



Cultural Site Fact Sheet

Cultural site name	CHURCH OF SAN MICHELE IN FORO
Type of site	Church
Address	Piazza San Michele
City	Lucca
Contacts	Tel. +39 0583-53576
Website	
WCAG 2.1 compliant accessible website	Choose an item.

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Description

The Church of San Michele is located in the square of the same name in the historic center of Lucca where in the past the area of the ancient **Roman Forum was concentrated**, the fulcrum of the city and a place of meetings and trade. Until 1370, in the communal period, Piazza San Michele was the seat of the meetings of the **Consiglio Maggiore**, the largest legislative body of Lucca.

Documented for the first time in 795 with the name *ad foro*, the current church was erected starting in 1070 at the behest of **Pope Alexander II**.

It is a Gothic-style basilica with Romanesque motifs and structured with a Latin cross plan.

On the façade stands the large marble statue of the archangel Michael, with wings and metal sheets in the act of destroying a dragon with a spear. On the sides there are two angels.

The church has three naves, transept and semicircular apse; on the southern transept of the building stands the bell tower built starting from the twelfth century

General information

Opening and closing period	Open daily
Times	from 07.40 to 12.00 and from 15.00 to 18.00
Ticket cost	Free admission
Online purchase	
Tourist information	IAT Tourist Office Porta San Donato vecchia - piazzale Verdi tel. (+39) 0583 583150



Arrival at the property

Private/public parking

Presence of private parking	NO
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Presence of parking space reserved for people with disabilities	NO
Public parking nearby	YES
Type of flooring in the public car park	asphalt
Presence of parking space reserved for people with disabilities	YES in Piazzale Verdi 500 m away and Corte dei Portici 80 m away
Eventual notes	
	
Piazzale Verdi	Court of the Porticoes

Route from the car park to the entrance

The property can be reached from the car park	flat
There are indicators and tactile maps	NO
There is an accessible entrance	YES secondary entrance
How to access the site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> from Piazza San Michele it can be reached via a first ramp 223 cm long and 447 cm wide, with a slope of 13% and paving in stone slabs, in some places with an irregular surface (it is advisable to be careful); churchyard accessible via 2 steps that can be overcome via an aluminum





	<p>ramp, located at the end on the left side, length 435 cm width 91 cm, slope 8.5%; Past the entrance door, with a small step 2 cm high, there is a downhill ramp, length 158 cm, width 190 cm and slope 8.5%</p>
<p>Useful width of door/entrance gate</p>	<p>Above 90 cm</p>
<p>Type of door</p>	<p>with 2 doors that can be opened inwards</p>
<p>Eventual notes</p>	



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Itineraries

Presence of maps	NO
Tactile indicators and tactile maps	NO
Presence of didactic panels	YES
Video guides	NO
Touch models and touchable artworks/replicas	NO
Multimedia workstations accessible from a seated position	NO
Routes dedicated to children	NO
Stopping points	YES
Route spread over several floors	NO
How to access the rooms	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> flat





	<p>The path inside is accessible on the flat and free of obstacles.</p> <p>The interior has three naves on columns and the structure is covered by a barrel vault.</p> <p>Under the main altar of the basilica is preserved and venerated the body of San Davino Armeno, who died in Lucca on June 3, 1050.</p>
	<p>Among the works preserved inside is the <i>Madonna and Child</i>, glazed terracotta by Luca della Robbia,</p>

Services

Additional elements

Guided tours for groups	NO
Guided tours for individuals	NO
Activities for children and families	NO
Guided tours with trained staff	<input type="checkbox"/> in sign language





	<input type="checkbox"/> for visitors with reduced mobility <input type="checkbox"/> in Facilitated Language (AAC)
Eventual notes	

Toilets for guests with reduced mobility

Number of accessible toilets for guests with reduced mobility	Public toilet in via Pescheria at 170 meters
Location	ground floor
How to access the premises	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> via short connecting ramp
Type of door	external glass entrance door with lever handle, width > 80 cm, The entrance door to the equipped toilets, with leaf, has a net opening > 90 cm and internal bar handle
Toilet seat with open front tooth	YES
Support handles	on both sides
Flexible shower on the side of the toilet	YES
Free space on the sides of the toilet	left 30 cm right Above 90 cm frontal Above 90 cm
Washbasin with space underneath	Above 65 cm
Mirror bottom edge height	100 cm
Eventual notes	





Medical practices/healthcare facilities

Hospitals near the property	Ospedale San Luca Via Guglielmo Lippi Francesconi, 556, 55100 Lucca LU tel +39 0583970111
Other healthcare facilities	Medical Guard inside the Citadel of Health "Campo di Marte", Building C, ground floor, entrance from via Teodoro Borgognoni, side of the Church of San Marco Tel. 0583 9701 from Monday to Friday from 20.00 to 8.00 Saturday and Sunday 24h

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