



Fact sheet Villages of Tuscany

General information

Name of the village	FILETTO Municipality of Villafranca in Lunigiana
Province	Massa Carrara
Tourist information	There are no tourist information points, the municipality of reference is that of Villafranca in Lunigiana. Website: www.comune.villafranca.ms.it E-mail: affarigenerali@comune.villafranca.ms.it Tel.: +39 0187 49881
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 village of Filetto takes us back many centuries, but its history has its roots in even more remote times. In prehistoric times, the populations who inhabited this area placed numerous stone idols, the Stele Statues, prehistoric sandstone sculptures depicting male and female human figures, which have now become the symbol of Lunigiana. In fact, 11 Stele Statues have been found in the surrounding area over time.

According to some scholars, the history of the village of Filetto also begins from a first nucleus of the settlement that originated from a fortification erected by the Byzantines in the V-VI century, during the struggles against the barbarian populations after the fall of Rome. The name **Filetto** seems to come from Greek and means "**fortified guard post**".

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It was a quadrilateral with high walls and four towers, located in the area now recognizable in the north-western corner of the town, which preserves a large open space of Piazza del Pozzo, overlooked by the warehouses and shelters for the troops.

In the centuries of the Middle Ages, the increase in population led to the first expansion of the village, which doubled its surface. In 1351 Malgrate and Filetto became an autonomous fiefdom, under the dominion of the Malaspina family.

But it is only at the beginning of the sixteenth century that the village begins to take on its current appearance with the expansion on the eastern side. The financial collapse of the Malaspina family led, in 1641, to the sale of the fief of Malgrate and Filetto passed to the noble and ancient family of the Ariberti of Cremona. The most significant testimonies that can be found walking through the town date back to the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries.

How to reach Filetto

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 Villafranca Lunigiana, then take Viale Italia until you reach the arch of the village of Filetto. From the South (Florence, Pisa, La Spezia) • From Florence, take the A11 motorway to Lucca and then
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	continue on the A12 towards La Spezia. • From Pisa or Livorno, follow the A12 motorway directly to La Spezia. • In La Spezia, take the A15 motorway towards Parma. • Exit at Aulla and follow the signs for Villafranca in Lunigiana, then turn into Viale Italia and continue until you reach the arch of Filetto.
By plane	Pisa Airport (Galileo Galilei Airport) • Distance from Filetto: about 94 km (1 hour and 10 minutes by car). • From Pisa, you can take a rental car or a taxi to reach the Aulla exit via the A12 motorway and then the A15 and then continue to Villafranca and turn onto Viale Italia, follow it to the end, until you reach the arch of Filetto. • Alternatively, you can take a train from Pisa Station to La Spezia and then a regional train to Aulla and then continue as above.
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	

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Nearest station	From the north Pontremoli 12 km From the south and center Aulla 11 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	Bow thread
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.

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	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, About 50 meters from the village, in Viale Italia, before the arch on the right.
Type of public parking floor	Asphalt
Presence of parking space reserved for people with disabilities	Yes, 1



Figure 1 reserved parking space in Viale Italia





Pathway from the car park to the entrance

Pathway from the car park to the starting point	Flat, slight differences in height on a smooth surface
Distance from parking to entrance	50 meters
Type of trail surface	The pavement is made of stone with large slabs with a fairly smooth surface
There are indicators and tactile maps	No

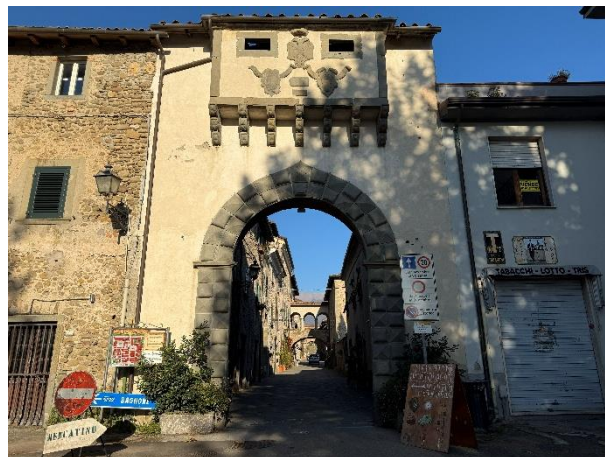
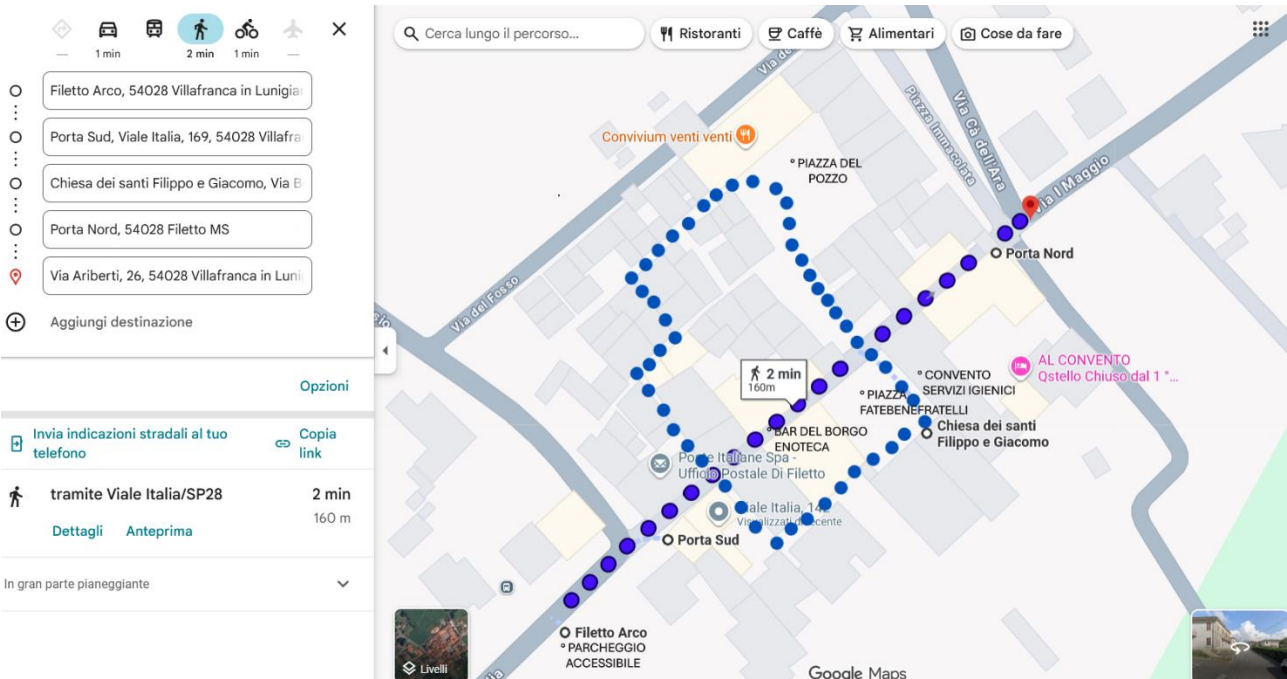


Figure 2 monumental arch of Porta Ariberti





Description of the itinerary



Length	About 300 meters
Along the itinerary there are maps and tactile signs for the blind	No

The itinerary starts from the characteristic arch, the Porta Ariberti, also known as the South Gate, which looks towards the municipality of Villafranca in Lunigiana. In 1568, it took on its current monumental characteristics. Continue inside the walls on Via Ariberti, before passing under the loggia of the building of the Marquis Ariberti which makes the village wonderfully unique.





From here you have to cross the first unnamed hamlet on the left which has a ramp. Continue to the right in the village parallel to Via Ariberti, turning left again and finding another hamlet without a name.

From here turn right again and continue on the village that heads towards Piazza del Pozzo. After admiring the Piazza del Pozzo from all its angles, through an arch on the left (see photo 11), passing a significant ramp that requires the help of a companion and/or an electric engine, we return to the main Via Ariberti from which we can continue to the left to reach the North Gate of the village and admire the antique shops.

From the square it is also possible to continue in Piazza Fatebenefratelli to reach the Parish Church of Saints Philip and James, distant "heir" of the ancient chapel "de Felecto" mentioned at the end of the thirteenth century.

The building was built by the friars of the nearby convent between the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries: the oratory of the Holy Trinity passed to the parish in 1861 and was enlarged to its current form.

The Church is not always open, if it is closed, you can ask the antique dealer in front of the Bar to be able to open it. Next to it stands the bell tower, erected inside the volume of the first parish church dedicated to the two apostles. The building that merges two churches, with a main nave and a secondary nave, richly decorated with frescoes from the 30s of the twentieth century. In the square we also find the Convent of the Hospitaller Friars of San Giovanni di Dio built in 1665 (which also had a hospital with six beds).

To the right of the church, the route continues inside the last villages, Via Borghetto, which rejoins the central village, and the South Gate.

Accessibility:

The village is mainly flat and, on an irregular surface, but passable by a person with a disability in a wheelchair. To reach Piazza del Pozzo there are ramps with significant slopes for which the help of a companion and/or an electric engine is required.

After Porta Ariberti you need to cross the first unnamed hamlet on the left. Ramp with a slope of more than 8%.

Arch on the left in Piazza del Pozzo ramp with a slope of more than 8%

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Parish Church of Saints Philip and James: The main door has a step of about 15 cm so the help of a companion is necessary, the door is >90 cm. It is advisable to enter from the main entrance because from the secondary one there are two steps to overcome.

From Via Borghetto, to reach the central Via del Borgo, Via Ariberti which allows us to return to the parking lot, there is a climb with a gradient of >8%.



Figure 3 Porta Ariberti or Porta Sud



Figure 4 loggia of Porta Ariberti





Figure 5 Borghetto on the left with a ramp of more than 8%



Figure 6 village parallel to Via Ariberti



Figure 7 path to the left of an unnamed hamlet



Figure 8 continuation towards Piazza del Pozzo





Figure 9 Piazza del Pozzo



Figure 10 Piazza del Pozzo



Figure 11 arch to the left of Piazza del Pozzo with ramp greater than 8%





Figure 12 Via Ariberti



Figure 13 Fatenebenefratelli Square



Figure 14 Church of Santo Filippo e Giacomo



Figure 15 Antiques dealer in front of the bar





Figure 16 bell tower



Figure 17 Church interior



Figure 18 entrance to the Convent





Figure 19 Via Borghetto



Figure 20 Via Borghetto ramp

Events

The main event in the village of Filetto in Villafranca in Lunigiana is **Filetto Medioevale**, a historical re-enactment held every year in mid-August. Other important events include the historic **Fair of San Genesio** in August in the Selva di Filetto.



Figure 21 locandin event



Figure 22 locandin event





Accessible public places

In the village of Filetto, the following premises have been identified:

Bar del Borgo Enoteca. There are no accessible toilets. Access to the top and tables with central support to the outside

Concivium restaurant twenty twenty. There are no accessible toilets

See details below:

LOCAL	
Room type and name	Concivium restaurant twenty twenty.
Location	Piazza Immacolata 11
How to access the premises	By means of a step of about 20/30 cm and a second step to reach the table room of about 10 cm.
Useful width of door/entrance gate	>90 cm
Types of tables	With central foot
Space under floor tables	>60 cm
Braille menu	No

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Figure 23 Exterior Restaurant



Figure 24 tables with central support



Figure 215 Bar Entrance

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Communal toilets

There is a common toilet	Yes, but not accessible to people with disabilities in wheelchairs.
Location of the toilet room	In Piazza Fatebenefratelli, inside the door of the convent, to the right of the church.
How to access the premises	Passing several doors and steps.
Usable width of the entrance door	The first door measures 78 cm wide and has an external and internal step of 6 cm in height. The path to reach the second door is made of cobblestones. The second door measures 88 cm and the step is 12 cm high. The door to the toilet measures 69 cm and opens inwards so that it is not possible for a person in a wheelchair to close it.
Toilet height	40 cm
Toilet seat with open front tooth	No
Support handles	No
Flexible shower on the side of the toilet	No
Washbasin with space underneath for wheelchair approach	The washbasin has a column underneath. The water is opened by pressing pedals.





Figure 26 entrance to unequipped toilets



Figure 27 Pebble paving



Figure 28 Toilet inlet



Figure 29 washbasins with mirror





Figure 30 toilet without grab bars

Medical practices/healthcare facilities

Hospitals near the property	Sant'Antonio Abate Hospital Via Nazionale 54027 Pontremoli. 13 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.
Dialysis facilities	Dialysis centre on holiday:

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