



Fact sheet Villages of Tuscany

General information

Name of the village	PONTREMOLI
Province	MASSA CARRARA
Tourist information	IAT Pontremoli, Tourist Information and Reception Point Piazza della Repubblica, 31, 54027 Pontremoli MSTelephone: +39 0187 4601231E-mail: iat@comune.pontremoli.ms.it Open from Monday to Friday from 8:00 to 13:00 and on Saturdays and Sundays from 10:30 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 17:30. Tourist information website: www.visitpontremoli.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



Pontremoli, a hidden gem **in the heart of Lunigiana**, where history, culture and nature come together in a unique and evocative atmosphere. This **ancient medieval town**, nestled in the rolling hills of **northern Tuscany**, is an unmissable stop for those who love historic villages, the authenticity of the landscapes and timeless traditions.

The majestic **Castello del Piagnaro** with the **Museum of Stele Statues inside**, recently made accessible by an elevator, the cobbled streets and the imposing churches, ensure

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that Pontremoli offers a journey back in time, while remaining alive and vibrant. The history of Pontremoli is marked by a medieval origin and a role as a geographical hinge, crossed by the dominion of various lordships and the passage of pilgrims on the Via Francigena. Defined as the "key and door" of the Apennines. Over the centuries, the city has seen an evolution from a fortified village to a mercantile and aristocratic center. It became a free Commune in 1226 and between the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries the village was enriched with noble palaces and churches. In the Second World War, due to its position, it was a center of strong partisan activism and suffered heavy bombings between 1944 and 1945.

In this village you can discover the charm of the past and let yourself be conquered by the food and wine excellence and the warm local hospitality.

How to reach Pontremoli

By car	Easily accessible by car thanks to the proximity of the A15 motorway Parma-La Spezia (Cisa Autocamionale). 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 to the city center.
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	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 Pontremoli and follow the signs to the center.
By plane	The nearest airport to reach Pontremoli • Pisa airport is 110 km away. • From Pisa, you can take a rental car or taxi to reach Pontremoli via the A12 motorway and then the A15. • Alternatively, you can take a train from Pisa Station to La Spezia and then a regional train to 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
Assistance service for people with disabilities	Yes, 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	No
By public and private transport	
Nearest bus stop	Piazza San Francesco
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
Taxi presence with adapted ramp	No

Parking

Public parking nearby	YES
Type of public parking floor	Asphalt and piagne (thin slabs of natural stone)
Presence of parking space reserved for people with disabilities	YES, N° 2 Via del Seminario in front of the Casa del Motociclo N° 1 Piazza del Duomo (ZTL) N° 1 Piazza della Repubblica, newsstand (ZTL) N° 1 Piazza della Repubblica, tobacconist (ZTL) N° 2 Piazza San Francesco N° 1 Porta Parma, Castle lift entrance N° 4 Covered paid parking Via del Seminario. Parking is subject to a fee in

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	Via del seminario. For badge holders, ring the bell at the entrance to request information.
Eventual notes	Ztl - Temporary permit for transit and parking in the ZTL to be requested online on the website of the Municipality of Pontremoli www.comune.pontremoli.ms.it in the section: TELEMATIC DESK – ZTL AND DISABLED PERMITS – ASK FOR A PERMIT FOR TRANSIT AND PARKING IN A LIMITED TRAFFIC AREA – ISSUE OF TEMPORARY PERMIT – For more information: Municipal Police Office: +39 0187 4601248 E-mail: poliziamunicipale@comune.pontremoli.ms.it



1 Reserved parking Via del Seminario in front of the Casa del motociclo



2 Reserved parking Piazza Duomo

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3 Public parking Piazza Della Repubblica



4 Public parking Piazza Della Repubblica (next to the newsstand)



5 Reserved parking Piazza San Francesco



6 Porta Parma elevator entrance

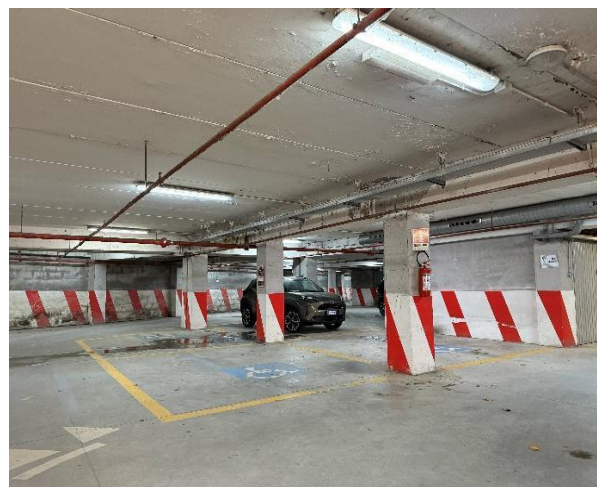
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7 Entrance to covered parking



8 N. 4 reserved covered seats

Pathway from the car park to the entrance

Pathway from the car park to the starting point	Route from Via del Seminario to Ponte della Cresa through differences in height with gradients of even more than 8% to access the sidewalk for which the use of an electric engine or the help of a companion is recommended.
Distance from parking to entrance	About 100 meters
Type of trail surface	Asphalt/tiles
There are indicators and tactile maps	No



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9 road from the parking lot to the historic center



10 uneven pavement

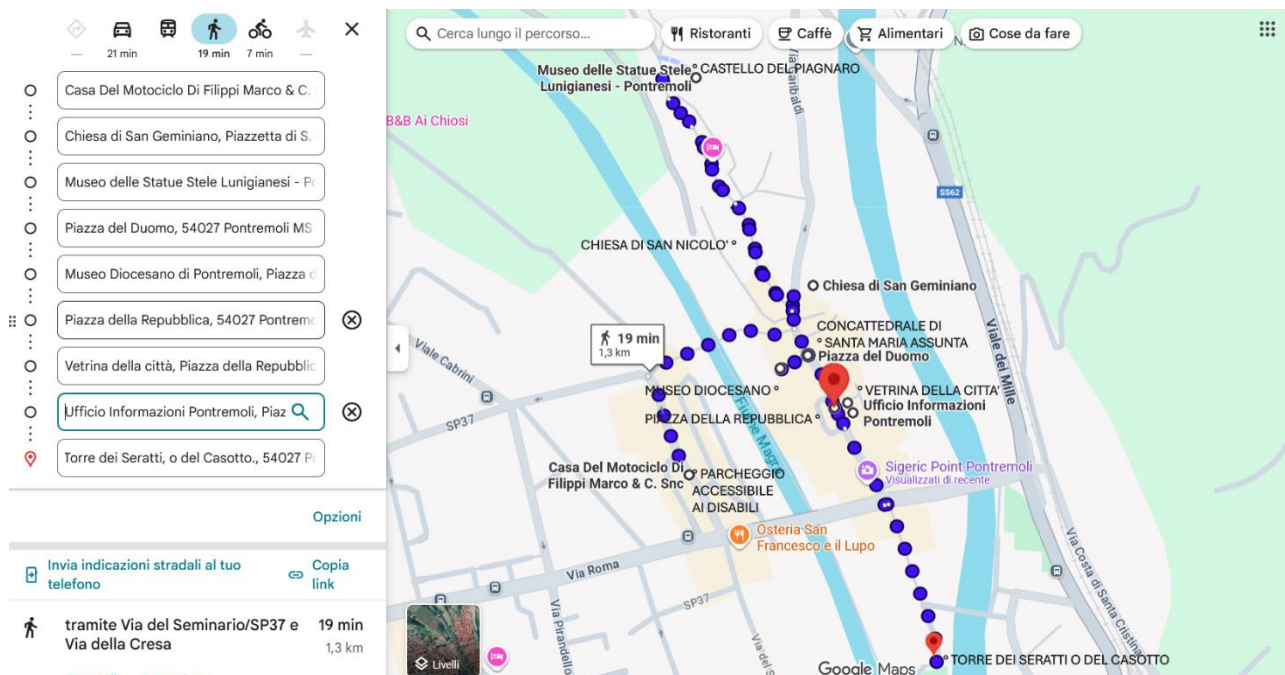
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Description of the itinerary



Length	1.3 km
Along the itinerary there are maps and tactile signs for the blind	No
Eventual notes	The historic center of Pontremoli has an ancient pavement, composed of irregularly shaped stones and there are many bridges with ascents and descents with slopes of more than 8% so for a person in a manual wheelchair it can be difficult to move and the help of a companion or an electric engine is necessary. Starting from the historic Ponte della Cresa which has an ascent





	and descent with gradients of more than 8% on uneven stone pavement for which an electric engine or the help of a companion is required.
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The itinerary starts from Via della Cresa on a stone surface that is sometimes uneven and then on Via Garibaldi, a little uphill and on irregular stone slabs.

You reach the Church of San Geminiano which stands in the square of the same name where Emperor Frederick II had his advisor Pier delle Vigne blinded, unjustly accused of treason. The building is linked to the primitive nucleus of Pontremoli and was born at the dawn of the year 1000 as a chapel at the behest of the Adalberti family. The feast of the patron saint continued to be celebrated in the Church until 1910, when Monsignor Angelo Fiorini, bishop of the city, transferred it to the Cathedral.

Continuing on Via Garibaldi you arrive at the new tunnel that leads through a ramp and 2 elevators to the **Piagnaro Castle**. Inside the Castle there is the **Museum of the Stele Statues** equipped with ramps and internal elevators.

The **Piagnaro Castle** is located on the hill overlooking the historic center of Pontremoli and is an integral element of the city's defensive system together with the walls and towers that defended the medieval village. Built around the year 1000, its name derives from the "**piagne**", sandstone slabs traditionally used in Lunigiana to make roofs and still visible inside the structure today.

At the end of the visit, we go back on Via Garibaldi, to reach the heart of the historic center, whose pavement is irregular with stone slabs. You will then reach the **Piazza del Duomo** to admire the large bell tower, also known as "**the Campanone**", symbol of the city and the **Cacciaguerra Tower**, built in 1322 at the behest of **Castruccio Castracani**. The tower was the central part of a real fortress erected in the heart of the city to divide the Guelph and Ghibelline factions in perpetual conflict with each other who inhabited the districts of Sommoborgo and Imoborgo respectively.

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In Piazza del Duomo, inside the **Bishop's Palace**, there is the **Diocesan Museum**, created with the aim of preserving, enhancing and promoting the historical-artistic knowledge of works of sacred art. The objects on display come from the numerous churches in the Lunigiana area to ensure adequate protection. Inaugurated on January 31, 2009 at the behest of Bishop Eugenio Binini.

Also in the square you can admire the **Co-cathedral of Maria Assunta, the Duomo**. The church was erected into a Cathedral in 1787. In 1988 it became Co-Cathedral of the diocese of Massa Carrara – Pontremoli. A single large nave with side chapels and a short transept, a very high and bright dome at the intersection of the arms. The façade (1878-1881), made of white Carrara marble to a design by the Florentine Vincenzo Micheli.

Continuing on, you arrive in **Piazza della Repubblica**, the scene of the town's main events: The market on Wednesday and Saturday mornings. The main events also take place in this square. From here you can admire the Piazzetta della Pace from which you can access the window of the city and where there is the entrance to the Municipal offices and at number 31 we find the **IAT the Tourist Information Office**

Continue on Via Ricci Armani to reach Via Cavour and admire the **Torre dei Seratti or Casotto** in the background. The "Seratti" was one of the gates of Pontremoli and through the Casotto bridge it connected **the Imoborgo** with the western bank of the Verde stream. The bridge is not accessible due to the presence of steps. On the way back, in Via Cavour, on the right, we find the Ponte Battisti characterized by a very steep ascent and descent that require the help of a companion, because even an electric engine can have difficulty. Here the **Tower of Busticca** or "Bustiè" is the name that the Pontremolese give to **Castelnuovo**, a fortified construction built from a large building with a quadrilateral base. From here you can enjoy the view of the **Magra river**, and then go back on the same path until you rejoin the parking lot.

Accessibility:

Church of San Geminiano: it has a small step of 6 cm in height. The door has a width of more than 80 cm.





Continuing on Via Garibaldi you arrive at the new tunnel that leads through 2 elevators to the **Piagnaro Castle**. The ramp on the left has a gradient of 15%. The door of each elevator measures 89 cm, the internal dimensions are 110 cm x 180 cm and the keys are placed at a height of 100 cm.

From the elevator, the path to reach the entrance of the **Museum** is uphill with a gradient of more than 8%, so the help of a companion or an electric engine is required. The pavement is sometimes uneven, even gravel.

The **entrance door of the Museum** measures 71 cm, the second door measures 83 cm. Height of the ticket counter is 112 cm.

Inside the museum there is an **elevator** to access the second floor where there are also the bathrooms accessible to the disabled and the panoramic terrace with irregular stone flooring.

The elevator door measures 86 cm, the interior 110 cm x 74 cm and the keys are located at a height of 120 cm. The door to exit to the **terrace** measures 89 cm and the step is 9 cm high internally and 4 cm externally.

Diocesan Museum: The ramp at the entrance is about 250 cm long and has a slope of 16%. The door has an opening of more than 90 cm with a bar handle and the counter measures 112 cm in height

Co-cathedral of Maria Assunta, the Duomo, at the main entrance has some steps, but there is a secondary side access, to the left of the main entrance, with a ramp 210 cm long, with a slope of 11.5%. Doors are larger than 90 cm

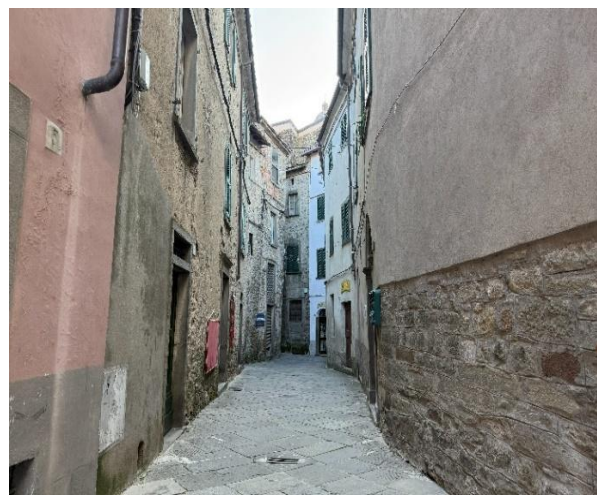
IAT the tourist information office accessible by ramp. The ramp is 52 cm long and has a slope of 23/26%.

Ponte Battisti characterized by a very steep ascent and descent with a slope >8% for which the help of a companion is required, even the electric engine can have difficulty





11 Start of the route



12 Via della Cresa



13 Via Garibaldi



14 entrance to the church of S. Geminiano



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15 church interior



16 Tunnel Entrance



17 tunnels



18 lifts

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9 Castle



10 ramp



11 uneven and gravel pavement

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12 Castle entrance



13 Museum entrance



14 Bangane Museum



15 Museum Elevator

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16 Terrace door



17 Panorama



18 Piazza Duomo

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19 Bishop's Palace, diocesan museum seat



20 entrance with ramp



21 Cathedral



22 Side entrance with ramp

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23 interior of the cathedral



24 interior of the Cathedral



25 Republic Square



26 Piazzetta della Pace

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27 IAT office



28 Via Ricci Armani



29 Baptist Bridge



30 Magra River

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Events

The main events in Pontremoli are the **Bancarella Prize**, **Medievalis**, the **Meetings in the Salotto d'Europa**, the **Feast of S. Geminiano** and the **Night of the Stele**.

- **Bancarella Prize**: famous national literary prize held every summer in July.
- **Medievalis**: medieval historical re-enactment in arms and costumes that takes place in August (from 19 to 23 August 2026) at the Castello del Piagnaro.
- **Meetings in the Salotto d'Europa**: summer cultural review with book presentations and debates in Piazza della Repubblica.
- **Feast of San Geminiano**: solemn patron saint's feast celebrated on January 31st.
- **The Night of the Stele**: cultural event dedicated to the world of the Lunigiana stele statues in August



31 Locandine Event



32 Festa S. Geminiano





Accessible public places

In the village of Pontremoli the following place has been identified:

White Goose Tavern – with toilets that are not equipped but usable

See details below:

LOCAL	White Goose Tavern
Room type and name	Trattoria
Location	Via Cavour, 17
How to access the premises	Via a step and then to reach the internal room a ramp with a 16% slope.
Types of tables	Four-legged
Space under floor tables	>60 cm
Equipped toilets	The toilets are not very accessible but usable. The size of the door is 60 cm, the toilet is 40 cm high and there is no space for juxtaposition. The washbasin has taps with pedal.

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33 exterior Trattoria



34 Internal Ramp



35 tables

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36 washbasin with space underneath



37 WC

Communal toilets

There is an accessible toilet	YES, No. 1 at Castello del Piagnaro inside the Museum of Stele Statues N. at the Bishop's Palace in the Diocesan Museum
Local	Toilette c/o Castello
Location of the toilet room	Floor 2 reachable by elevator
How to access the premises	Flat
Usable width of the entrance door	78 cm
Type of door	Opens to the outside
Type of handle	leverage
Toilet height	51 cm

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Toilet seat with open front tooth	open
Support handles	No
Flexible shower on the side of the toilet	No
Free space on the sides of the toilet	left 39 cm right >100 cm front >100 cm
Electric doorbell/telephone on the side of the toilet	No
Washbasin with space underneath for wheelchair approach	63<80 cm
Height from the ground lower edge mirror	Not present



38 Toilet Input



38 toilet and toilet





Local	Toilet c/o Bishop's Palace, Diocesan Museum
Location of the toilet room	Ground floor
How to access the premises	Through a ramp with a slope of 9.8 cm
Usable width of the entrance door	Both doors measure 88 cm
Type of door	The first opens outwards, the second opens inwards
Type of handle	leverage
Toilet height	51 cm
Toilet seat with open front tooth	open
Support handles	Yes right
Flexible shower on the side of the toilet	No
Free space on the sides of the toilet	left 40 cm right > 90 cm front > 90 cm
Electric doorbell/telephone on the side of the toilet	No
Washbasin with space underneath for wheelchair approach	74<86 cm
Height from the ground lower edge mirror	110 cm

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Baby changing table	No
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39 Toilet entrance



40 washbasin and mirror



41 toilets with grab bar

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Medical practices/healthcare facilities

Hospitals near the property	Sant'Antonio Abate Hospital Via Nazionale 54027 Pontremoli. 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: Sant'Antonio Abate Hospital Via Nazionale 54027 Pontremoli Switchboard +39 0187 462211 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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