



Villages of Tuscany

General information

Name of the village	WIN
Province	Florence
Tourist information	Via Montalbano 1 - Vinci T +39 0571 933285, ufficioturistic@comune.vinci.fi.it

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Description



Vinci is a hill town in Tuscany, located on the Montalbano ridge in the province of Florence, a few kilometres from Empoli. Surrounded by vineyards, olive groves and woodland, it is a typical Tuscan historic centre with a strong rural and cultural identity. It is known throughout the world as the birthplace of Leonardo da Vinci, who was born in 1452 in nearby Anchiano. This legacy has profoundly shaped the town, which now places great emphasis on celebrating the life and work of the Renaissance genius. Vinci dates back to the Middle Ages, when it developed around the Castle of the Counts Guidi. The historic centre still preserves its original layout, with narrow streets, stone buildings and panoramic views over the surrounding hills. Throughout the year, Vinci hosts many events in the historic centre and nearby hamlets. The best known is the Festa dell'Unicorno, a summer fantasy festival attracting thousands of visitors. Traditional and food-related events include the Vinci Fair, summer food-and-wine events and seasonal produce festivals. Autumn celebrations showcase local flavours, while cultural events devoted to Leonardo take place throughout the year.



How to reach Vinci

By car	From either north or south, take the A1 motorway and exit at Firenze Scandicci. Continue on the Firenze-Pisa-Livorno expressway (FI-PI-LI) towards Pisa/Livorno, exit at Empoli Ovest and follow signs first for Fucecchio and then Vinci.
By air	Florence Peretola Airport (FLR) is approximately 40 km from Vinci; continue by car or public transport. Alternatively, Pisa Airport (PSA) is approximately 60 km away.
Airport assistance	Comprehensive departure and arrival assistance is available. Dedicated staff can accompany passengers with disabilities through baggage drop-off and to the boarding gate, or assist with baggage reclaim.
Boarding/disembarking for passengers with reduced mobility	Courtesy wheelchair and ambulift/jet bridge.
Tactile paths for blind and partially sighted passengers	Yes.
Accessible airport toilet with grab rails	Yes.
By train	The nearest station is Empoli, with frequent services to and from Florence, Siena and Pisa, and onward bus or taxi connections to Vinci.
Rail assistance	Available at Empoli. Contact RFI Sala Blu on 800 90 60 60 (free from landlines) or 02 32 32 32 (landline or mobile). Booking at least 24 hours in advance is recommended.



Reference Sala Blu	Florence.
Train access	Lifting platform/ramp.
Accessible station toilet	Yes.
Nearest bus stop	In central Vinci, near landmarks including the Leonardo Museum. Autolinee Toscane route 49 links Empoli and Vinci, generally about once per hour.
Buses equipped with ramps	Contact Autolinee Toscane: 0573 3630, 0572 47066, 848 8007 or freephone 800 14 24 24.
Wheelchair-accessible taxis	Florence is the nearest well-served city, about 40-50 minutes away. Taxi Firenze 4390 offers vehicles with wheelchair lifts. Advance booking, possibly the day before, is generally required.

Parking

Public parking nearby	Yes.
Surface	Asphalt.
Designated disabled parking spaces	Yes - see photographs.
Notes	A Limited Traffic Zone (ZTL) applies in Vinci's historic centre. Access is authorised for vehicles displaying a CUDE disabled parking permit.





1 parcheggio riservato lungo Via Montalbano



2 altro parcheggio riservato lungo Via Montalbano

Route from the parking area to the village

Route characteristics	Mostly level.
Distance to the entrance	A few metres.
Surface	Asphalt.
Tactile indicators and maps	No.

Recommended itinerary

Length	350 metres.
Tactile maps or signs along the route	No.







From Via Montalbano to the Castle of the Counts Guidi

The recommended itinerary begins on Via Montalbano, in the lower part of the village, where several spaces are reserved for vehicles displaying a CUDE permit. To enter the historic centre, the preferred route is Via del Castello, an asphalt road running parallel to Via Montalbano, with a gradient of approximately 14%. Two retractable hydraulic bollards are located on this street. They can be operated using a badge issued on request by the municipal office, including for authorised CUDE vehicles. After about 100 metres on Via del Castello, turn left into Via Uzielli, which reaches Piazza Guido Masi within a few metres. The Castle of the Counts Guidi and its tower dominate the square. The medieval Castle of the Counts Guidi is the monumental heart of the itinerary. Dating from the 12th century, it is also known as the “ship castle” because of its elongated shape. It has housed the Leonardo Museum since 15 April 1953. Displays include models and reconstructions inspired by Leonardo’s studies: war machines, flying devices, civil and hydraulic engineering works, bridges and mechanisms. Visitors also pass through historically important rooms such as the Podestà Hall, decorated with noble coats of arms and a glazed terracotta attributed to Giovanni della Robbia. The tower leads to a panoramic terrace overlooking the Montalbano hills.

In Piazza del Castello stands The Man of Vinci, a large wooden sculpture by Mario Ceroli, donated to the town in 1987 and inspired by Leonardo’s Vitruvian Man. It has become one of the most recognisable symbols of the relationship between Vinci and its illustrious citizen.

Accessibility

The Castle of the Counts Guidi is accessible to visitors with reduced mobility via lifts and ramps. A dedicated entrance is located on the left-hand side of the building when facing the main entrance. Visitors can use the video intercom and show their ticket to call the





lift. The tower's panoramic terrace is not accessible, as it can only be reached on foot by stairs. Accessible toilets are available during opening hours.



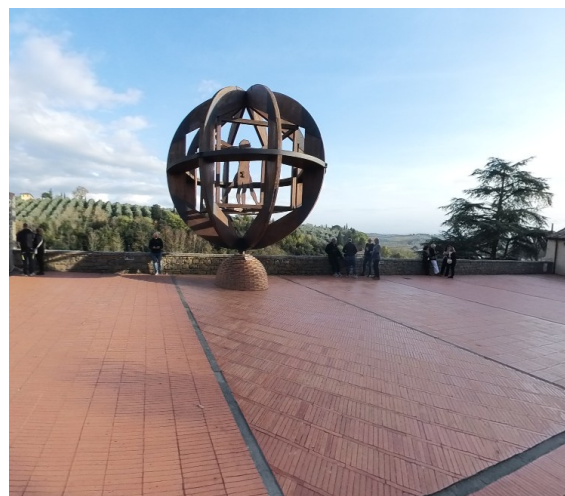
3 accesso a Via del Castello da Via Montalbano



4 Castello dei Conti Guidi



5 ingresso dedicato laterale al Castello



6 Piazza Guido Masi





From Piazza Guido Masi to Palazzina Uzielli

From Piazza Guido Masi, continue along Via Gustavo Uzielli for approximately 70 metres. Piazza dei Conti Guidi is on the right, while the entrance to Palazzina Uzielli is on the left.

Palazzina Uzielli, overlooking Piazza dei Guidi, is one of the museum buildings. Through models, displays and reconstructions, it introduces visitors to Leonardo's inventions, including construction machinery, textile technology and time-measuring instruments. Piazza dei Guidi is a particularly striking urban space designed in dialogue with the museum and Leonardo's legacy; here visitors can admire the stellated dodecahedron and other contemporary artworks.

Accessibility

Palazzina Uzielli is accessible to visitors with reduced mobility via lifts and ramps. Accessible toilets are available during opening hours.



7 Via Gustavo Uzielli



8 entrata Palazzina Uzielli



9 interno Palazzina Uzielli



10 ascensore dentro Palazzina Uzielli



11 Piazza dei Guidi



12 Piazza dei Guidi

From Piazza dei Conti Guidi to the Church of Santa Croce

From Piazza dei Conti Guidi, continue to the right along Via Giorgio La Pira. Within a few metres, an uneven paved route with varying gradients leads to the Church of Santa Croce. The Church of Santa Croce is the main religious building in Vinci's historic centre and an important historical and cultural landmark. Its origins date to the 13th century, although its present appearance reflects later alterations and extensions.





According to local tradition, the church contains the stone font used for Leonardo da Vinci's baptism. Historical studies do not confirm this with certainty: Leonardo's baptism in 1452 is documented, but the identification of this specific font remains a well-established tradition rather than proven fact.

Architecturally, the church has three naves separated by columns with classical-style capitals. The restrained interior includes artworks of interest, among them the font and works linked to local devotion. Side chapels near the presbytery are dedicated to various saints and liturgical functions, including the Blessed Sacrament. The church remains in regular use for worship and is fully part of daily community life.

Accessibility

The church is approached by a pavement with an approximately 8 cm kerb. Two steps at the main entrance can be overcome using a short ramp positioned at the doorway. The entire interior is level and accessible.



13 Chiesa Santa Croce



14 accesso Chiesa





15 Interno Chiesa



16 altare Chiesa

Route note: From the Church of Santa Croce, Via Montalbano can be reached by a connecting ramp approximately 30 metres long.

The gradient is steep, between 18% and 20%, and the stone paving is uneven. This provides a direct and quick link to the lower part of the village, close to the Leonardo Museum ticket offices on Via Montalbano.

Public toilets are located near the ticket offices, but they are not accessible because they can only be reached by stairs.





17 Rampa per tornare su Via Montalbano



18 biglietteria

Detour: Leonardo's Birthplace in Anchiano

Leonardo's Birthplace is in Anchiano, approximately 3 km from central Vinci, in the Montalbano hills. This 15th-century rural building is now a museum devoted to Leonardo da Vinci. A parking area near the site includes a designated space for vehicles displaying a CUDE permit.

Without a car, visitors can follow the Strada Verde, a route through the Tuscan countryside. It is approximately 1.8 km from central Vinci and is suitable for pedestrians and cyclists. The surface is mainly unpaved, with some asphalt sections, and the route is rated easy, with moderate gradients. It is well signposted and offers panoramic Montalbano views. Visitors with reduced mobility are advised to use a powered mobility aid or travel by car.

By car, follow Via Roma from central Vinci towards the SP13, then continue along Via Montalbano and Via Belvedere. After approximately 900 metres, turn right into Via Leano, which leads directly to the parking area near the Birthplace. This is the most convenient option, particularly for visitors with accessibility requirements.





Accessibility

From the parking area, a paved and illuminated pedestrian route approximately 100 metres long leads gently uphill to the site, with gradients varying between 6% and 11%. An accessible route continues to the ticket office and adapted accessible toilets. The ticket office can also be reached by a lift located in the toilet anteroom. A portable metal ramp provides access to the house. The interior comprises three exhibition rooms: two are accessible, while the third, used for audiovisual presentations, has steps and uneven flooring.



19 parcheggio riservato Casa di Leonardo



20 percorso per Casa di Leonardo





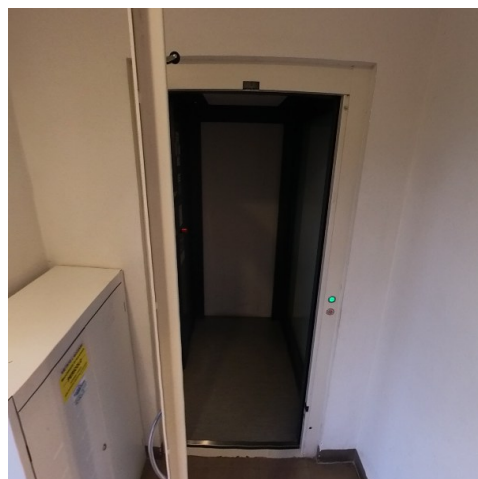
21 percorso per Casa di Leonardo



22 Casa di Leonardo



*23 accesso locale ascensore e servizi igienici
nella Casa di Leonardo*



24 ascensore Casa di Leonardo





25 interno Casa di Leonardo

Accessible public toilets

Accessible toilet available	Yes.
Locations	Palazzina Uzielli; Castle of the Counts Guidi; Leonardo's Birthplace.

Palazzina Uzielli

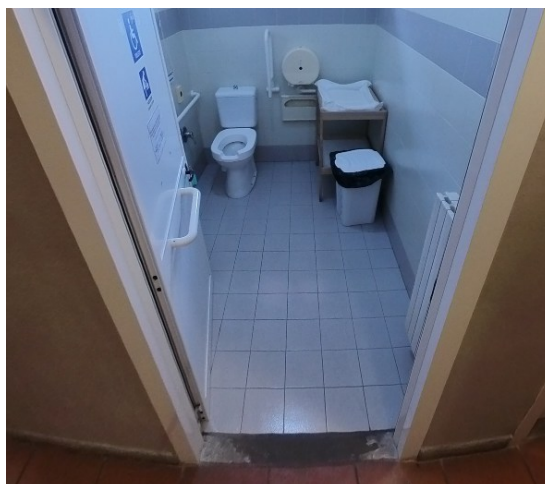
Access	Level access through a door.
Door	Hinged, opening inwards.
Open-front toilet seat	Yes.
Grab rails	Yes: fixed on the right and fold-down on the left.



Flexible hand shower beside WC	Yes.
Emergency alarm/telephone beside WC	Yes.
Wheelchair-clearance under washbasin	Yes.
Baby-changing table	Yes.

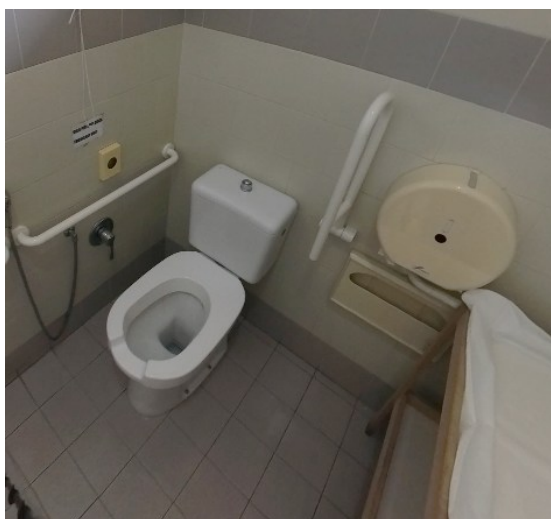


26. Toilet door at Palazzina Uzielli



27. Accessible toilet interior





28. Accessible toilet interior



29. Accessible toilet interior

Leonardo's Birthplace

Access	Level access through a door.
Door	Sliding.
Open-front toilet seat	No.
Grab rails	Yes: fixed on the left and fold-down on the left.
Flexible hand shower beside WC	No.
Emergency alarm/telephone beside WC	No.
Wheelchair-clearance under washbasin	Yes.





Baby-changing table	No.
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30. Entrance to toilets at Leonardo's Birthplace



31. Accessible toilet interior

Medical practices and healthcare facilities

San Giuseppe Hospital	Public service managed by Azienda USL Toscana Centro. Viale Giovanni Boccaccio 20, 50053 Empoli (FI), Tuscany Approximately 8 km away Tel. 055 545454
Ospedale degli Infermi	Public service managed by Azienda USL Toscana Nord Ovest. Piazza XX Settembre 6, 56028 San Miniato (PI), Tuscany





	Approximately 18 km away Tel. 0571 7051
Vinci Community Health Centre	A local healthcare facility providing medical clinics and basic nursing services, including blood tests and wound dressings. Via Raffaello Sanzio 32 Tel. 0571 878286
G.T. Scatola Pharmacy	A short walk from the historic centre. Via Giovanni XXIII 29

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