of the toilet room	Inside the municipal building in Via Borgo Santa Maria, 7
How to access the premises	Through a small uphill ramp with a gradient of 6.5%.
Usable width of the entrance door	The entrance door of the Municipality measures 65 cm of opening but the other leaf can also be opened. The second access door measures 90 cm and the toilet door measures 80 cm.
Type of door	Opens inwards
Type of handle	leverage
Toilet height	51 cm
Toilet seat with open front tooth	open
Support handles	Yes to left and right

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Flexible shower on the side of the toilet	Yes right
Free space on the sides of the toilet	left 33 cm right >90 cm front >90 cm
Electric doorbell/telephone on the side of the toilet	No
Washbasin with space underneath for wheelchair approach	70<80 cm
Height from the ground lower edge mirror	reclining
Baby changing table	No



27 Town Hall



28 path to equipped bathroom





29 bathroom equipped with accessible sanitary facilities

Medical practices/healthcare facilities

Hospitals near the property	Sant'Antonio Abate Hospital Via Nazionale 54027 - Pontremoli, 9.5 km away Switchboard +39 0187 462211 Emergency medical service (single European number for non-urgent care) 116117 At this number, callers are geolocated and telephone interpretation is available in 20 different languages and support for visually impaired users or those with reduced listening skills. In emergency situations, the call will be transferred to the single number 112.
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Dialysis facilities	Sant'Antonio Abate Hospital Via Nazionale 54027 - Pontremoli Switchboard + 39 0187 462211 Dialysis centre on holiday: Nursing Referent: Erika Pettazzoni – Marusca Ribolla Tel.: +39 0187 462342 dialisi.pontremoli@usltoscananordovest.to scana.it
Other healthcare facilities	Pontremoli Associated Medical Practice Viale Cabrini 54027 Pontremoli Voicemail +39 0187 831049 segreteria@lunigianamedica.it

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