



Tuscany Villages Information Sheet

General information

Name of the village	LARCIANO
Province	Pistoia
Tourist information	For tourist information you can contact the Pro Loco of Larciano (info@prolocolarciano.it) or consult the official website www.prolocolarciano.it . The headquarters are located in Piazza 4 Martiri 71 / B, in the center of Larciano.

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Description



The village of **Larciano Castello**, in the municipality of Larciano (province of Pistoia), develops on the slopes of Montalbano, in a dominant position over the Valdinievole. The context is typical of the hilly Tuscan countryside, characterized by olive groves, woods and small scattered settlements, which make the area particularly suitable for nature and panoramic trails.

The historic core of the village, small and collected, preserves an urban layout of medieval origin, still legible in the compact structure enclosed within the walls, largely dating back to the thirteenth century. Access is through three historic gates – Porta San Marco (or Porta Nord), Porta Bagno (or Porta Nord-Est) and Porta Meridionale – which

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still constitute the main entrances to the town. This defensive configuration reflects the strategic role that Larciano Castello had in the Middle Ages as an outpost of control over the valley and as a garrison linked to the city of Pistoia.

The origins of the settlement are ancient and are linked to the development of the hilly defensive systems of the area, while the current layout derives mainly from the transformations that took place in medieval times.

Throughout the year, the village is animated by initiatives that recall its history and local traditions, such as the **Medieval Festival** and the **Palio del Marzocco**, events that involve the community and help to enhance the identity of the place, transforming the village into a scenic space, with costumed figures, shows and activities inspired by the historical tradition.

How to reach Larciano

By car	From the North
	Take the A1 motorway towards Florence, then continue on the A11 Firenze–Mare motorway towards Pisa Nord. The reference motorway exit is Montecatini Terme (A11 Firenze–Mare), from which Larciano is about 8 km away. Continue on the ordinary road system through Pieve a Nievole and Monsummano Terme, then follow the signs for Larciano.
	From the South





	Take the A1 motorway towards Florence, then take the A11 Firenze–Mare motorway towards Pisa Nord. The reference motorway exit is Montecatini Terme (A11 Firenze–Mare), from which Larciano is about 8 km away. Continue on the ordinary road system through Pieve a Nievole and Monsummano Terme, then follow the signs for Larciano.
By plane	From Florence Airport (about 50 km) From Pisa Airport (about 60 km)
Assistance service for people with disabilities	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
There is a toilet room accessible with grab handles	Yes
By train	
Nearest station	The nearest railway station is Montecatini Terme–Monsummano , located about 15

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	km from the village of Larciano Castello. From the station you can continue by bus or taxi.
Assistance service for people with disabilities	Yes, the station is equipped with an assistance service for people with disabilities and reduced mobility, managed by the RFI Blue Room in Florence . Assistance can be requested with at least 12 hours' notice, by contacting the Sala Blu of Rete Ferroviaria Italiana at the following addresses: • Toll-free number: 800 90 60 60 (from a landline) • National number: 02 32 32 32 (from landline and mobile)
Blue Hall Reference	Florence
There is a toilet room in the station accessible with grab handles	Yes
By public and private transport	
Bus	Larciano is connected by bus lines operated by Autolinee Toscane. There are connections from Pistoia and Montecatini Terme to Larciano.



	Line 73 connects Montecatini Terme to Larciano with a journey time of about 30–40 minutes. Connections from Pistoia (e.g. line 52) are available but less frequent. Timetables may vary: it is advisable to consult the official website of Autolinee Toscane.
Presence of adapted buses with ramp	Autolinee Toscane provides for the use of accessible buses, equipped with: platform or ramp for access and spaces dedicated to people in wheelchairs; However, not all means and all journeys are guaranteed accessible, especially in extra-urban connections. It is advisable to check in advance the availability of the accessible service.
Eventual notes	For information on lines, timetables and accessibility: Toll Free: 800 14 24 24 Website: Autolinee Toscane



Parking

Public parking nearby	In Piazza Castello
Type of public parking floor	asphalt
Presence of parking space reserved for people with disabilities	Yes
Eventual notes	The village of Larciano Castello is partially surrounded by a wall of medieval origin. The main access is from Via Larciano, through a door that leads into the historic center, where a limited traffic area (ZTL) is active, with access allowed only to residents, public transport and vehicles with a CUDE badge. In the immediate vicinity of the entrance there are some parking lots, not reserved for people with disabilities, located outside the wall gate along Via Larciano. There is also a parking lot near the cemetery of Larciano, which also does not have CUDE reserved spaces, about 120 meters from the access to the village. The path that connects the car park to the historic centre has a significant gradient,

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	varying approximately between 12% and 30%.
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1 Reserved seat in Piazza Castello

Route from the car park to the village

Characteristics of the route from the car park	The parking lot is located inside the village, in the square with all the attractions, in a mainly flat point
Distance from parking to entrance	A few meters

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Type of trail surface	Asphalt
There are indicators and tactile maps	No

Description of the itinerary



Length
All in the same square
Along the itinerary there are maps and tactile signs for the blind
No

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Access to the village by vehicle is the recommended and easiest way. Walking along Via Larciano, which runs along the side of the walls, you can directly reach **Piazza del Castello**, where there is 1 stall reserved for vehicles with the CUDE badge. The square is characterized by regular and flat asphalt pavement and has a total of about ten parking spaces, one of which is reserved.

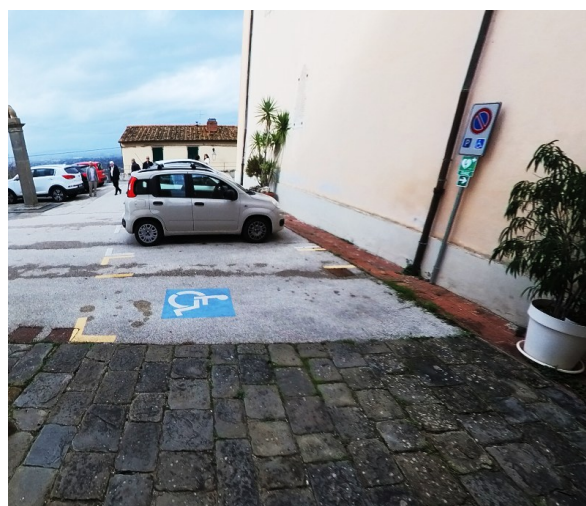
This square collects much of the attractiveness of the village: the panoramic view of the surrounding area, the Church of San Silvestro, the Rocca di Larciano with its tower and the museum inside.

Alternatively, it is possible to leave the vehicle outside the village and enter on foot through the wall gate of Via Larciano. From here, to reach Piazza del Castello, it is necessary to walk along an uphill stretch paved with irregular stones, about 30 meters long, equipped with a side handrail. The route has a high slope (about 32%) and an initial difference in height with a backpack of about 15 cm.

This route is particularly challenging and is not recommended for people with reduced mobility, especially in conditions of humidity or wet ground.



2 Gate of Via Larciano



3 Reserved seat in Piazza Castello

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The visit can start from the **Church of San Silvestro**.

The building, of medieval origin, is generally dated between the twelfth and thirteenth centuries and has characteristics attributable to the Romanesque style, with a simple and compact structure.

The layout has a single nave, with a longitudinal development and a rectangular apse, typical elements of the rural religious architecture of the period. The dedication to St. Sylvester recalls the spread of Christian worship in the area in ancient times, even if the direct connection with specific events of conversion is not historically documented with certainty.

Inside there are elements of historical interest, including an organ dating back to between the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, characterized by a carved wooden exhibition, and a marble baptismal font dating back to 1532. The church continues to play an active role in the life of the village, both for religious functions and as a meeting place for the community.

Accessibility:

The parking space reserved for vehicles with the CUDE badge, located in Piazza del Castello, is located near the side entrance of the church.

The side access has a step not connected by a ramp, which may require the assistance of a companion for people with reduced mobility. However, this entrance is generally easier than the main entrance, which has a raised stone step of significant height, preceded by a short stone ramp with an uneven surface and uneven slope.

Once the threshold is crossed, the interior of the church is usable.





4 Church of San Silvestro



5 Main entrance Church



6 Secondary entrance facilitated Church



7 Church interior

Adjacent to the Church of San Silvestro, there is the **Rocca di Larciano**, also commonly referred to as **the Castle of Larciano**, a fortified complex that constitutes the original nucleus of the village. The structure, of medieval origin, is documented as early as the eleventh century and was linked to the defensive system of the territory controlled by the Guidi counts, one of the main feudal families of the area.



The fortress looks like a compact fortified structure, characterized by a wall and a main tower, a dominant element and symbol of the defensive function of the complex. Over the centuries the structure has undergone transformations and adaptations, while maintaining the original layout linked to the control of the Valdinievole.

Inside the perimeter wall there is a central courtyard, where an ancient cistern for collecting water is still visible, a fundamental element for the autonomy of the fortification in the event of a siege. Traces of the internal buildings are also recognizable, including those intended for administrative and representative functions.

The tower, about 30 meters high, was the lookout and defense point. The ascent is via an internal staircase articulated on several levels, which leads to the top, from which a wide view of the Valdinievole and the surrounding area opens up.

Today the complex is in a good state of preservation thanks to restoration work, which has allowed it to be enhanced and enjoyed by visitors, while maintaining the original characteristics of the medieval structure.

Accessibility:

Following recent restoration work, the Rocca di Larciano is partially accessible and usable even for people with motor disabilities. Access is facilitated by the presence of a stairlift and an alternative pedestrian path, which allows you to avoid part of the access stairs to the complex. However, some limitations remain due to the historical nature of the building.





8 Rocca Larciano



9 Stairlifts for access Rocca



10 Panoramic view from the tower





Inside the **Rocca (Castle) of Larciano** is housed the Civic Archaeological Museum of Larciano Castello, a small exhibition space dedicated to the enhancement of the history of the area.

The museum, renovated in the early 2000s, collects artifacts mainly from the eastern Valdinievole area and neighboring contexts. The collection documents a wide chronological span, from prehistory to the modern age, offering an overview of the evolution of settlements and daily life in the area.

The exhibition is also organized for educational purposes and allows you to understand aspects of life in the past through everyday objects, tools and materials related to the daily activities of the different eras.

The small size of the rooms involves a limited use of the spaces, with access limited to small groups.

Accessibility

Access to the museum is closely linked to that of the Rocca that houses it.



11 Inside the museum

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Communal toilets

There is an accessible toilet	Not detected
Eventual notes	The lack of commercial activities did not allow us to evaluate any other options. These services could be provided inside the fortress (to be verified)

Medical practices/healthcare facilities

Hospitals near the property	San Jacopo Hospital in Pistoia: via Ciliegiole, 97 – Pistoia; Distance: about 25 km from Larciano Castello; Presence of emergency rooms and specialist departments S.S. Cosma and Damiano Hospital in Pescia: via Cesare Battisti, 2 – Pescia Distance: about 20–22 km from Larciano Castello; Hospital with emergency room
Other healthcare facilities	Casa della Salute di Larciano via Antonio Gramsci, 33 – Larciano Structure belonging to the USL Toscana Centro, which offers local

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	services, including medical and nursing clinics. Contact: 0572 4601 Monsummano Terme Social and Health Centre: via Calatafimi, 54 – Monsummano Terme; Healthcare facility with a wider range of services and greater hourly coverage
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