Villages of Tuscany

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name of the village	**PESCIA**
Province	Pistoia
Tourist information	Tourist Information Office in Piazza Carlo Collodi, which can be contacted at 0572429660 or by e-mail at puntoinfocollodi@comune.pescia.pt.it

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DESCRIPTION



Pescia is located in the north-western sector of the Valdinievole, in a strategic position between the provinces of Pistoia and Lucca. The territory develops along the valley of the Pescia river, with a historic center of medieval origin born as a defensive castle and later evolved into an important commercial and cultural node.

The historic center has a still recognizable urban structure, characterized by squares, historic buildings and places of worship. The conformation is typical of Tuscan villages, with flat stretches

alternating with slight differences in height and mainly stone pavements, which may require attention when moving for people with reduced mobility.

Pescia is known nationally for its horticultural tradition, which represents a distinctive element of the area, and for the presence of local craft activities. The urban and surrounding context also offer the opportunity to visit the hilltop villages of the so-called "Svizzera Pesciatina", which can be reached by own means.

During the year, the city hosts cultural events, exhibitions, events related to horticulture and historical re-enactments, which contribute to making the visit dynamic and distributed over several seasonal periods.

Accessibility information must always be evaluated in relation to specific personal needs, considering elements such as paving, any slopes and distances between the main points of interest.

HOW TO REACH PESCIA

By car	From the North: On the A11, take the Chiesina Uzzanese exit (the closest to Pescia). Follow the signs for **Pescia** (about 6 km from the exit, 10 minutes). From the South: take the **A1** towards Florence. At Firenze Sud or Firenze Scandicci, take the A11 Firenze–Mare towards Pisa/Lucca exit at Chiesina Uzzanese. Follow the signs for Pescia.
By plane	From Pisa airport distance 60 km reachable in about 1 hour From Florence-Peretola airport it is 55 km away.
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

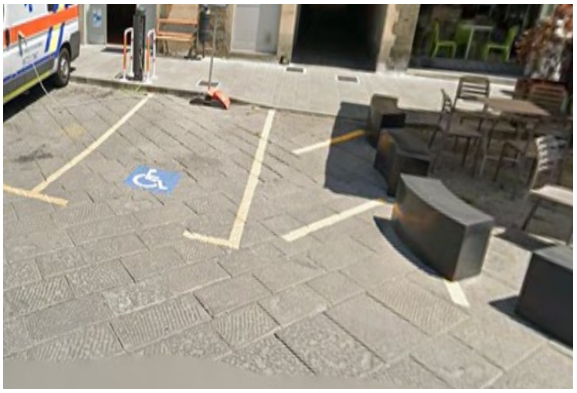
There is a toilet room accessible with grab handles	YES
By train	
Nearest station	The Pescia railway station is located about 2 km from the Duomo, on the Florence – Lucca – Viareggio railway line. From **Florence SMN:** take a direct regional train to Lucca or Viareggio → Pescia stop (about 1h 10 min – 1h 30 min). From **Pisa Centrale**: take a train to Lucca, then connect to Florence → Pescia stop (about 1h 15 min – 1h 30 min). From **Lucca**: Trains to Florence almost always stop in Pescia (only 10–15 min).
Assistance service for people with disabilities	NO
Blue Hall Reference	Florence
Carriage access	Not provided
There is a toilet room in the station accessible with grab handles	Yes
By public and private transport	
Nearest bus stop	the nearest stop to the historic center of Pescia (Via Val di Torbola) is **"**Pontito", which can be reached in about 3 minutes on foot (about 217 meters)
Presence of adapted buses with ramp	You can contact Autolinee Toscane you can call the numbers 0573 3630- 0572 47066 or 848 8007. In addition to the toll-free number 800 14 24 24

PARKING

Public parking nearby	Parking via XX Settembre Parking in Piazza Rolando Anzilotti Piazzetta dei Ducci car park Parking Piazzale dell'ospedale SS. Cosma e Damiano, in via Cesare Battisti Viale Guglielmo Marconi car park Piazza San Francesco Parking
Type of public parking floor	asphalt
Presence of parking space reserved for people with disabilities	See photo



1Reserved place in Piazza Mazzini



2Reserved place in Piazza Mazzini



3 Reserved place in Borgo della Vittoria



4 Reserved spaces in viale Francesco Forti



5 n. 2 reserved seats Piazza Carlo Anzilotti



6 Reserved place in Piazza degli Obizzi



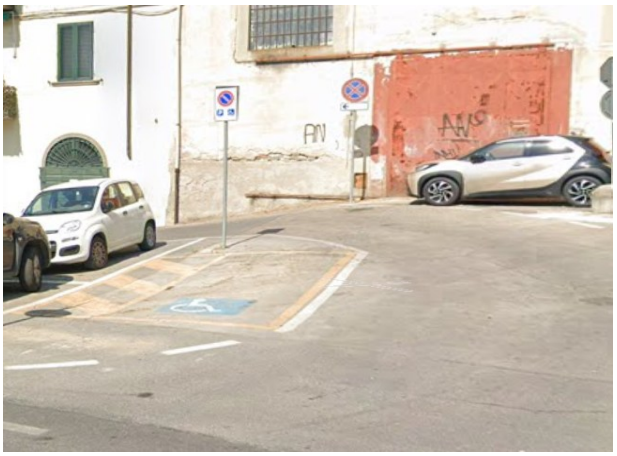
7 Reserved seats in Piazza San Francesco



8 Reserved place Piazza del Ponte del Duomo



9 n. 2 reserved places Via della stazione



10 Reserved seat in Piazza del Moro



11 Reserved space Via Benedetto Cairoli 120 from Piazza San Francesco

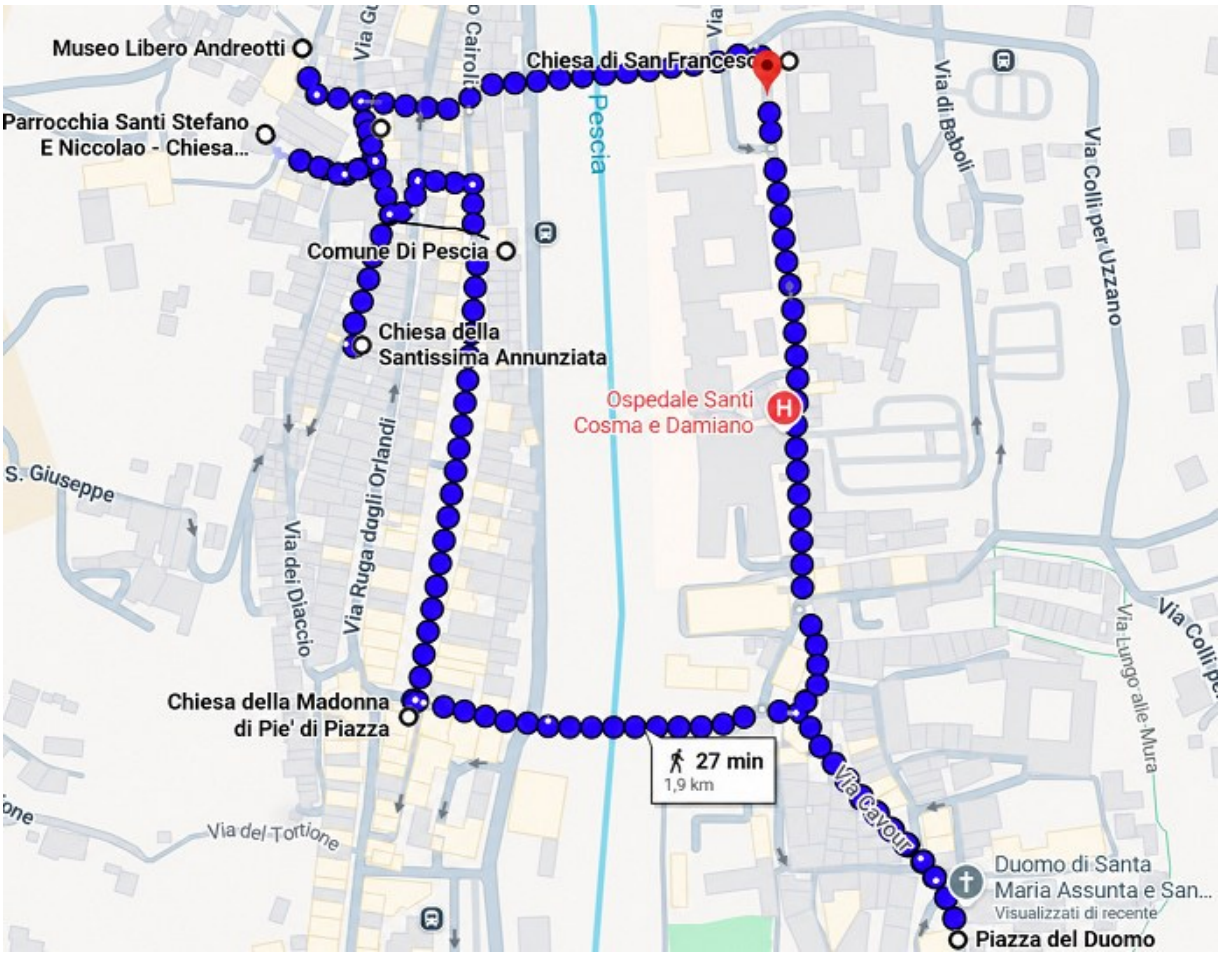
ROUTE FROM THE CAR PARK TO THE ENTRANCE

Route from the car park to the starting point	flat
Distance from parking to entrance	Via XX Settembre car park 170 meters from Piazza Mazzini. Viale Francesco Forti car park, 300 meters from Piazza Mazzini Piazza Anzilotti 400 meters from Piazza Mazzini

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

DESCRIPTION OF THE ITINERARY

Length	1500 Meters mostly flat
Along the itinerary there are **maps and tactile signs** for the blind	No



FROM PIAZZA MAZZINI TO PALAZZO DEL VICARIO

Piazza Mazzini It is the main square and the heart of the city, representing an ideal starting point for the itinerary.
It stands out for its historical and architectural importance, being the center of civil life in Pescia and overlooking a sequence of noble palaces, commercial activities and public spaces.

Among the buildings of greatest interest are the Palazzo del Vicario, seat of the Municipality, and the elegant Oratory of the Madonna di Piè di Piazza.

The square is also a particularly lively place: it hosts the weekly market and, on the last Sunday of the month, comes alive with an antiques market, an attraction for enthusiasts and visitors.

Accessibility

There are 3 CUDE stalls positioned: 1 in front of the headquarters of the Municipality of Pescia, 2 stalls are positioned in the center of the square in front of the Misericordia headquarters on both sides of the square.

Piazza Mazzini is close to all the attractions of the village (churches and museums).





From **Piazza Mazzini** , proceed northwards, on fairly regular pavement, for 120 m, until you reach the **Palazzo del Vicario**: an imposing medieval building that currently houses the

municipal offices. Inside there are the Chapel of the Fallen and the Council Chamber. The Memorial of the Fallen is a memorial space dedicated to the memory of the citizens of Pescia who died in the war conflicts. It is a place of meditation and historical testimony, inserted in the institutional context of the city.

Accessibility

The access door to the municipality, located near the CUDE stall, can be reached via a 10 cm high sidewalk, which can be overcome via a short connecting ramp, located on the left side. The offices can be reached by an elevator.

The war memorial is accessible on the flat from the square.

For info call the numbers 0572492238 or 0572492239 or send an e-mail to segreteria@comune.pescia.pt.it. The office is located on the first floor of the Palazzo del Vicario, in Piazza Mazzini, 1.









12 Memorial of the Fallen in the Vicarious Palace

FROM THE VICAR'S PALACE TO THE CHURCH OF SAINTS STEPHEN AND NICHOLAS

Proceed towards Via Obizzi for about 70 meters until you reach Piazza degli Obizzi, where there are paid parking spaces and n. 1 CUDE stall, and turning right after about 40 meters we find **Piazza Santo Stefano**, where the **Church of Saints Stefano and Niccolao stands**, also known as the Collegiate Church of S. Stefano: The church is documented starting from 1068, with significant transformations in 1331 and restyling in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries.

The interior consists of three naves characterized by pillars and pilasters with Corinthian capitals in gray stone that stand out against the white of the plaster.

Accessibility

The front of the church has a double specular staircase, each consisting of 14 steps, which can be overcome for those with reduced mobility along a driveway, located on the right side, with a slope (15 – 18%). After the ramp there is a stretch of about 20 meters in beaten gravel. On the threshold of access to the church there are 3 steps about 18 cm high and a threshold.

The interior of the church is accessible on the plain. For info contact the parish directly. Tel +39 0572 476 224- +39 0572 476 910 info@diocesidipescia.it















FROM THE CHURCH OF SAINTS STEPHEN AND NICHOLAS TO THE PALAZZO PODESTA' AND ANDREOTTI MUSEUM

Returning to the beginning of the entrance ramp to the church in Via Cornacchini, turn left and after a few meters you will reach Piazza del Palagio, where the **Palazzo del Podestà** is located. Also known as Palagio, it is a historic building in Pescia. The Libero Andreotti Museum is located inside the Palagio, one of the richest buildings in the city in history, whose original nucleus dates back to at least the thirteenth century. The structure was for a long time the seat of the Podestà, the main civil office of Pescia until the year 1424.

The **Libero Andreotti Museum**, also known as the Gipsoteca Libero Andreotti, is one of the main museums in Pescia and is dedicated to the sculptor Libero Andreotti from Pescia.

The museum is housed inside the Palazzo del Podestà (also known as Palagio), a historic building of medieval origin located in the city center, a few steps from Piazza Mazzini.

The Gipsoteca preserves over **200 plaster works** coming directly from the artist's studio, including preparatory models, sketches and sculptures that document Andreotti's entire creative career.

The museum itinerary is developed on several levels and allows you to deepen the artistic production of one of the main Italian sculptors of the early twentieth century, through works ranging from monumental sculpture to more intimate and symbolic subjects.

Alongside the works there is also an important **documentary archive**, which collects thousands of documents related to the artist's life and activity.

The museum represents a cultural reference point for the city and is part of the regionally recognized system of civic museums of Pescia.

Accessibility

The square has a stone tile pavement with an irregular surface. The entrance to the museum is accessible via a small 3 cm rounded step. The useful width of the door is more than 100 cm.





FROM PIAZZA S. STEFANO TO THE GALEOTTI MUSEUM

Retracing Via Cornacchini we return to Piazza Santo Stefano, where, in front of the Church, we find the **Galeotti Civic Museum.**

Housed in an elegant historic building, the Museum of Palazzo Galeotti is one of the main points of cultural interest in the city. The palace, of eighteenth-century origin, stands out for its historical-aristocratic charm, with monumental rooms and valuable frescoed decorations.

The museum collects a rich artistic and historical heritage linked to the Pescia area, offering an immersive experience between art, culture and local memory. Among the works preserved are paintings of the Tuscan school dating back to the fourteenth and sixteenth centuries, as well as a significant collection of antiquities from the Ansaldi collection.

The exhibition is completed by sculptures, drawings, historical prints – including *Two Ridinger* 's Dogs (1728) – art objects, documents and testimonies that tell the history and identity of the territory.

The building itself is an element of great architectural value, a significant example of historic civil construction, helping to make the visit particularly suggestive.

Accessibility

At the main entrance there are 2 steps of about 16 cm high each that can be overcome via a short ramp of moderate slope.

The main entrance is on the ground floor, inside there is an elevator to access the upper floors.

For information:
Phone:0572492257 - **E-mail:**cultura@comune.pescia.pt.it





FROM PIAZZA S. STEFANO TO THE CHURCH OF S. FRANCESCO

From Piazza Santo Stefano, proceed for about 50 meters along Via Guglielmo Oberdan, then turn right staying on the same street until you reach Via Benedetto Cairoli.

After a few meters, turn right again onto Via Giovanni Pacini and continue for about 150 meters, crossing the bridge, until you reach **Piazza S. Francesco**, where the **Church of San Francesco is located**.

Located in the square of the same name, the Church of San Francesco dates back to the thirteenth century and is built in Gothic style. It represents one of the main religious buildings in the city and preserves important historical and artistic testimonies related to the Franciscan Order.

The interior is characterized by a single nave covered by wooden trusses and a large transept, inside which there are three chapels. Further monumental chapels are located along the left side. The walls are partly decorated with altars in pietra serena.

Among the most interesting works is the panel with St. Francis by Bonaventura Berlinghieri, which depicts the saint surrounded by episodes from his life. Tradition has it that St. Francis visited the area, and the adjacent convent preserves memories related to his presence.

The square in front, once used as a lawn, is now a quiet and evocative space, ideal for a break along the way.

Accessibility:

To reach the church you have to cross a bridge, which on both sides has a sidewalk that is not well connected, which forms a step about 3 cm high, which at the end of the bridge narrows further without any connection.

In front of the church there is a large paid parking lot, with 4 stalls reserved for CUDE card holders.

The easiest access is represented by a side entrance adjacent to the main one:

- presence of a threshold of about 10 cm
- presence of an additional internal step of about 10 cm

The main entrance is less accessible, as it has 2 steps of about 12 cm.

The interior of the church is generally accessible. No information totems or support tools with accessibility features have been detected.











13 Main Entrance



14 Secondary Input





15 Secondary Entrance Interior

FROM PIAZZA SAN FRANCESCO TO PIAZZA DEL DUOMO

From Piazza San Francesco, proceed along Via Cesare Battisti for about 240 meters until you reach Piazzetta del Duccio. Then continue on Via Cavour for about 100 meters until you reach **Piazza Duomo**, where you will find the **Cathedral of Santa Maria Assunta**.

Known as the Cathedral of Pescia, it is one of the main religious buildings in the city. Its origins probably date back to the V-VI century; it is attested as a baptismal parish church as early as the year 857 and consecrated in 1062 by Pope Alexander II.

The current architectural configuration dates back to 1684, designed by the architect Antonio Maria Ferri, following the collapse of the previous dome in 1671. The bell tower, originally a tower of the medieval walls, was modified in the fourteenth century with the insertion of single-lancet windows and subsequently completed in 1771 with the current dome, designed by Bishop Donato Maria Arcangeli.

The façade, in neoclassical style, was completed in the nineteenth century by the architect Giuseppe Castellucci and enriched in 1933 with the insertion of the marble portal.

The interior has a single nave covered by ribbed vaults, enriched by architectural elements such as cornices, capitals and pilasters that give the room an elegant and solemn appearance, in contrast with the light shades of the walls.

Accessibility

In front of the main entrance there are few parking spaces and there are no stalls reserved for CUDE permit holders.

The main entrance has 4 steps and a threshold of about 18 cm, making it not accessible.

However, there is an adjacent secondary entrance, which allows easier access both outside and inside, thanks to the presence of ramps and walkways.

The interior of the cathedral is generally accessible.

Inside the Cathedral there is a small side chapel, accessible via three steps and two steps inside. The chapel has a secondary altar and a cozy space for prayer.

No information totems or support tools with accessibility features were detected.




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FROM PIAZZA DEL DUOMO TO THE CHURCH OF THE MADONNA DI PIEÌ

From the Duomo, proceed westwards along Ponte del Duomo (Sdrucciolo del Duomo) for about 50 meters until you reach Via Turini.

Continue for about 70 meters until you reach Piazza Mazzini, where you will find the **Church of the Madonna di Piè di Piazza**.

The Church of the Madonna di Piè di Piazza is a historic building dating back to the fifteenth century, located in a central position within Piazza Mazzini, on the opposite side of the Town Hall.

The façade is characterized by elegant arches that give the building a harmonious and recognizable appearance in the urban context. Despite its small size, the church houses works of considerable value, including fifteenth-century frescoes and a suggestive wooden ceiling.

The intimate environment and intimate atmosphere make it a place of particular interest both from a historical and religious point of view.

Accessibility

The Sdrucciolo bridge, which leads to the Church of the Madonna di Piè di Piazza, has a sidewalk that is not well connected, forming a step from 3 to 8 cm high. However, there is a reserved place adjacent to the end of the bridge.

The entrance to the church is directly overlooking the urban road network. There are 3 steps about 25 cm high and there are no ramps or facilitation devices for overcoming architectural barriers.

The main door is double-leafed, with a total net opening of about 130 cm (65 cm per leaf).

No accessible alternative entrances for visitors with reduced mobility were detected.











FROM PIAZZA MAZZINI TO THE FLOWER MARKET

From Piazza Mazzini it is possible to reach the Flower Market of Pescia, which is located a short distance from the center: about 1 km from the Old Market and 2–2.5 km from the New Market, both easily reachable by car in a few minutes. There are parking lots with reserved spaces adjacent to the entrance.

Old Flower Market

Located in Via Amendola, the Old Flower Market is a historic building recently restored and returned to the community. Today it hosts cultural events, exhibitions and events, including the "Notte in Fiore", an initiative dedicated to the enhancement of the city's floral tradition.

New Flower Market

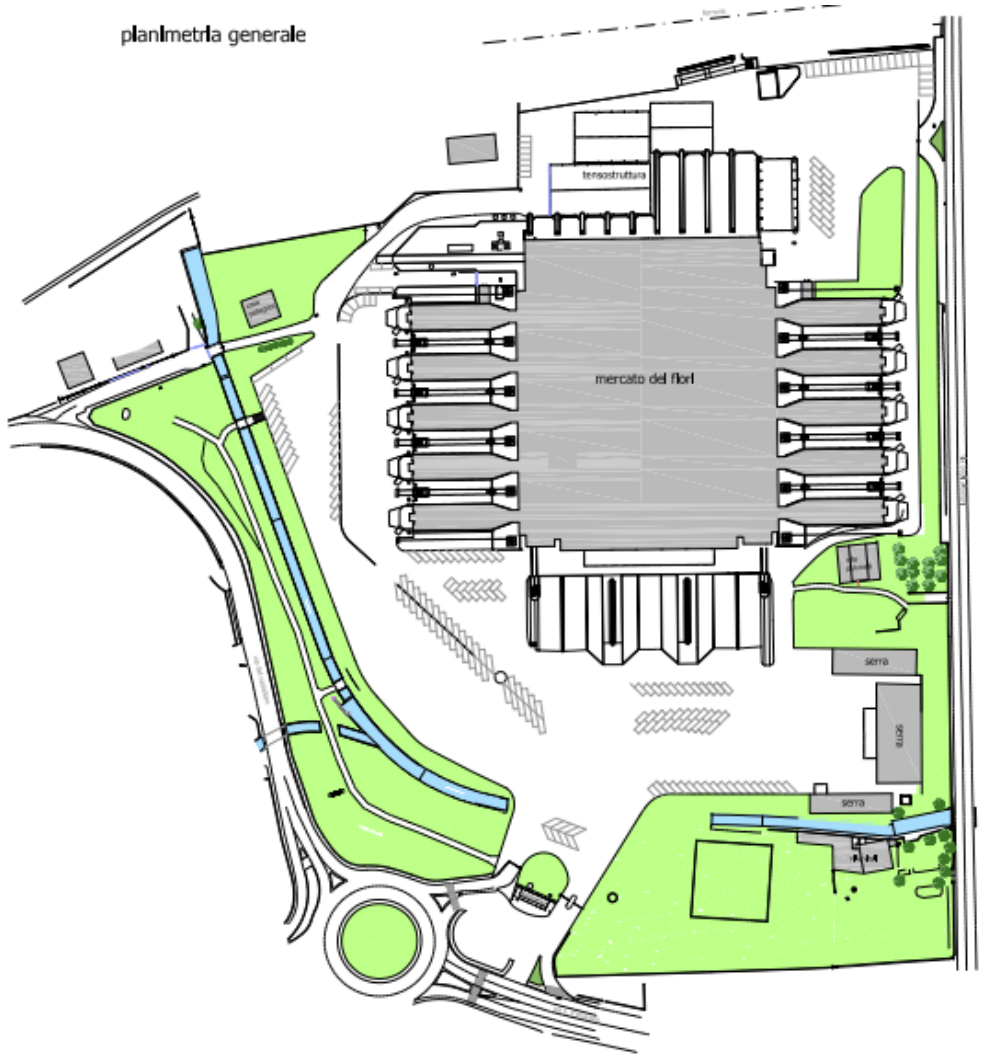
Located in Via Salvo D'Acquisto, the Nuovo Mercato dei Fiori is one of the largest modern complexes in Europe in its sector. The structure stands out for its innovative architecture and for the wide range of activities related to the marketing of flowers and plants.

Both structures offer an experience that combines tradition and innovation, representing an identity element of the territory.

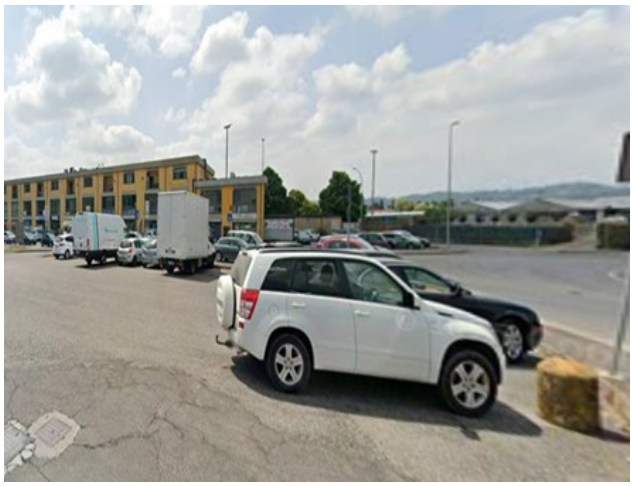
Accessibility

Both structures are designed or adapted with attention to accessibility criteria:

- **Old Flower Market:** following the recent restoration, the building has been adapted to ensure that it can also be used by people with disabilities, with barrier-free paths and accessible toilets.
- **New Flower Market:** modern structure with large spaces, easy paths, ramps and elevators, which favor good overall accessibility.



16 New Market Plan




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FIORI PIANTE
TOSCANA



EVENTS AND FESTIVALS

During the year Pescia hosts numerous cultural events, fairs and events related to the local tradition, which make the visit particularly lively and engaging.

For updated information on dates and programs, please contact the Tourist Information Office.

Palio City of Pescia

Among the most significant events is the Palio degli Arcieri, during which the historic center comes alive with historical parades, medieval games and shows. The four city districts – Ferraia, San Michele, San Francesco and Santa Maria – compete in a historical re-enactment of great charm



COMMUNAL TOILETS

There is an accessible toilet	No accessible public toilets were detected within the historic center during the inspection. It is advisable to check at neighboring businesses or facilities.

MEDICAL PRACTICES/HEALTHCARE FACILITIES

Hospitals near the property	Santi Cosma e Damiano Hospital 3,3(177) · Hospital Via Cesare Battisti, 2 · 0572 4601
Other healthcare facilities	**Casa della Salute in Pescia** Via Cesare Battisti, 1 – 51017 Pescia (PT) Basic Medicine, local ASL services **Mercy of Pescia** Via Galeotti, 34 – 51017 Pescia (PT) Medical transport, emergency and assistance **Public Assistance of Pescia** Via San Giuseppe, 5 – 51017 Pescia (PT) Social and health transport, escort services

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