



Villages sheet

Name Village	VOLTERRA
Province	PISA
Tourist information	Piazza dei Priori, 20 – 56048 VOLTERRA (PI) ufficioturistico@volterratur.it Tel/Fax +39 0588 87257 https://volterratur.it/gli-uffici-turistici/

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Description

The name Volterra derives from the Etruscan Velathri. Already in the seventh century BC the Etruscans founded an important settlement, which assumed the size and power of a Locumonia, that is, a city-state. A powerful wall circuit that exceeded 7 km in length, the access gates to the city and the Guarnacci Etruscan Museum which testifies to the Etruscan past dates back to this period. The theater located in the city and clearly visible from a panoramic terrace dates back to the Roman period. Today Volterra is a village built on a hill between the valleys of the Era and Cecina and with its double walls, the Etruscan and the thirteenth-century, it is a medieval-looking city, where it is still possible to enjoy the atmosphere of an ancient village. The village has been known for centuries for the processing of alabaster, whose artifacts are now one of the most important products of Italian craftsmanship, and by a series of medieval buildings such as the Cathedral and the Baptistery and the Palazzo dei Priori located on the square of the same name, in the historic center.

The ancient Piazza dei Priori stands on a plateau that, well before the year 1000, hosted fairs and markets. The first civil institutions of the ancient Municipality were built there and, with the growth of power and wealth of the medieval city, the most important civil palaces were built there.

How to reach Volterra

By car

FROM NORTH A15 Parma/La Spezia motorway, towards La Spezia – La Spezia exit A12 Genoa/Livorno motorway, towards Livorno – Pisa Centro exit S. G.C. FI/PI/LI, towards Florence – Pontedera exit SS. 439 for Volterra alternatively: A15 Parma/La Spezia motorway, towards La Spezia – La Spezia exit A12 Genoa/Livorno motorway, towards Livorno – Rosignano Marittimo exit SS. Aurelia, direction Grosseto – exit Cecina SS. 68 to Volterra alternatively: A1 Bologna/Florence motorway, towards Florence – Firenze Impruneta S. G.C. Firenze/Siena exit, towards Siena – Colle Val d'Elsa Nord SS. 68 for Volterra
FROM SUDA12 Rome/Civitavecchia motorway, Dir. Civitavecchia – Exit





	CivitavecchiaSS. Aurelia, direction Livorno – exit CecinaSS. 68 to Volterraalternatively: A1 Rome/Florence motorway, towards Florence – Val di Chiana exitSS. 326, Direction Siena/Florence highway, Direction Florence – Colle Val d'Elsa SudSS. 68 to Volterra
By plane	Pisa and Florence airports
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
Present a local Accessible toilet with grab handles	YES
By train	<p>From NordFerrovia Genova/Pisa, Direzione Roma – Fermata Pisa CentroBus Pisa/Pontedera/Volterra alternatively: Ferrovia Genova/Pisa, Direzione Roma – Fermata Pisa CentroFerrovia Pisa/Firenze, Direzione Firenze – Fermata PontederaBus Pontedera/Volterra alternatively: Ferrovia Bologna/Firenze, Direzione Firenze – Fermata Firenze S. M.N.Bus Firenze/Colle Val d'Elsa/Volterra Alternatively: Ferrovia Bologna/Firenze, Direzione Firenze – Fermata Firenze S. M.N.Ferrovia Firenze/Pisa, Direction Pisa – Pontedera stopBus Pontedera/Volterra</p> <p>From the SouthRome/Florence Railway, Direction Florence – Florence S. M.N stopFlorence/Colle Val d'Elsa/Volterra bus alternatively: Rome/Florence Railway, Florence Direction – Florence S. M.F stopPisa/Florence Railway, Florence Direction – Pontedera StopPontedera/Volterra Bus alternatively: Rome/Genoa Railway, Genoa Direction –</p>



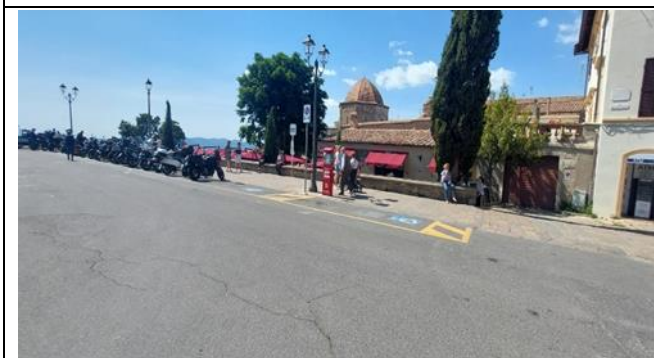


	Cecina Stop Railway or Cecina/Saline di Volterra Replacement BusBus Salt Pans/Volterra
Assistance service for people with disabilities	On request
Blue Hall Reference	Location Florence
Carriage access	with forklift/ramp
There is a toilet room in the station accessible with grab handles	YES
By bus	It is advisable to visit the Autolinee Toscane website at: https://www.at-bus.it/it/ .

Arrival at the village


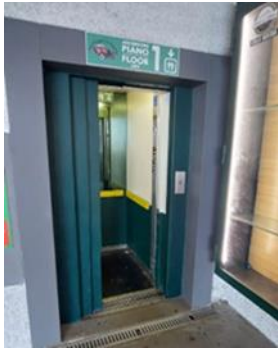


Private/public parking

Presence of private parking	NO
Public parking nearby	YES, underground
Type of flooring in the public car park	asphalt
Presence of parking space reserved for people with disabilities	YES number 2 at the entrance to the historic center and 1 for every 50 spaces in the underground car park





Pathway from the car park to the entrance

<p>The property can be reached from the car park</p>	<p>With lift, door width 80 cm, depth and internal width 120 x 120. External call key height 120 cm, internal keys 125/150 cm</p>
<p>Path from the lift to the parking exit</p>	<p>Via a 9-meter long ramp with a slope of 13%. The Palace can be reached through avenues of the historic center with paving in stone blocks.</p>
<p>Distance from parking to entrance</p>	<p>150 meters</p>
<p>There are indicators and tactile maps</p>	<p>NO</p>
	
	





	<p>Exit the underground car park, turn right and continue along Via Porta dell'Arco to the Monte dei Paschi di Siena building. The pavement, from the parking lot to the entrance of the route, is asphalt.</p>

Itinerary description

Length	About 1200 meters
Along the itinerary there are maps and tactile signs for the blind	NO
Along the route there are information panels with QR CODE	YES
Description of the itinerary indicating if there are sections with a significant slope or the presence of steps	The itinerary starts from Via dei Marchesi

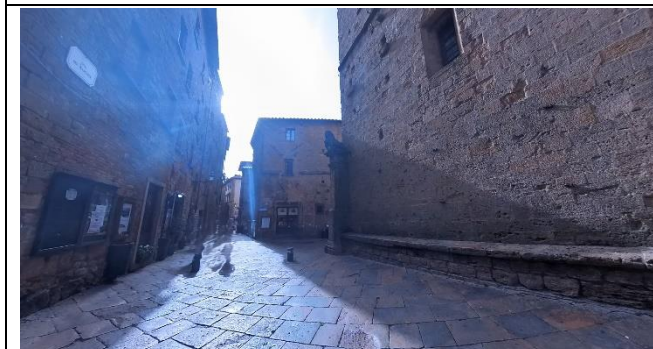




From Via Porta all'Arco, turn left onto Via dei Marchesi



Via dei Marchesi is the street that leads us to Piazza dei Priori. It is a fairly wide road and has a pavement in stone blocks without obstacles.






After about 100 meters we find ourselves in Piazza dei Priori, the heart of the city. Inside the square there are the main medieval palaces including the Palazzo dei Priori.



The square is overlooked by the Torre del Porcellino, Palazzo Belforti, Palazzo Allegretti, and the Cassa di risparmio di Volterra, once Palazzo Incontri





	<p>The main entrance of the Palazzo dei Priori has 3 irregular steps of varying height from 14/24 cm. (For details of the Palace see Palazzo dei Priori cultural website)</p>
	<p>Visitors with reduced mobility can visit it through the side entrance accessible on the floor and by lift.</p>
	<p>Elevator Door Width 70, Internal Width 97, Depth 115, External Call Keys 110, Internal 110/140 in Braille</p>





From the square, go back to Via Giusta Turazza, following it for about 100 meters until you reach Piazza San Giovanni



In Piazza San Giovanni there are the Cathedral of Santa Maria Assunta, the Baptistery of San Giovanni and the building of the ancient hospital now the ticket office of religious sites and the exhibition palace.



The entrance to the Cathedral for visitors with reduced mobility is from the side door of the Chapel of Our Lady of Sorrows with a ramp 102 cm long, 108 cm wide, slope 9.5%, no handrail. For further details of the site see the cultural website of the Cathedral of S. Maria Assunta.



In front of the Cathedral we find the Baptistery of San Giovanni built in the thirteenth century and in Romanesque Gothic style.

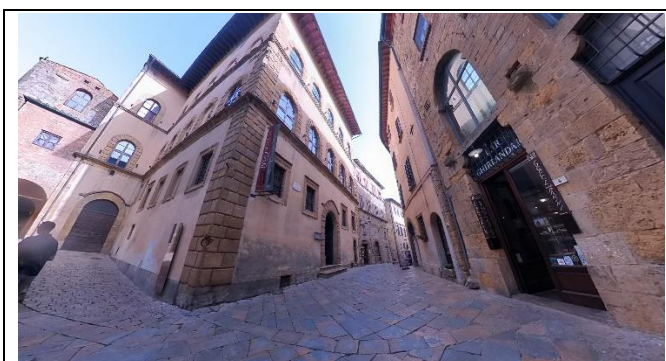
Entrance: Step of about 15 cm. Flat inside. For further details of the site see the cultural website of the Baptistery of San Giovanni.





	<p>The ticket office is located inside the Palazzo del Centro Espositivo (ancient hospital) reachable via a ramp, on stone flooring. Length 400 cm, width 350 cm, slope 10 %,</p>
	<p>From the first ramp you walk along a corridor first to the right and then to the left until you reach the entrance door which has a wooden ramp. Length 83 cm, width 255 cm, slope 14%</p>
<p>From the square continue towards Via Roma. Unobstructed stone block flooring. At the end of Via Roma, turning right, we find ourselves in Via Sdrucio di Piazza, a street that takes us back to Piazza dei Priori.</p>	
<p>From here you can continue straight on Via dei Buomparenti which connects to Via dei Sarti. Obstacle-free stone block flooring</p>	





Along the street on the left we find the Art Gallery and the Alabaster Ecomuseum. Visitors with reduced mobility enter through the large side door.

Ramp length 279 cm, width 123 cm, slope 12%

For further details see the cultural website Pinacoteca and the Ecomuseum of the Alabaster.



At the end of the street, turn left towards Via Guarnacci where we find the Church of San Michele Arangelo on our right, which can be reached on the flat. For further details see the cultural website of the Church of San Michele Arangelo

Continue towards Porta Fiorentina turning left towards Via Lungo le Mura del Mandorlo.



The road has an asphalt pavement and a maximum slope of 24% for a stretch of about 10 meters, then continues on the flat.





From the left side, looking out towards the terrace, you can admire the Roman theater. For further details on the site see the cultural website of the Roman Theatre

Go back to the Church of San Michele Arcangelo. From the church continue straight ahead until you meet Via Gramsci on our left. We walk all the way to the end.



At the end of Via Gramsci on the left side we find the Oratory Church of San Antonio Abate reachable by a step about 13 cm high. The building was built by the Hospitaller Friars of St. Anthony of Vienne in 1470. Continuing ahead we find a small square that joins Via Minzoni.




In Via Minzoni on the left we find the Guarnacci Etruscan Museum with Etruscan Roman finds from the area. The museum is accessed by a threshold step varying from 3 to 6 cm. For further details of the site see the cultural site of the Guarnacci Etruscan Museum.





Any accessible bars/restaurants

Type of room and name	Osteria Fornelli
Location	Piazza XX Settembre
How to access the premises	Flat
	
Useful width of door/entrance gate	Above 90 cm
Type of door	door
Types of tables	4 legs
Braille menu	NO
Table service for people with disabilities	YES
Eventual notes	The restaurant has an equipped toilet. It has a toilet with grab bars

Toilets for guests with reduced mobility

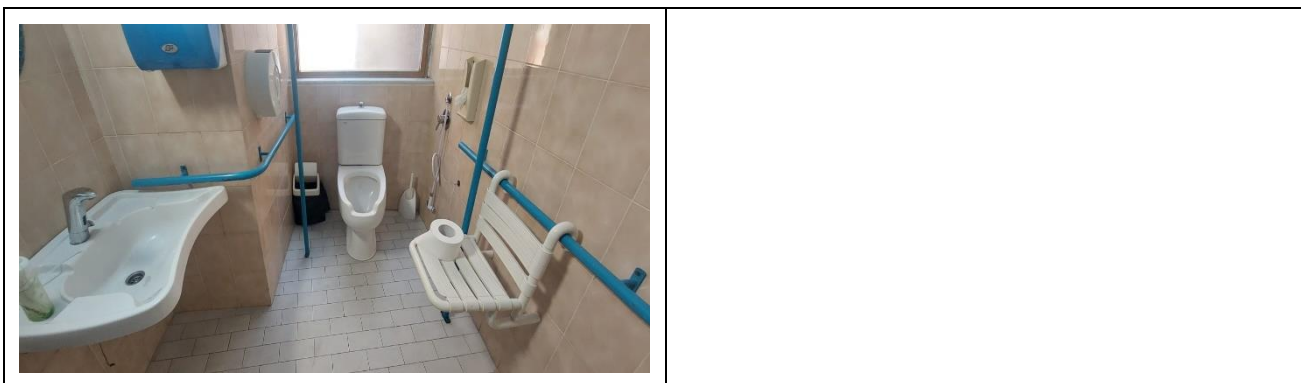
Number of accessible toilets for guests with reduced mobility	There are no toilets inside that are accessible to guests with reduced mobility
Distance Accessible public toilet (extra charge)	300 meters
Bathroom location	Via delle Prigioni 3





How to access the premises	via ramp single length 140 cm, width 100 cm, slope greater than 8%
Usable width of the entrance door	Above 90 cm
Toilet height	52 cm
Toilet seat with open front tooth	YES
Support handles	to the right of the toilet
Flexible shower on the side of the toilet	YES
Free space on the sides of the toilet	left 50 cm right 46 cm frontal Above 90 cm
Electric doorbell/telephone	NO
Washbasin with space underneath for wheelchair approach	65 cm
Height from the ground lower edge mirror	not sufficient for use by a person in a wheelchair
Baby changing table	YES
Eventual notes	Floor level shower with seat and grab bars





Medical practices/healthcare facilities

Hospitals near the property	S. Maria Maddalena Volterra Hospital, Borgo San Lazzero 5, Tel +39 0588 91911
Other healthcare facilities	Azienda Usi Volterra Borgo San Lazzero 5, Tel +39 0588 91822 Pronto soccorso at Ospedale Tel +39 0588 91701 Dialysis service on holiday Tel +39 0588 91782 at the Hospital

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