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Internet

www.comune.pisa.it
www.pisaonline.it
www.provincia.pisa.it

Newspapers

La Nazione
Il Tirreno
Corriere della Sera
La Repubblica
La Stampa
Il Sole24ore

Emergency numbers

Carabinieri: 112
Police: 113
Fire brigade: 115
Ambulance: 118

Tourist information

Tourist Information Centres:
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Piazza Duomo (inside the Opera del Duomo Museum)
+39 050 560 464
Pisa Galilei Airport (arrivals area)
+39 050 503 700
Booking office:
Consorzio Turistico Area Pisana - c/o tourist bus parking
Via Pietrasantina, Pisa
Tel. +39 050 830 253

PISA

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Pisa is strategically located in the central part of Italy. It is only 12 km from the Ligurian Sea, 20 km from the harbour of Livorno and the ferries heading to the Elba Island, Sardinia and Corsica, 80 km from Florence. This city is closely associated with the Leaning Tower. But Pisa also preserves, with the whole complex of Piazza dei Miracoli - cultural patrimony of all humanity - and its medieval centre, numerous masterpieces of architecture and medieval history. The area around Pisa is also excellent for farm-holidays, trekking, beaches and water sports on the Versilian coast.

THE CITY



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You say Pisa, and you immediately think of the Leaning Tower, one of the most famous monuments in the world. But Pisa is not just its tower - the city also boasts the extraordinary complex of buildings known as the Piazza dei Miracoli, with its magnificent cathedral and baptistry. Step away from the Tower and you'll discover the old town with palaces from Renaissance, medieval tower-houses, churches in Romanesque and Gothic style, narrow pebbled streets leading to the River Arno. Enjoy the scenery of the lungarni (embankments), or step into the Botanic Gardens (one of the oldest in Europe, recently restored).

Pisa was the birthplace of Gailileo Galilei and hosts an important university, founded in 1338, and the Scuola Normal Superiore, opened in 1813. As an Etruscan settlement and a Roman town, Pisa formed part of the Longobardo Kingdom, and then of the Carolingio Empire before becoming part of Italy after 1861. The medieval period coincided with the peak of Pisa's economic and political power. Pisa was one of the four Italian coastal republics until it was annexed to the Ducato of Tuscany in 1406.

Pisa is the starting point to discover the province, with its unspoilt and well-preserved landscape. Do not miss a visit to Volterra (65 km), on the way to San Gimignano, or to San Miniato (50 km) on the way to Florence.



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DO & SEE



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The boat service in Pisa (operating from April to October) will let you enjoy the architectural scenery of the embankments or the natural beauty of the nearby San Rossore Regional Park. In the Natural Park lies the racecourse—the gallop season goes from October to March.

Pisa celebrates traditional events such as the fascinating “Luminara,” the historical Regatta on the Arno and the contest “Gioco del Ponte” in June. An alternative is the Festival of International Sacred Music, “Anima Mundi,” taking place in September - October in the Cathedral and Monumental Cemetery.

Torre Pendente (Leaning Tower of Pisa)

The Tower of Pisa is the bell tower of the Cathedral. Its construction began in 1173 and continued for over two centuries. It has a lean of 5,4 metres.

Address: piazza dei Miracoli
Phone: +39 050560547
Internet: www.opapisa.it

Duomo and Baptistery Battistero

Monuments and museums belong to the Opera Primaziale Pisana, founded in the 12th century to build and supervise the works of the monuments in the so-called Miracles' Square, because of the architectural and artistic beauty.

The Cathedral was first built 1064, when Pisa was the most powerful sea-based republic in the Western Mediterranean. In 1152, the construction of the Baptistery began and was completed in gothic style a century later. Since 1987 the monumental complex has been awarded by UNESCO as World Heritage.

In addition to monuments conservation and restoration, the Opera Primaziale Pisana promotes events such as the Festival of Sacred Music "Anima Mundi" (Sept-Oct) and "Concerts under the Tower" (Jun-July). Museums and monuments are open all the year, except on 25th December and 1st January.

Address: Piazza Duomo
Phone: +39 050 387 2210
Internet: www.opapisa.it

Camposanto (Holy Yard)

The Italian word "camposanto" (holy yard) - which is synonym of 'cemetery' - was first used with reference to this Pisan building because, according to the legend, it contained soil which was seen as miraculous due to its origins in the Holy Land.

Address: Piazza dei Miracoli
Phone: +39 050560547
Internet: www.opapisa.it

Museo dell'Opera del Duomo (Cathedral Museum)

This museum contains works which previously adorned the buildings in the Piazza dei Miracoli.

Address: Piazza Arcivescovado 6
Phone: +39 050565047
Internet: www.opapisa.it

Museo Nazionale di San Matteo

Housed in the 13th century former Benedictine monastery, the museum keeps works from the main religious buildings of the city. Remarkable are the collections of 14th- and 15th-century: the Pisan sculpture and a collection of paintings consisting of nearly 200 works from the Tuscan school. The picture gallery keeps paintings by Italian and foreign artists dating until 18th century, ecclesiastical vestments and liturgical gold-works.

Address: Piazza San Matteo in Soarta, Lungarno Mediceo
Opening hours: Tue-Sat 8.30-19.00 / Sun 8.30-13.30 . Closed Mondays.
Phone: +39 050 541 865

Piazza dei Cavalieri

The beautiful Piazza dei Cavalieri was the political center of the Pisan Republic. During the 16th century, it was radically transformed by Giorgio Vasari and became the seat of the new military order of the Knights of St. Stephen. The square is dominated by the Palazzo della Carovana, whose facade is completely covered in graffiti, and today hosts the Scuola Normale Superiore, founded by Napoleon in 1810.

Address: Piazza dei Cavalieri

Museo Nazionale di Palazzo Reale

The National Museum was prepared in 1989 to host numerous works of art belonging to the courts of the city government, such as the Medici, Lorena and Savoia, as well as some private collections. The building still keeps the appearance of an aristocratic residence, with fittings and furniture from the 17th to 19th centuries.

Address: Lungarno Pacinotti, 46
Phone: +39 050 926 511

Orto Botanico

The Botanical Garden was established in 1544 as the first university botanical garden in Europe, and entrusted to the famous botanist Luca Ghini. The garden is divided into sections containing the botanical school, gardens, ponds, greenhouses, and

various buildings. Major collections include herb gardens and arboreta, as well as the old botany institute of late 16th century, with a facade ornamented with sea-shells.

Address: Via Luca Ghini, 5
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8.30-17.00

Cantiere delle Navi antiche di Pisa (Ancient Ships Working Site)

In 1998, during the works carried out in the area around Pisa San Rossore Station, the remains of the ancient port in Pisa were brought to light. At a depth of circa 5 meters, an impressive series of 18 ship wrecks placed one on top of the other emerged, dating from the Roman Period.

Address: Via Ranuccio Bianchi Bandinelli
Phone: +39 055 512 1919 (booking)
Internet: www.navipisa.it

I Lungarni (The "Lungarni" Quays or riversides)

For centuries these quays were the heart of the city. Until the 19th century they were covered with piers and docks. These were later destroyed to reinforce the banks. The "Lungarni" boast a succession of beautiful buildings, interrupted by five bridges.

The Jewish Cemetery

Just outside Piazza Duomo lies one of the oldest Hebrew cemeteries in Europe (1648). The cemetery presents an extraordinary historical artistic repertoire: from the parallelepiped burial mounds of Hebrew tradition dating from 17th to 18th centuries to the Liberty styles dating from the 19th and 20th centuries.

Address: Via Cammeo

San Rossore Natural Park and Estate

The Regional Park covers over 24.000 hectares situated along the coast from Viareggio to Livorno. At the Visitor Center of Cascine Vecchie tourists can find booklets and brochures about San Rossore Park and Estate. Guided visits on foot, by bike, by coach and by

train.

Address: Parco Rosso
Internet: www.parcosanrossore.org

City Bus Sightseeing

For a great view of Pisa try the Pisa City Bus Sightseeing tours. Choose between Line A (old town) and Line B (old town and San Rossore Nature Park).

Internet: www.pisa.city-sightseeing.it

EATING



© Lucia Restaurant

In Pisa you can find typical meat-based and fish-based Tuscan cuisine. You should try the characteristic chickpea soup together with the so-called sciocco (unsalted) bread and the famous local olive oil. Homemade pasta is another must.

L'Artifafo

Trendy and typical Tuscan cuisine but the menu also contains creative dishes such as pea-pancake, salmon and cream, goose foie gras with radishes and orange jelly. Good choice of cheese and extensive wine list.

Address: Via S. Martino, 33
Phone: +39 050 270 10
Internet: www.lartilafafo.it
More Info: Old town

A Casa Mia

This is one of the best restaurants of Pisa and never too busy due to its location outside the city centre (it's around 2 km from piazza dei Miracoli). The restaurant is to be found in an independent house with a garden. You can eat in the kitchen or in the dining room and

summer time in the garden.

Address: Via Vicarese, 10, Pisa Zona Fontina
Phone: +39 050 879 265
Internet: www.ristoranteacasamia.it

Il Campano

Trattoria Il Campano is situated in an ancient tower with brick walls and a mysterious yet inviting atmosphere. The wine cellar holds more than 400 different brands to complement your meal the best way possible.

Address: Via Cavalca, 19
Phone: +39 050 580585
Internet: www.ilcampano.com

Osteria I Santo

Osteria I Santi is a great choice for a meal after you've visited the famous leaning tower. Take the chance to experience a romantic candle lit Italian dinner with authentic tuscan cuisine.

Address: Via S. Maria, 71
Phone: +39 050 28081
Internet: www.osteria-isanti.com

Ristorante Galileo

Galileo Galilei plays an important and fascinating part of Pisa's history. This restaurant is honoring his memory and has a deep-rooted respect for tradition. You can choose a classic dish or a simple pizza, whichever suits your mood.

Address: Via San Martino 6/8
Phone: +39 050 28287
Internet: www.ristorantegalileo.com

CAFES



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Salza

Salza opened in 1926, and is the oldest and maybe the best cake shop in Pisa, offering a very good choice of pastries, chocolate and ice cream. Try the soft panforte (a typical Tuscan cake) and, if you want an original gift, you could even take home a Leaning Tower made of chocolate. Salza also opens as a lunchtime restaurant from 12.00 to 15.00.

Address: Borgo Stretto 44
Phone: +39 050 580 244
Internet: www.salza.it

Gelateria De' Coltelli

Italian Gelato was invented in the 15th century, and is today famous all over the world. In Pisa, this is a great place to try it, as they use fresh fruit in the makings of this popular ice cream.

Address: Lungarno Pacinotti, 23
Phone: +39 345 48 11903
Internet: www.decoltelli.it

Brasserie La Loggia

Wine is hugely popular in Italy, but at this specific brasserie, beer is more in focus, they have more than 40 different kinds of beer to choose from. Any pastry, canapé or sandwich will taste better with an ice cold beer.

Address: Piazza Vittorio Emanuele II
Phone: +39 339 72 83 010

Internet: www.barlaloggia.it

Coccio Bar

An excellent venue for breakfast and lunch with a generous menu containing coffee, salads, sandwiches and other typical café food.

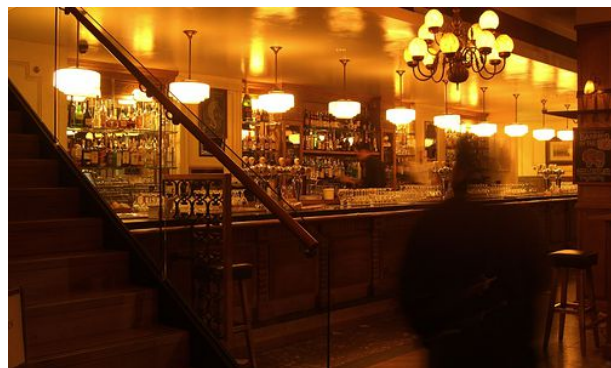
Address: Via S. Maria 86

Bazeel

This is a well known gathering place in Pisa in the middle of the city. They have breakfast, lunch, snacks and amazing italian coffee.

Address: Piazza Garibaldi
Phone: +39 340 2881113
Internet: www.bazeel.it

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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Before going to dinner, don't miss the apéritivo bars (which are usually open 18.30-21.30). The early-evening drink has become a must in Italy for both young and old people. It's also an easy way to meet people. The real place for night-life is on the Versilia coast, just 10 km from the city, the most famous discos are in Viareggio or Forte dei Marmi. Pisa does however boast some decent places to listen to live music and for dancing.

La Borsa

As one of the most fashionable place for young people and in particular university students, the tables outside are always packed.

Address: Piazza V. Emanuele II, 1
Phone: +39 050 24510
Internet: www.labora.it

Borderline

Live music two times a week. On Mondays there is a 'jam session' (which means that anyone can turn up and play) and on Thursdays there are concerts with Italian and international groups. On Fridays and Saturdays, the place specialises in disco rock. Smokers' room available.

Address: Via Giuseppe Vernaccini, 7
More Info: Near Teatro Verdi

Sunset Café

A nice place on the beach in Tirrenia, highly recommended for its candle-lit romantic atmosphere. Customers sit on mats in front of the sea.

Address: Viale del Tirreno, 4, Tirrenia
Phone: +39 050 36857
Internet: www.sunset-cafe.it

Bazeel

A trendy place for young people, right in the city centre. Fridays and Saturdays DJ music, Thursdays and Sundays live music.

Address: Lungarno Pacinotti 1
Phone: +39 340 2881113
Internet: www.bazeel.it

Boccaccio Club

Trendy disco with five different dance floors in Calcinaiia, outside Pisa. Refresh yourself with a glamorous cocktail in between dance battles.

Address: Via Del Tiglio, 143, Calcinaiia
Phone: +39 0587 2970
Internet: www.boccaccio.it

SHOPPING



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The area around the Tower is packed with tacky souvenir shops - ignore them and walk to Corso Italia and the Borgo Stretto, the two main shopping streets in Pisa. Here you will find all kinds of Italian fashion shops. The cheapest brands are in Corso Italia, and the most well-known and elegant stores lie in the medieval Borgo Stretto.

Two other streets, via Mercanti and Via dei Rigattieri, boast many excellent shops. All around the centre of the city there are dealers who sell old books and paintings.

If you are interested in antiques and old furniture, the Fiera dell'antiquariato e artigianato artistico (Antique and craft fair), which is held in Via Santa Maria, Piazza Felice Cavallotti, Via dei Mille, Via Corsica, Piazza dei Cavalieri and Via Ulisse Dini every second Saturday and Sunday of the month (except August and July), is highly recommended.

Another place you must visit is the Mercato delle vettovaglie (fruit and food market, in Piazza delle Vettovaglie) which is over a hundred years old, and is open from Mondays to Fridays.

SLEEPING



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Hotel Relais dell'Orologio

The architecture of this very elegant hotel is that of a fourteenth century tower. The rooms are spacious and decorated with charm and the attic provides a peaceful refuge with a warm fireplace and a library.

Address: Via della Faggiola, 12/14
Phone: +39 050 830 361
Internet: www.hotelrelaisorologio.com

Grand Hotel Duomo

This hotel has 94 modern rooms. In addition, there is a restaurant, an American bar and roof garden with views of the main city monuments.

- "Large, elegant, and only 50 meters from the Leaning Tower, the Grand Hotel Duomo offers a magnificent view of Piazza dei Miracoli (Miracle Square)."

Address: Via S.Maria, 94
Phone: +39 050 561 894
Internet: www.grandhotelduomo.it

Agriturismo Green Farm

An agri-tourist farm in the beautiful nature reserve of Migliarino, San Rossore, Massaciuccoli, just 5 km from Pisa. Only organic home grown fruit and vegetables are served here.

Address: Via Vecchia Pietrasantina, 11, Madonna dell'Acqua
Phone: +39 050 890 671
Internet: www.agriturismogreenfarm.com

Hotel Bologna

Restored 4-star hotel in the old town, near the railway station. A very favorable hotel whether you travel in business or pleasure, with all the amenities you could possibly ask for and easy access to the city's sights and activities.

Address: Via Mazzini, 57
Phone: +39 050 502 120
Internet: www.hotelbologna.pisa.it

Hotel Alessandro della Spina

Located in a converted villa, just a stone's throw from the train station. Enjoy a gorgeous breakfast buffet with home-baked bread and croissants in a lovely house with a peaceful garden out back.

Address: Via Alessandro Della Spina, 5/7/9
Phone: +39 050 502 777
Internet: www.hoteldellaspina.it

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Airport

Pisa International Airport "Galilei" is located only 1 km from Pisa Centrale Railway Station and the town centre. The airport has a railway terminal outside the departure hall. Passengers can buy railway tickets at the information office (check-in hall). Direct railway lines connect the airport to Florence and Pisa Centrale Station.

CPT (Compagnia Pisana Trasporti) connects the Airport to Pisa town centre every 20 minutes by LAM bus marked in red colour. The bus terminus lies outside the Departure area. The LAM bus crosses the Arno river over Ponte Solferino, drives to the Miracles' Square and the Leaning Tower with stops at Pisa Centrale Railway Station, Piazza Vittorio Emanuele, Riversides, Hospital.

Phone: +39 050 849 300
Internet: www.pisa-airport.com

Public Transport

Pisa is a small city, hence the best way to see it is on foot. The company which operates Pisa's local transport system is CPT (Compagnia Pisana Trasporti) and its information office is in Piazza S. Antonio, 1.

Bus fare in town network, up to 5 km: € 1 ticket valid one hour, ticket on board a bus € 1,75. Tickets can be purchased at the airport, tobacconist's, newsagent's, at the bus terminal in Piazza S. Antonio (near Pisa Centrale Railway Station), where bus connections leave to the seaside (Marina di Pisa and Tirrenia), to the surroundings and to Pontedera.

www.cpt.pisa.it

Local, interregional, Intercity and Eurostar trains stop at Pisa Centrale Railway Station, connecting Pisa to the main Tuscan and Italian destinations. Train tickets are sold at the ticket office, for short tracks up to 20 km also at the newsagent's. Self-service ticket machines can also be found in the station.

www.trenitalia.com

Boat services in Pisa:

Navicello boat service offers Pisa Lungarni Tour from April to October, from Wednesdays to Sundays.

Departure and Arrival (circular tour), 1 hours' time.

Tour Natura, from Pisa to San Rossore Nature Park: only Sundays and bank holidays.

Boat service bookings:

+39 050 530 101

www.ilnavicello.it

Taxi

Pisa's main taxi company is Radio Taxi. You can also find cabs near to the most important tourist sites.

Phone: +39 050 541 600

Pharmacy

Pisa's chemists are usually open from Monday to Friday from 08.30 to 12.30 and from 15.30 to 19.30. They have different open hours during nights and weekends. Addresses are posted on the pharmacies.

Dentist

Go to the Clinica odontoiatrica, Ospedale Santa Chiara, via Roma, 67.

Phone: +39 050 992 596

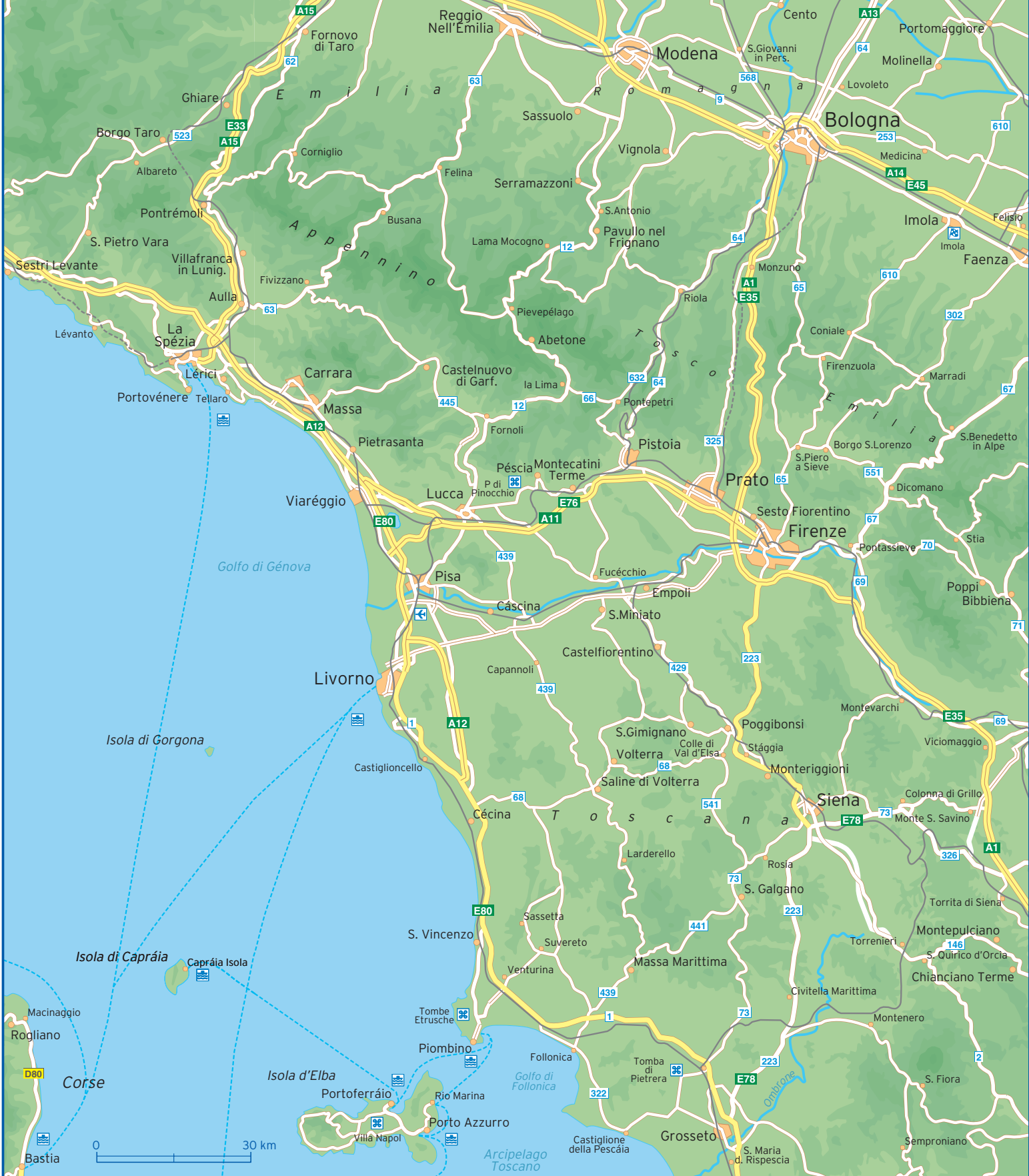
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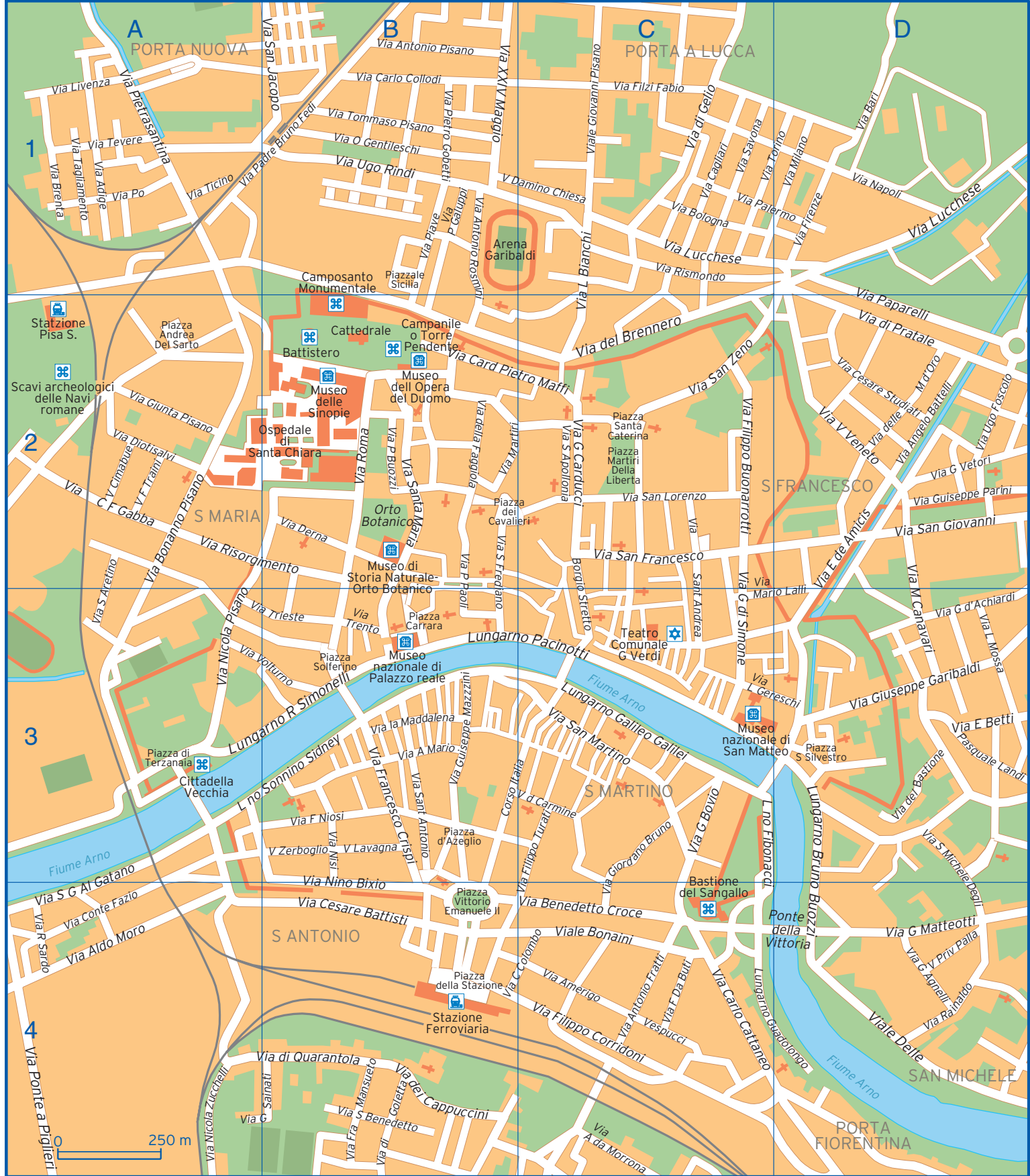
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Piazza Santa Caterina	C2	Via Filzi Fabio	C1	Via Roma	B2
Piazza Vittorio Emanuele II	B4	Via Firenze	D1	Via S Apollonia	C2
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Piazza Solferino	B3	Via Francesco Crispi	B3	Via S Frediano	B2 B3
Ponte della Vittoria	C4 D4	Via G Agnelli	D4	Via S G Al Gatano	A3 A4
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