



## Cultural Site Fact Sheet

Cultural site name	MUSEUM OF ANCIENT SHIPS OF PISA
Type of site	Museum
Address	Lungarno Ranieri Simonelli 16
City	Pisa
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Website	<a href="https://www.navidipisa.it/">https://www.navidipisa.it/</a>
WCAG 2.1 compliant accessible website	NO

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## Description

The exhibition of The Ancient Ships of Pisa winds through the majestic rooms and bays of the **Medici Arsenals, on the Pisan Lungarno**.

The Arsenals were born almost four centuries ago, at the behest of **Grand Duke Cosimo I de' Medici**. The Grand Duke wanted to consolidate his **naval power** and resurrect the ancient glories of the **Pisan Maritime Republic**

He also founded the **Military Order of the Knights of St. Stephen** and a large part of **their fleet was built right at the Medici Arsenals**

The Knights had the task of countering Saracen expansion in the Mediterranean, as well as **protecting the trade routes**, ravaged by the **danger of Turkish pirates**.

**In the eighteenth century the Arsenals were converted into cavalry barracks**

## General information

Opening and closing period	All year round except holidays
Times	Tuesday   Wednesday   Thursday   Friday 8.30 a.m.-2.00 p.m. Saturday   Sunday   holidays 2.00 p.m.-7.30 p.m.
Ticket cost	10 euros – free admission for the person with disabilities and the accompanying person
Online purchase	NO

## Arrival at the property

### Private/public parking

Presence of private parking	NO
Public parking nearby	YES
Type of flooring in the public car park	asphalt
Presence of parking space reserved for people with disabilities	YES. 3 parking spaces in Lungarno Simonelli, one at 10 meters and the other 2 at 100 meters, other parking spaces at the back of the structure





Eventual notes	
	

### Route from the car park to the entrance

The property can be reached from the car park	Through
There are indicators and tactile maps	NO
There is an accessible entrance	YES main entrance
How to access the site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> main entrance accessible from the street via a concrete ramp and access to the flat interior
Useful width of door/entrance gate	Above 90 cm






## Reception and ticket office

How to access	Accessible ticket office and reception
Priority access for visitors with disabilities	YES
Orientation signs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Signage with contrasting icons and colors to provide information on accessibility  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Orientation signs according to the ISO23601 Safety Identification – Escape and Evacuation Plan Signs  <input type="checkbox"/> directional signs placed at 140/170 cm with contrasting colors  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Signs identifying rooms and paths placed at 140/190 cm with contrasting colors
Type of information material	<input type="checkbox"/> Braille guides <input type="checkbox"/> guides in large print <input type="checkbox"/> Facilitated Language Guides (AAC)





	<input type="checkbox"/> Touch audio guide <input type="checkbox"/> video guides in LIS or subtitles <input type="checkbox"/> tactile maps <input type="checkbox"/> QR code <input type="checkbox"/> imapp
A cloakroom accessible to visitors with motor disabilities is available	YES with lockers
Multilingual staff	YES
The staff followed a training course on welcoming people with different disabilities	NO
Presence of sign language interpreters	NO
Reception counter height	108 cm
The following aids are available for visitors with disabilities	<input type="checkbox"/> manual wheelchair <input type="checkbox"/> Crutches <input type="checkbox"/> Magnifier <input type="checkbox"/> Tablet with pre-installed app
	<p>The ticket office is located on the right, as soon as you enter, in front of the entrance that leads to the reception and the museum and is accessible via a 150 centimeter long ramp, with a 10.5% slope, equipped with handrails on both sides. The entrance door has two leaves with a useful width of more than 80 cm</p>





<p>Eventual notes</p>	

**Itineraries**

Presence of maps	YES
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	YES





<p>Routes dedicated to children</p>	<p>NO</p>
<p>Stopping points</p>	<p>YES</p>
<p>Route spread over several floors</p>	<p>NO</p>
<p>Bulletin board/information panels and captions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> captions placed 95 cm from the ground</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shadow-free fonts and serifs</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> easy-to-read text (AAC)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Braille or relief panel positioned 60-100 cm from the ground</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The works on display are described in great detail on signs with black writing on a white background</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Panels also written in English</li> </ul>





The exhibition of the Ancient Ships of Pisa takes place inside the rooms and bays of the Medici Arsenals of Pisa, accessible on the flat and without obstacles. The museum is divided into eight sections. All rooms are accessible on a flat floor and free of obstacles.

- I The city between the two rivers
- II. Land and waters
- III. The fury of the waters
- IV. Navalia
- V. Ships
- VI. Trade
- VII. Navigation
- VIII. Life on board



In the museum we can admire an **incredible series of shipwrecks** in an exceptional state of preservation, with their **loads of commercial products and the testimonies of life on board**.

In the "minor" rooms along the corridor, **the horse boxes are maintained**, still complete with drinking troughs and gates, dating back to the 700s, when the Arsenals were converted into **cavalry barracks**.





	<p><b>I The city between the two rivers</b> The first room of the Museum is dedicated to the history of the city of Pisa between archaeology and legend, its development up to the Etruscan phase first and then the Roman phase, the arrival of the Lombards.</p>
	<p><b>II Land and water</b> The relationship of the city with the territory and water: floods, the organization of the territory between canals and centuriations, the Port of Pisa, quarries and ceramic workshops, fishing, agriculture, timber. The exceptional discovery in 1998, the excavation and restoration site of the Roman Ships of Pisa</p>
	<p><b>III The Fury of the Waters</b> The plain of Pisa was subject to disastrous floods for centuries: thanks to archaeological excavations they have made it possible to reconstruct in detail a centuries-old history made up of ships, finds, stories of life and trade.</p>





#### IV. Navalia

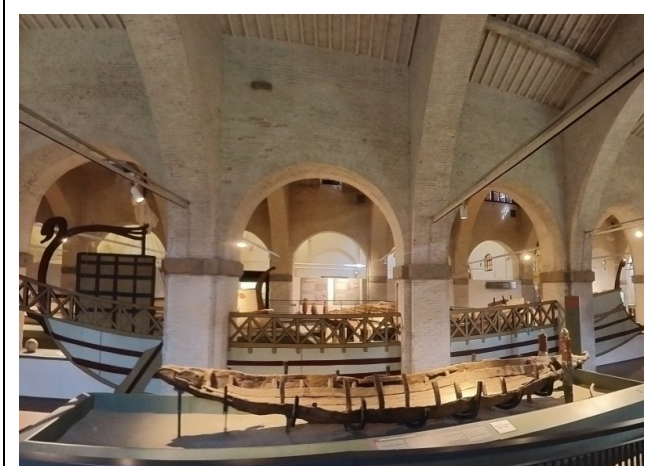
Not only the place where ships were built, sheltered and repaired (the arsenals), but the ships as a whole: how ships were built in the ancient world and how they are built now, modern excavation and recovery techniques and the restoration of archaeological wood.

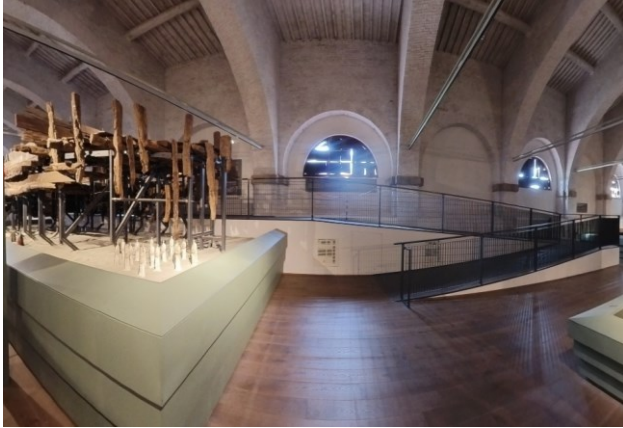
Reconstruction of the excavation site of ship A.



#### V. Ships

The exhibition of ships and their cargo and equipment, which occupies two bays of the arsenals, is divided into two parts: the first span is dedicated to ships from the open sea, the second to boats from inland waters. Exhibition of the Alkedo and its life-size reconstruction, the barges and the ferries from the river: ship D and ship I, and a ship from Spain





To allow visitors to admire the wrecks of ancient ships from above, ramps have been installed in this photo we have a double ramp interrupted by a rest shelf, of which the first ramp is 7 m long and a second ramp 9 m long, both equipped with handrails and with a slope of 10.5%, width greater than 90 cm



### VI. Trade

People travel by sea also and above all for trade: the main object are transport amphorae, the containers of almost all the products that were sold in the ancient world: luxury goods, marbles, fine table ceramics and all the amphorae known in Pisa on a single wall



### VII. Navigation

Roman ships, rowing and with square sails; The shipyard has returned considerable parts of the sail, which allow the complex system that was the basis of the structure of the sails to be reconstructed with great reliability. One of the finds: the ship's wooden anchor.

### VIII. Life on board

This section describes the various aspects of life as a sailor: clothing, luggage, how people cooked and ate





## Services

### Additional elements

Guided tours for groups	YES For reservations: tel. +39 050 47029 <a href="mailto:prenotazioni@navidipisa.it">prenotazioni@navidipisa.it</a> Monday – Friday 9.30 am - 5.30 pm Compulsory radio guides rental € 2.00 per person at the bookshop
Guided tours for individuals	YES by reservation: tel. +39 050 47029 <a href="mailto:prenotazioni@navidipisa.it">prenotazioni@navidipisa.it</a>
Activities for children and families	YES for schools
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)
Accessible bookshop	YES with guides in several languages, a bookshop specializing in archaeology and the history of the excavations and restoration of the Roman Ships of Pisa
Eventual notes	

### Toilets for guests with reduced mobility

Number of <b>accessible toilets</b> for guests with reduced mobility	1
Location	On the ground floor
How to access the premises	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> flat
Usable width of the entrance door	Main external door width of more than 90 cm and toilet room door width of 89 cm





Toilet height	50 cm
Toilet seat with open front tooth	YES
Support handles	Missing
Flexible shower on the side of the toilet	YES
Free space on the sides of the toilet	left Above 90 cm right 25 cm frontal Above 90 cm
Electric doorbell/telephone	YES
Washbasin with space underneath for wheelchair approach	Above 65 cm
Height from the ground lower edge mirror	Missing mirror
Baby changing table	YES





## Medical practices/healthcare facilities

Hospitals near the property	<p><b>Cisanello Hospital</b> Emergency Room 050 992300 (it is active from 8.00 in the morning to 01.00 at night, after this time the Emergency Room can be contacted through the switchboard) Toll-free number 800.015877 Switchboard 050.992111</p> <p><b>S. Chiara Hospital</b> Via Savi Pisa</p>
Other healthcare facilities	<p><b>Dialysis services on holiday</b> in the period June – September, with 6 beds (Monday, Wednesday. Friday) in the evening (18.00-24.00) tel. 0039 050 997250 – 997253 – 997256 <a href="mailto:nefrotrap.pisa@ao-pisa.toscana.it">nefrotrap.pisa@ao-pisa.toscana.it</a></p>

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