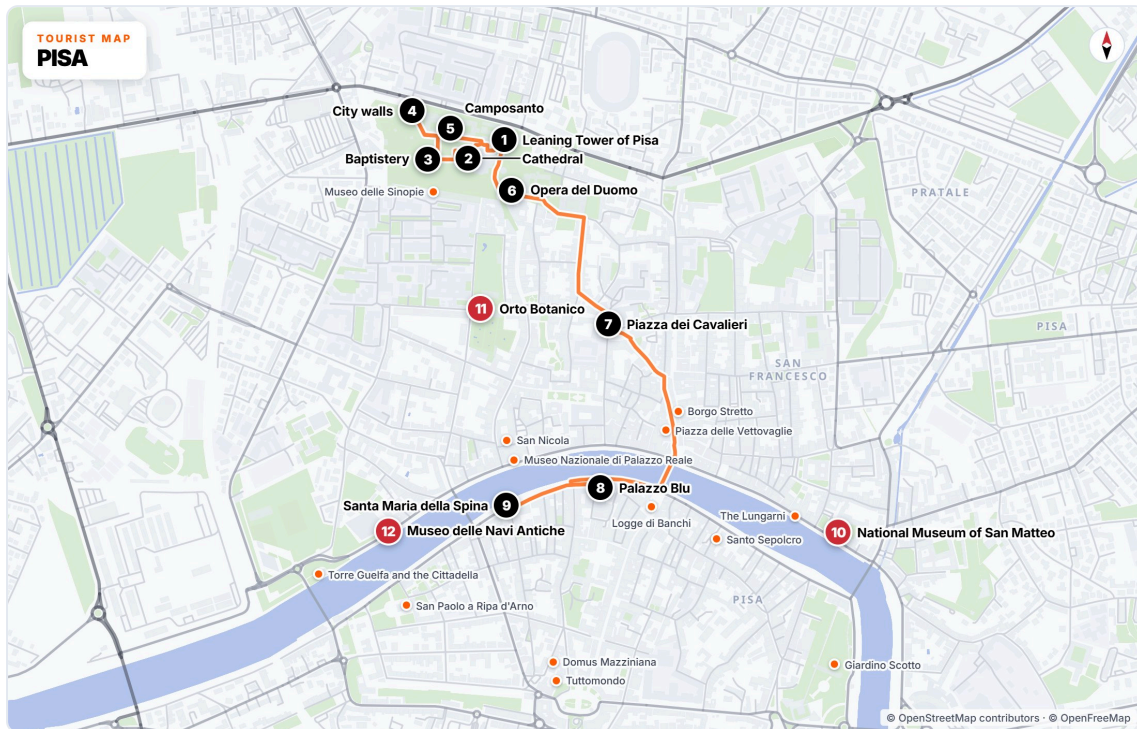


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Pisa Tourist Map

12 top sights, hidden gems and a walking route through the centre. Numbers follow the walking order. Red numbers are worth a separate trip.



● Top sight on the route ● Worth the trip ● Hidden gem — Walking route 2.5 km · 35 min

1 Leaning Tower of Pisa	Piazza del Duomo	7 Piazza dei Cavalieri	Piazza dei Cavalieri
2 Pisa Cathedral	Piazza del Duomo	8 Palazzo Blu	Lungarno Gambacorti
3 Baptistry of San Giovanni	Piazza del Duomo	9 Santa Maria della Spina	Lungarno Gambacorti
4 Mura di Pisa	Torre Santa Maria	10 National Museum of San Matteo	7 min walk along the Arno
5 Camposanto Monumentale	Piazza del Duomo	11 Orto Botanico	5 min walk from the Duomo
6 Museo dell'Opera del Duomo	Piazza del Duomo	12 Museo delle Navi Antiche	5 min walk from the Spina

Getting around

- The centre is small and flat: the route on the map runs east from the Piazza dei Miracoli to Piazza dei Cavalieri, then down Borgo Stretto and over Ponte di Mezzo to Palazzo Blu and Santa Maria della Spina on Lungarno Gambacorti.
- Pisa has no metro. From Pisa Centrale station the walk to the Leaning Tower takes about 25 minutes along Corso Italia, Ponte di Mezzo and Borgo Stretto; Autolinee Toscane bus line 1+, the former LAM Rossa, links the station with the Torre stop by the Piazza dei Miracoli. Pisa San Rossore station is a short walk west of the Piazza, and the PisaMover shuttle runs from the airport to Pisa Centrale.
- Off the route: the National Museum of San Matteo is a 7-minute walk east along the Arno from Ponte di Mezzo, the Orto Botanico a 5-minute walk south of Piazza del Duomo by Via Roma, and the Museo delle Navi Antiche a 5-minute walk from Santa Maria della Spina across Ponte Solferino.
- Paper maps and timetables: the official information points are listed on <https://touristoffice.org/pisa-tourist-office/>

About this map

The sights, photos and descriptions come from touristoffice.org/pisa/, where each sight has opening details, tickets and a longer guide. Addresses come from OpenStreetMap. The walking route was computed with the Valhalla pedestrian profile; its time excludes the visits. Hours and access change, check before you go. Edition: October 2026.

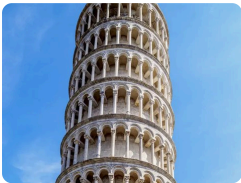
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The 12 top sights

In walking order, with the full address of each one. Red numbers are worth a separate trip: they sit outside the centre, so the line below each one gives the transport to use.



1 Leaning Tower of Pisa Piazza del Duomo

The bell tower of Pisa Cathedral began to lean while it was still being built in the 12th century, because the soft ground beneath it could not carry its weight. It closed to the public in 1990 and reopened in 2001 after stabilisation work. A climb of 273 steps leads to the top, 58.36 metres up, with views over the lawn of the Piazza dei Miracoli and the roofs of the city. The tower, Cathedral, Baptistery and Camposanto together form a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Address Piazza del Duomo, 56126 Pisa

Timed entry; bags go to the cloakroom before the climb, and children who will not turn 8 by the end of the year cannot go up



2 Pisa Cathedral Piazza del Duomo

Pisa Cathedral was founded in 1064 and consecrated in 1118, its Romanesque plan laid out by the architect Buscheto and later extended, facade included, by Rainaldo. Inside, Giovanni Pisano's carved pulpit (1302 to 1310) and the apse mosaic, where Cimabue painted the figure of Saint John the Evangelist, are the highlights. The bronze lamp in the nave is known as Galileo's lamp, after the legend that its swing set him thinking about the pendulum.

Address Piazza del Duomo, 56126 Pisa

Free pass with any Piazza dei Miracoli monuments ticket, or a fixed-time pass from the ticket offices on site; hours can vary on Sundays and religious holidays



3 Baptistery of San Giovanni Piazza del Duomo

Founded on 15 August 1152 under the architect Diotisalvi, the Baptistery of San Giovanni is the largest in Italy, with a circumference of more than 107 metres. Nicola Pisano carved its pulpit in 1260, a work that quickly became a model for others. The double dome gives the interior remarkable acoustics, and every thirty minutes an attendant sings a few notes to let the echo fill the building. A spiral staircase climbs to the upper gallery, which looks down on the font and the geometric floor.

Address Piazza del Duomo, 56126 Pisa

Ticketed, one of the Piazza dei Miracoli monuments



4 Mura di Pisa Torre Santa Maria

Pisa's medieval walls were begun in 1155 and still enclose much of the historic centre. After a long restoration, the walkway along the top opened to the public in 2018: about 3 kilometres of path, 11 metres above the ground, running past rooftops, gardens and church towers. The stretch beside the Piazza del Duomo looks straight onto the Leaning Tower, and several access points along the circuit make it easy to walk just one section.

Address Torre Santa Maria entrance, Piazza del Duomo, 56126 Pisa

Photo: "The walls of Pisa and the Santa Maria tower" by Joanbanjo (CC BY-SA 3.0).

Ticketed; closes in rain or strong wind



5 Camposanto Monumentale Piazza del Duomo

The Camposanto was founded in 1277 to gather the graves scattered around the Cathedral, and tradition holds that it rose over soil brought from Golgotha during the Crusades. Its long marble cloister was covered with fresco cycles by Buffalmacco, Francesco Traini and others, badly damaged when a fire broke out during a bombing raid in 1944. After decades of restoration the Triumph of Death returned to its original wall in 2018, near the Roman sarcophagi that line the galleries.

Address Piazza del Duomo, 56126 Pisa

Photo: "Camposanto Monumentale di Pisa" by Bernd Thaller (CC BY 2.0).

Ticketed, one of the Piazza dei Miracoli monuments



6 Museo dell'Opera del Duomo Piazza del Duomo

The Museo dell'Opera del Duomo gathers the original sculpture and treasures removed over the centuries from the Cathedral, the Baptistery and the Camposanto. Giovanni Pisano leads the collection with his Virgin and Child groups, joined by the Pisa Griffin, a large bronze of Islamic origin that once crowned the Cathedral apse, and the textiles and insignia of Emperor Henry VII. Rearranged in 2019, the visit ends on a loggia with a direct view of the Leaning Tower.

Address Piazza del Duomo, 56126 Pisa

Photo: "Museo dell'Opera del Duomo with the Leaning Tower, Pisa" by Sailko (CC BY 2.5).

Ticketed, one of the Piazza dei Miracoli monuments



7 Piazza dei Cavalieri Piazza dei Cavalieri

Piazza dei Cavalieri was the political heart of medieval Pisa until Cosimo I de' Medici had Giorgio Vasari rebuild it for the Knights of Saint Stephen in the 16th century. Vasari's Palazzo della Carovana, its facade covered in sgraffito figures, now houses the Scuola Normale Superiore, and the church of Santo Stefano dei Cavalieri beside it keeps banners captured in naval battles. On the north side, the Palazzo dell'Orologio takes in the tower where Count Ugolino starved to death, a story told by Dante.

Address Piazza dei Cavalieri, 56126 Pisa

Photo: "Palazzo della Carovana and Piazza dei Cavalieri, Pisa" by Sailko (CC BY 3.0).

Free square; most buildings belong to the university and stay closed to visitors



8 Palazzo Blu Lungarno Gambacorti

Palazzo Blu takes its name from the blue colour uncovered on its walls during restoration, a shade linked to the Russian owners who bought the palace in the 18th century. It shows the Fondazione Pisa collections, a history of Pisan art from the 14th century onward with works by Benozzo Gozzoli and Orazio and Artemisia Gentileschi, alongside the stately apartments of the first floor and a programme of major temporary exhibitions.

Address Lungarno Gambacorti, 9, 56125 Pisa

Photo: "Music room, Palazzo Blu, Pisa" by Francesco Bini (CC BY-SA 4.0).

Ticketed collections; open every day



9 Santa Maria della Spina Lungarno Gambacorti

Santa Maria della Spina is a small Gothic church on the Arno, its facade crowded with pinnacles, tabernacles and statues. It began as the oratory of Santa Maria di Pontenovo and took its present name from a thorn of Christ's crown kept here from 1333, a relic now in the church of Santa Chiara. Repeated flooding led the city to dismantle it in 1871 and rebuild it on higher ground, work that lasted until 1884. A full restoration of the interior and exterior began in spring 2026.

Address Lungarno Gambacorti, 56125 Pisa

Facade on the Lungarno, under restoration since spring 2026; interior opening days at the tourist information points in Pisa touristoffice.org/pisa-tourist-office/



10 National Museum of San Matteo Lungarno Mediceo

The National Museum of San Matteo fills a restored medieval convent on the Arno with art from the churches of Pisa and its province, from the early Middle Ages to the 16th century. Its rooms hold sculpture by Nicola Pisano and Donatello and paintings by Giunta Pisano, Simone Martini, Masaccio and Beato Angelico, along with illuminated manuscripts, wooden sculpture and a large collection of medieval ceramics. It shares a combined ticket with the Museo Nazionale di Palazzo Reale.

Address Piazza San Matteo in Soarta, 1, 56126 Pisa

Photo: "Cloister of the Museo Nazionale di San Matteo, Pisa" by Miguel Hermoso Cuesta (CC BY-SA 4.0).

Worth a separate trip · 0.6 km E of the centre · 7 min walk along the Arno · Ticketed; closed on Mondays



11 Orto Botanico Via Luca Ghini

The Orto Botanico was founded in 1543 by the naturalist Luca Ghini as a garden of medicinal plants, and the city's tourist board calls it the oldest university botanical garden in the world. It moved twice before settling in 1591 on its current site, a few minutes' walk from the Piazza dei Miracoli. Greenhouses, a great magnolia growing here since 1787 and the Botanical Museum in the Palazzo delle Conchiglie, its facade decorated in grotesque style in 1752, fill a quiet green block.

Address Via Luca Ghini, 13, 56126 Pisa

Photo: "Orto Botanico di Pisa, old botanical school area" by Sailko (CC BY 3.0).

Worth a separate trip · 0.5 km NW of the centre · 5 min walk from the Duomo



12 Museo delle Navi Antiche Arsenali Medicei

In December 1998, building works near Pisa San Rossore station uncovered an ancient river harbour holding around thirty Roman-era boats, preserved for centuries in the silt of past floods. The Museo delle Navi Antiche opened in 2019 inside the Arsenali Medicei, the Medici shipyards on the Arno, and shows seven of the vessels with their cargoes. The best preserved is the Alkedo, a 1st-century pleasure boat rowed by twelve oarsmen, its name painted in Greek letters on a bench.

Address Lungarno Ranieri Simonelli, 16, 56126 Pisa

Photo: "Arsenali Medicei, Pisa" by Sailko (CC BY 3.0).

Worth a separate trip · 0.6 km W of the centre · 5 min walk from the Spina · Ticketed; closed on Mondays

18 hidden gems

Smaller places from the same guide, each with its address. Those outside the map frame show their distance from the centre.

The Lungarni

The Arno's embankments run for several kilometres through the centre, past noble palazzi, university buildings and small museums...

Lungarno Mediceo and Lungarno Gambacorti, Pisa

Borgo Stretto

Wandering the porticoes of Pisa's main shopping street costs nothing beyond a coffee, and the medieval arcades stay covered and...

Borgo Stretto, 56127 Pisa

Giardino Scotto

This 15th century fortress beside the Arno became a public garden whose lawns, playground and shaded paths stay free to enter...

Lungarno Leonardo Fibonacci, 56125 Pisa

Museo delle Sinopie

The preparatory drawings revealed when the Camposanto frescoes were detached after the wartime fire, on show since 1979 in a...

Piazza del Duomo, 17, 56126 Pisa

Tuttomondo

Haring's mural covers the outer wall of the convent beside Sant'Antonio on Via Zandonai, fully visible from the pavement at any...

Via Riccardo Zandonai, 56125 Pisa

Piazza delle Vettovaglie

Pisa's main food market fills this porticoed square every morning except Sunday, stallholders selling fruit, vegetables and...

Piazza delle Vettovaglie, 56126 Pisa

Domus Mazziniana

Rebuilt after 1943 on the site of the house where Giuseppe Mazzini died in 1872, it is a small history museum with free...

Via Massimo D'Azeglio, 14, 56125 Pisa

San Nicola

This church hides Pisa's other famous bell tower, an octagonal campanile from around 1170 that also tilts slightly, built in...

Via Santa Maria, 2, 56126 Pisa

San Michele degli Scalzi

A Romanesque church near the Arno in eastern Pisa, whose brick and stone bell tower leans visibly because of the soft riverside...

Piazza San Michele degli Scalzi, 56124 Pisa · 1.9 km SE of the centre, outside the map

San Paolo a Ripa d'Arno

Known locally as the Duomo vecchio, this Romanesque church echoes the Cathedral's style, with the small Sant'Agata chapel...

Piazza San Paolo a Ripa d'Arno, 56125 Pisa

Torre Guelfa and the Cittadella

This 15th-century tower once guarded the Republic's shipyards; rebuilt after being mined in 1944, it opens on special days for...

Piazza Tersanaia, 56126 Pisa

Marina di Pisa

A seaside resort where the Arno meets the Tyrrhenian Sea, about 10 kilometres from the centre, lined with Liberty-style villas...

Marina di Pisa, 56128 Pisa · 11.1 km SW of the centre, outside the map

Basilica of San Piero a Grado

A Romanesque basilica on the spot where, legend says, Saint Peter landed in Italy, with an early 14th-century fresco cycle by...

Via Vecchia di Marina, 5, 56122 San Piero a Grado, Pisa · 5.9 km SW of the centre, outside the map

Neighbourhoods

Piazza dei Miracoli

The Leaning Tower (1), the Cathedral (2), the Baptistery (3) and the Camposanto (5) stand on one lawn in the north-west corner of the walled city. The Museo dell'Opera del Duomo (6) closes the square to the south-east, and the walkway on the walls (4) starts at Torre Santa Maria.

Piazza dei Cavalieri and Borgo Stretto

Piazza dei Cavalieri (7) keeps Vasari's Palazzo della Carovana, home of the Scuola Normale Superiore. A few steps east, the arcades of Borgo Stretto lead to the morning market of Piazza delle Vettovaglie.

The south bank

Palazzo Blu (8) and the Gothic chapel of Santa Maria della Spina (9) line Lungarno Gambacorti. Behind them, Corso Italia runs to Pisa Centrale station, and the Keith Haring mural Tuttomondo stands on Via Zandonai near the station.

Museo Nazionale di Palazzo Reale

The Medici palace on the Arno, designed by Buontalenti in 1583, displays grand-ducal collections, tapestries and the old armour...

Lungarno Antonio Pacinotti, 46, 56126 Pisa

Santo Sepolcro

An octagonal 12th-century church by Diotisalvi, architect of the Baptistery, built to honour relics brought from Jerusalem after...

Piazza Santo Sepolcro, 56125 Pisa

Logge di Banchi

Twelve pillars carry this loggia, built from 1603 to 1605 on a design by Bernardo Buontalenti to house the city's wool and silk...

Via di Banchi, 9, 56125 Pisa

San Rossore Park

Pine woods and meadows on the Tenuta di San Rossore, a former royal and presidential estate between Pisa and the sea.

Visitor centre, Cascine Vecchie, Tenuta di San Rossore, 56122 Pisa · 4.9 km W of the centre, outside the map

Certosa di Calci

A 14th-century Carthusian monastery below the Monti Pisani, now home to the University of Pisa's Natural History Museum and its...

Via Roma, 79, 56011 Calci · 9.9 km E of the centre, outside the map

Santa Maria and the university

Via Santa Maria runs south from the Piazza to the Arno past university buildings and the leaning bell tower of San Nicola. The Orto Botanico (11), founded in 1543, fills a quiet block between Via Roma and Via Luca Ghini.

The north bank

Lungarno Pacinotti and Lungarno Mediceo follow the Arno past the Palazzo Reale to Ponte di Mezzo, facing the Logge di Banchi across the river. The National Museum of San Matteo (10) closes the walk to the east in a medieval convent on the river.

The Cittadella

At the western end of the Lungarni, the Torre Guelfa guarded the old shipyards of the Republic. The Medici arsenals beside it now hold the Museo delle Navi Antiche (12), with the Roman ships found near San Rossore station.