

Art/Culture

These websites are highly recommended:

www.visittuscany.com

www.tuscanyitaly.info

Festivals- Festivals are held throughout Tuscany and the Garfagnana region during holiday celebrations and celebrating the season or town specialties. Here are a few websites to look for festivals. Local news will have listings. You can find a festival every weekend in the area. Ask locals.

<https://www.festivals-of-tuscany.com>

<http://www.garfagnanaadventures.com/10.htm>

Tuscany Events Calendar

<https://www.discovertuscany.com/tuscany-events/may-in-tuscany.html>

Barga

<https://www.barganews.com>

Barga Jazz Festival

Barga Jazz is a long-running jazz festival. The Jazz festival features a competition for arrangements and compositions for the Barga Jazz Orchestra.

www.bargajazz.it

Last week of August each year

Barga Opera

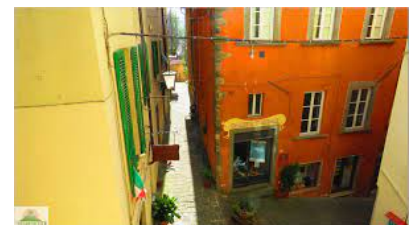
The Opera Barga Festival is an annual opera festival held in July. Founded in 1967 by Peter Hunt and Gillian Armitage together with Peter Gellhorn as musical director and Lorenzo Malfatti.

Galleria Comunale Barga

An art cooperative of local artists with regular openings.

Barga Antiques Market

Every second Sunday of each month in this medieval village.



Lucca

Lucca Concert Series

<https://www.summer-festival.com>

The *Lucca Summer Festival*, takes annually place in July and always welcomes some of the most popular and renowned musicians, singers and bands of any time, coming from all around the world. A series of dates with high quality music always draws people coming from all Italy and Europe. , their exclusive Italian or European date. **Piazza Napoleone** is the place where usually concerts are held, but sometimes artists are welcomed to perform also in **Piazza Anfiteatro** (I happened to see a Patty Smith's concert many years ago). A whole month of great music that you shouldn't miss out if you are in Lucca in July.



Lucca Opera

<https://www.luccaoperafestival.com>

Lucca Comics and Games

Held the last weekend of October and is considered one of the most important events dedicated to comics, cartoons, games, video games in all Europe. An exposition area filled with hundreds of stands exposing a bit of everything and an area - actually spread out all over the historical center inside the walls - dedicated to exhibitions, shows, live performances, role playing and board games, historical reenactments of medieval games with people dressed up in costumes of the period, wearing armour and so on.



Lucca Winter Festival

Following on from the Summer Festival, Lucca is also home to the *Winter Festival* that usually takes place from October to December with a wide choice of concerts held in the Teatro del Giglio in Lucca; Gino Paoli and Mario Biondi are some of the artists performing during the past edition.



Lucca Blues Festival. This new festival, is not as popular as the one held in Pistoia (Pistoia Blues) that is taking place for many years now, but it welcomes anyhow blues bands and singers alternating throughout the **second weekend of April at Foro Boario**

Lucca Jazz Donna Held in October, it consists in some great jazz concerts performed principally by women single artists or bands.



Lucca Antique Markets

More than 220 exhibitors from all over Italy participate in the second oldest antique market in Italy. Exhibitors inside the historic center of the city and in piazzas showing the most disparate and interesting objects: from the jewels of every era, to furnishings, to furniture, and then fabrics, antique and modern crockery and tableware, paintings, etchings, posters.

Every third Sunday and Saturday before
http://www.comune.lucca.it/Mercato_Antiquario



Lucca

Climb Torre Guinigi first constructed around the year 1384 by rich silk merchants., 233 steps, oak trees on top and **Torre delle Oro**- 13th century clock tower, 207 steps to the top

Orto Botanico Comunale di **Lucca** is a botanical garden located at Via del **Giardino Botanico**, 14, **Lucca**, Italy, and operated by the city.

Anfiteatro Romano a Roman amphitheatre in ancient times with about 10,000 seats. Today the square in the old town of Lucca, where the Arena used to be, is one of the most beautiful squares in Tuscany, with shops, restaurants and events.

Walk or bicycle the top of the medieval walls, 2.5 miles(4km), 12M high. Bikes and carts can be rented at main entrances to city.



Cathedral and San Michele in Foro, San Frediano Roman Catholic cathedral dedicated to Saint Martin of Tours in Lucca, Italy. It is the seat of the Archbishop of Lucca. Construction was begun in 1063 by Bishop Anselm.

Villa Puccini Museum the residence of Giacomo Puccini (the famous composer born in Lucca) who had chosen to live on the shores of Lake Massaciuccoli, a place he particularly loved for his beauty and tranquility. Today it is the seat of the **Villa Puccini Museum**, managed by the heirs of the *Maestro* and open to the public.



National Museum with the works of art produced by artists born in Lucca and foreigners artists that worked in the city for the private or Church commissions. The core of the collection are the paintings who were originally Church property combined by the finds from excavations in the city, new acquisitions, gifts and deposits of various entities. In the late Gothic Villa, which was the home of Paolo Guinigi, Lord of Lucca in the first thirty years of the fifteenth Century (1400-1430) the exhibition traces the history of the city: from the eighth century BC of the archaeological collection, to the paintings of the late eighteenth century.

The Aqueduct of Nottolini
<http://www.luccamuseinazionali.it>



Borgo Mozzano Devils Bridge

Ponte della Maddalena is a bridge crossing the Serchio river near the town of Borgo a Mozzano in the Italian province of Lucca. The bridge was built first in the 11th century, under the powerful Matilda di Canossa who was ruling over northern and central Italy.



Fortezza Verrucole and Festival

The hamlet of Verrucole rises at the center of the high Garfagnana Valley and its castle, also known as Fortress, is considered the most important medieval testimony of this area. Built in 1285. Abandoned for years and reduced to ruins and overgrown with vegetation, so much degraded to fear a definitive collapse of the structures, the castle of Verrucole is today opened to the public after a six years of careful restoration that have brought it back to its ancient scenic beauty.

Via del Forte, 55038 San Romano in Garfagnana +39 3792415958

Check for hours and events.

<https://www.fortezzaverrucolearchepark.it>



Hermitage of Calomini

Località Eremo di Calomini, 5, Fabbriche di Vergemoli +39 3058376700

The Hermitage of Calomini is an ancient religious place found in the Garfagnana, along the road which leads to the town of Vergemoli, beyond Galliciano, located at the base of a large overhanging wall about 70 meters high, is built to within 15 meters of rock.



Montecarlo

Wine region and tours. A lovely wine region of Northern Tuscany.
<https://www.visittuscany.com/en/food/montecarlo-doc/>



Collodi

Pinocchio Park and Garzoni Garden
Via di S. Gennaro, 3 Collodi +39 0572429342
www.pinocchio.it



Carnivale di Viareggio

Viareggio Carnival is one of the most important and famous Carnival in Italy, first organized in 1873! The program lasts **about 15 days**, being the Mardi Gras the last one. In 2022 on February 20th, 24th, 27th and on March 1st, 5th, 12th. ... At the end of the Carnival the winners are elected through a merit ranking.



Pistoia Blues Festival

As every year the city of Pistoia hosts its largest annual event, the **Pistoia Blues Festival**. The music festival, with artists of international renown, returns to *vibrate* the charming town this summer for **5 days starting on July 5th**. The festival is in its 40th year and is organized by the city of Pistoia, the Tuscany Region and the Association Bluesin.

Aqueduct of Nottolini is an aqueduct in Neoclassical Style near the city of Lucca, region of Tuscany, Italy. The 19th-century structure brought water to Lucca from the mountains south of the city through a stone channel supported by more than 400 arches, stretching for over 3 kilometres. It is now interrupted by the east-west autostrada A11 from Florence to Pisa.



Vinci (80 km) is a city in the Italian region of Tuscany and comune of the Metropolitan City of Florence. The birthplace of Renaissance polymath **Leonardo da Vinci** lies just outside the town.

Lajatico (90 km) is a Tuscan charmer with a pretty town center set amidst the cultivated hills between Pisa and Volterra. best known as the home town of tenor **Andrea Bocelli**, he performs, along with other illustrious musicians, once a year. The park is called Il Teatro del Silenzio.



Coming soon.....

More music festivals, local events and museums

