



Fact sheet Villages of Tuscany

General information

Name of the village	FIVIZZANO
Province	Massa Carrara
Tourist information	Tourist Office of the Municipality of Fivizzano Via Umberto I, 27 Tel.: 058592058 E-mail: culturaeturismo@comune.fivizzano.ms.it Tourist Information Point Piazza Medicea, 19 - 54013 Fivizzano (MS) Opening hours from Monday to Friday from 9.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. Telephone: 0585 942138 - 0585 942136 Fax: 0585 942144 President Dr. Piero Guerrieri Cortesi Cell.: 335 8235424 E-mail: prolocofivizzano@aruba.it E-mail: President piero-1964@libero.it
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



Called the **municipality of a hundred villages**, for the numerous hamlets that compose it, the territory is an uninterrupted succession of hills and valleys. Fivizzano is also known as the "**Florence of Lunigiana**", both for being one of the first towns in the area to submit to the Medici, and for the elegance of its architecture.

It preserves an important historic center, protected and enclosed by the **Medici walls**, erected by Cosimo I in 1540, where there is a succession of noble palaces that flow into the Medici square of Fivizzano, characterized by the elegant **Baroque fountain in marble and pietra serena** commissioned by Cosimo III in 1683, overlooked by the **church**

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dedicated to **Saints James the Apostle and Anthony** of the fourteenth century and enlarged in the sixteenth, with three naves, marked by sandstone columns and with a beautiful baptismal pile inside bearing the coat of arms of the Spino Fiorito dei Malaspina.

How to reach Fivizzano

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 Aulla and follow the signs for Fivizzano. 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. • In La Spezia, take the A15 motorway towards Parma. • Exit at Aulla and follow the signs for Fivizzano.
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By plane	Pisa Airport (Galileo Galilei Airport) Distance from Fivizzano: about 100 km (1 hour and 15 minutes by car). From Pisa, you can take a rental car or taxi to reach the Aulla exit via the A12 motorway and then the A15 and then continue to Fivizzano. 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	
Nearest station	Aulla 18 km
Assistance service for people with disabilities	Yes, on request at least 12 hours in advance, through: 800 90 60 60 toll-free number from a 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	Florence
Carriage access	By forklift
There is a toilet room in the station accessible with grab handles	Yes
By public and private transport	
Nearest bus stop	Fivizzano Terminus Piazza Alcide De Gasperi
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, to the toll-free number for people with reduced mobility: 800 14 24 25 timetable 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 hours 6:00 24:00
Presence of taxis with adapted ramp	No

Parking

Public parking nearby	YES,
Type of public parking floor	Asphalt and stone slabs
Presence of parking space reserved for people with disabilities	N° 1 parking space in Piazza Alcide De Gasperi in front of the Public Assistance; N° 2 parking spaces in Piazza Alcide De Gasperi near the bus terminal stop; N° 1 parking space near Porta Lucchese in Via Stretta, 1 N° 1 parking space in Via Umberto Primo near the Town Hall building (attention APU area)
Eventual notes	The Municipality of Fivizzano has urban pedestrian areas (APU), in the historic center, to limit, at certain times, traffic to vehicles under a specific emission class, a homologation date and a weight, or to limit access to areas reserved for pedestrian transit, residents, or workers. Access and parking in APU are allowed without permission to law enforcement, security, first aid and intervention, public services and public interest, authorized vehicles for the transport of the disabled with a special badge. All other motorists can transit or





	park in APU only in possession of a special permit. For information: Municipal Police Via Umberto I, 27 Tel.: 058592394 E-mail: poliziamunicipale@comune.fivizzano.ms.it
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1 Reserved parking in Via De Gasperi in front of the Public Assistance



2 Reserved parking Via De Gasperi near the bus terminal stop





3 Parking space near Porta Lucchese, via Stretta 1



4 Parking space Via U. Primo near the town hall

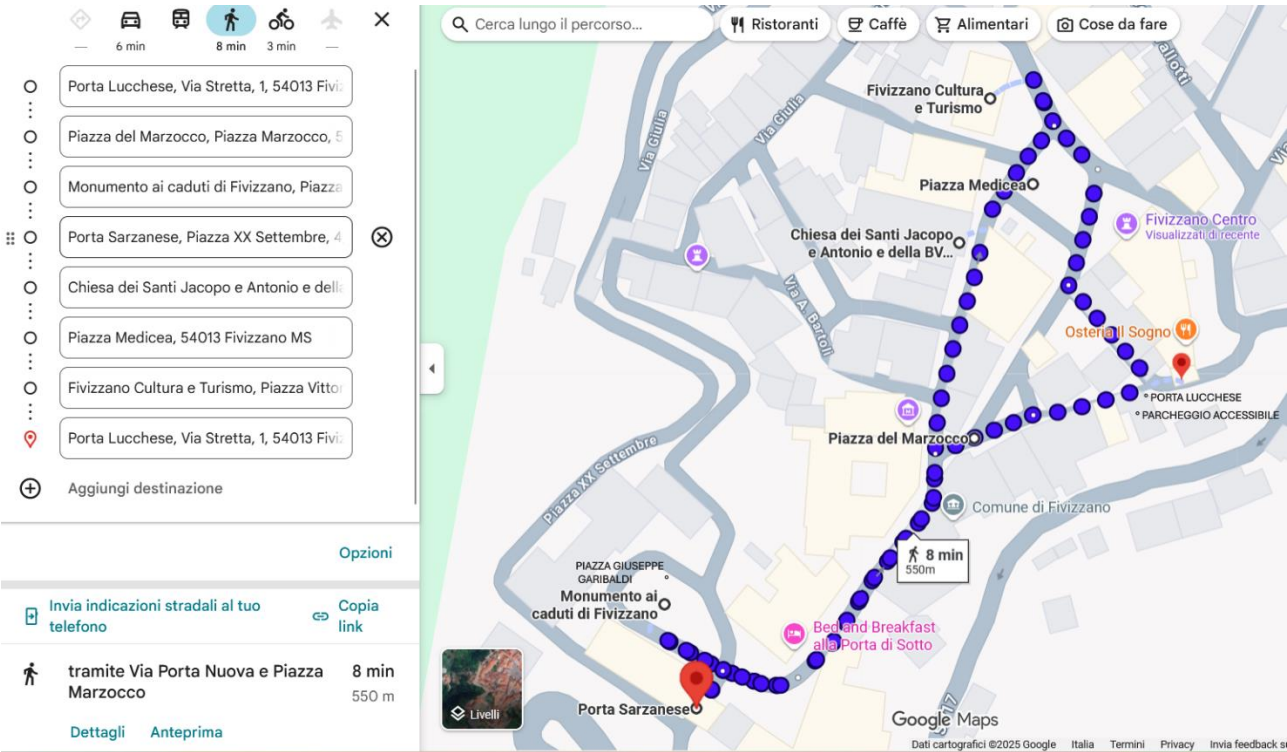
Pathway from the car park to the entrance

Pathway from the car park to the starting point	We recommend the accessible parking for people with disabilities located near Porta Lucchese in Via Stretta, 1. The route starts right from Porta Lucchese.
Distance from parking to entrance	Adjacent
Type of trail surface	Asphalt and stone slabs
There are indicators and tactile maps	No





Description of the itinerary



Length	About 550 meters
Along the itinerary there are maps and tactile signs for the blind	No
Eventual notes	The route is on stone slabs, on a surface that is sometimes uneven and with slopes of more than 8%, so for some people with disabilities in wheelchairs, the help of a companion or an electric engine may be necessary.





The itinerary starts from the car park accessible to the disabled in Via Stretta, 1. You pass immediately under the arch of Porta Lucchese. At the crossroads, take Via Porta Nuova on the left to reach Piazza del Marzocco. Through **Piazza del Marzocco** and then Via Umberto I you reach **Piazza Giuseppe Garibaldi**, where the **Monument to the Fallen of Fivizzano** is located, composed of several blocks of white Carrara marble grouped in a composition of life-size human figures. It rests on a truncated pyramid base where the commemorative dedication is carved in bas-relief. Through the **Porta Sarzanese**, you have a splendid panoramic view of the valley, with statues and the inscription "**I love Fivizzano**". Returning to Via Umberto I you reach the **Church of Saints Jacopo and Antonio**. The Provost's Church of Fivizzano was founded on 30 July 1377, being Bishop of Luni Bernabò, under the Pontificate of Gregory XI. Originally facing west to let in the light at a certain time from the rose window arranged at the top which then hits the altar, emphasizing its importance as a symbol of the Christian religion.

It underwent considerable alterations, as well as a considerable expansion in 1576, the year in which the orientation was reversed, with the new entrance on the Medici Square in place of the entrance on Via Giulia. In this operation, the "**Upper Tower**" was also incorporated, which became the bell tower of the church. The façade of the church in sandstone drafts has a marble bas-relief representing the Madonna of the Adoration above the main entrance door.

The main square is the symbol of Fivizzano, born as a market place and surrounded by seventeenth- and eighteenth-century buildings; in the center of the square is the **Medici Fountain**, completed in 1683 at the behest of Cosimo III de' Medici. The large blocks of stone extracted from the **Sassina quarry** are worked in the square, while a wrought iron gate is positioned at the foot of the steps in order to prevent animals from approaching, while leaving free access to people through small openings. On the side of the square we also find the **info point**.

The "**Jacopo da Fivizzano**" **Museum of Printing** is located in Via Labindo in the seventeenth-century **Palazzo Fantoni-Bononi**. It was conceived by the brothers Loris Jacopo and Eugenio Bononi to remember the link between this land and printing, in fact the poet and politician **Giovanni Fantoni** known as **Labindo** (1755-1807) was born here and in 1471 **Jacopo da Fivizzano** printed the **first books**, called **incunabula**, with movable typefaces staggering ahead of many European capitals and major cities. It was





also here that Giovanni's nephew, **Agostino Fantoni**, invented the first **typewriter in 1802** together with the first **carbon paper** in order to help his blind sister in the exercise of writing. The poet **Giosuè Carducci**, an admirer of *Labindo*, who stayed here in 1887, defined the city of Fivizzano as "**a pearl lost in the mountains**".

The Museum of Printing is temporarily closed. From Piazza Medicea you return to the car park near Porta Lucchese crossing Via Stretta.

Accessibility:

Church of Saints Jacopo and Antonio not accessible through the main door due to the presence of two steps, but accessible on the flat from the door on the left with an opening >90 cm for both doors.

Info point: with entrance accessible at the back via ramp with handrail.



5 Via Stretta



6 Via Porta Nuova

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7 route to Piazza del Marzocco



8 Piazza Garibaldi



9 War Memorial



10 Porta Sarzanese

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11 Panorama and statue



12 Via Umberto I



13 Via Umberto I





14 Church of S. Jacopo and Antonio



15 Church of S. Jacopo and Antonio



16 Side church entrance



17 Interior Door



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18 church interior



19 inside the church



20 inside the church

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21 coffered ceiling



22 The symbolic square of Fivizzano



23 fontana medicea



24 fontana medicea



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25 info point



26 rampa info point



27 Path back to the car park



28 Path back to the initial parking lot

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Events

Among the **main festivals** of the municipality, we remember:

The Fivizzano Saperi **gastronomic festival** at the beginning of June,

The **medieval re-enactment of the Challenge between the Land and Court Archers** in July,

Three evenings in the past in Gragnola in August



29 Locandine Event



30 event in Fivizzano

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Accessible public places

In the village of Fivizzano there is the following restaurant:

Evetico café – Piazza Medicea accessible on the flat but the entrance door is very narrow, perhaps opening the 2 doors could be accessible. Inside, the only accessible space is that of the counter, to reach the other rooms with the tables there are steps.

There are no accessible toilets. The outdoor tables are accessible on a flat surface.

The Pizzeria Vladimiro in **Via Principe Amedeo, 8**, a little outside the historic center, near the bus terminus, is accessible via a ramp. Take pizzas and farinata out of the oven.

Osteria Il Sogno – toilets not accessible but usable

See the sheet with details below.

LOCAL	Osteria il Sogno
Room type and name	Tavern
Location	Via Roma, 220
How to access the premises	Via ramp
Useful width of door/entrance gate	>90 cm if both doors are opened
Type of door	Opens inwards
Type of handle	leverage
Types of tables	Four-legged

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Space under floor tables	<60 cm not spacious enough for wheelchair users.
Braille menu	No
Table service for people with disabilities	Yes
Accessible toilet	Not accessible but usable if you have a superlight small manual wheelchair.
How to access	The ramp to reach the toilets is more than 8% and the help of a companion is required
Door width	80 cm
Toilet height	40 cm
Grab bars	absent
Type of washbasin	pedal taps.
Eventual notes	The space between the wall and the washbasin to reach the toilet measures 55 cm.



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31 Restaurant entrance



32 indoor tables



33 Internal Ramp

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34 toilet door



35 washbasin



36 toilets without grab bars



37 entrance Swiss café





38 entrance to Pizzeria Vladimiro

Communal toilets

There is an accessible toilet	NO
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Medical practices/healthcare facilities

Hospitals near the property	Sant'Antonio Abate Hospital Via Don Gnocchi, 1 Fivizzano. About 1.5 km from the center. Switchboard +39 0585/9401 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
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	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: Sant'Antonio Abate Hospital Via Nazionale 54027 Pontremoli. Switchboard +39 0187 462211. Nursing contact +39 0187 462332 dialisi.pontremoli@usltoscananordovest.toscana.it
Other healthcare facilities	Don Gnocchi Foundation: Offers specialized and rehabilitation services in Via don Carlo Gnocchi, Fivizzano (MS)

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