Livorno Italy Port Guide

Includes Pisa, Lucca, Florence (Firenze), Cinque Terre, San Gimignano, and Siena
Livorno is in Tuscany, the birthplace of the Italian Renaissance famous for art, magnificent buildings, gorgeous landscapes, rich history, and great wine. Popular sites are:

- Pisa – the Leaning Tower and Field of Miracles,
- Lucca – a quiet city encircled by grassy walls,
- Florence (Firenze) - an architectural wonder,
- San Gimignano – the town of fine towers,
- Siena – a beautiful city in Tuscany, and
- Cinque Terre – five villages on the Italian Riveria.

**Livorno** (Leghorn) is an industrial port visited by 7000 ships a year. The port is about 2.3 miles long. Ferry boats and small cruise ships dock in the Old Mediceo Port area. It's a 910 foot walk to center city. Except for a few small ships, all cruise ships dock in the industrial port area. This area is unsafe for pedestrians. You cannot walk in the industrial port area and it's impractical to walk because it is 4.4 to 8 km to center city depending on where your ship is docked. The only way to leave or return to your ship is in a vehicle.

The ship's excursions and private tours will depart from next to your ship. If you are doing self-guided touring:

- Your ship should provide bus transport to Piazza del Municipio in center city Livorno. The service is free on some cruise lines, but most charge from 5 euros to $10 round trip. It's a 10-15 minute bus ride. Some ships “hold back” independent travelers and do not start the shuttle bus service until all of the ship's shore excursion buses have departed. Also, there may be long lines for the first shuttle bus. It's unlikely you will arrive in Piazza del Municipio center city Livorno before 9:00 or 9:30 am.
- Some ships offer a shuttle bus from the dock to Livorno Centrale Train Station for ~ $ 24 round trip.
- There are taxis near the ship, but drivers want fares for touring Tuscany, not short rides into Livorno.
- You can rent a car from Hertz next to your cruise ship. This is discussed on page 19 of this port guide.

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I would like to thank Carol Mills, Tim Slegel, and Sarah Thompson, editor of the [http://livornonow.com](http://livornonow.com) website, for help and advice on this port guide.
GPS Coordinates

This guide includes GPS Coordinates for tourist sites and key locations. Open this guide in one window on your computer and open Google Maps in a second window. Copy and paste the GPS coordinates into Google maps to find sites and get directions and time for travel by car, bus, walking, or bicycle. The coordinates can be used with any Google map format such as “map”, “satellite”, “earth”, and “terrain” views at any map scale.

These coordinates can also be used in hand-held or vehicle GPS devices. Note that these devices can accept different formats. It's important to set your device to accept data in this format: Degrees, Minutes, and Seconds shown as N ddd° mm' ss.ss", E ddd° mm' ss.ss"

Smaller cruise ships such as the Wind Surf, Seven Seas, and Crystal ships often dock in the Old Mediceo Port near the ferry boats where it is possible to walk into center city. It's a 910 foot walk to the V. Grande, Porto Mediceo bus stop for Bus #1 to Livorno Centrale Train Station.

Porto Mediceo GPS = N 43° 32' 54.58", E 10° 18' 8.84"  V. Grande, Porto Mediceo Bus Stop GPS = N 43° 32' 58.44", E 10° 18' 20.41"
This Google Map Shows Docks Used by Cruise Ships and the Ship's Shuttle Bus Stop in Livorno

A) Cruise ship dock in industrial area near Porto Mediceo  
   GPS = N 43° 33' 24.33", E 10° 17' 49.12"
B) Cruise ship dock at Darsena Toscana  
   GPS = N 43° 34' 42.92", E 10° 18' 22.29"
C) Cruise ship shuttle bus stop at Piazza del Municipio  
   GPS = N 43° 33' 6.45", E 10° 18' 29.31"

It's 4.4 km and 10 minutes from “A,” or 8 km and a 15-minute bus ride from “B” into city center Livorno. Some ships begin their shuttle bus service at 8:30 am. Others delay shuttle buses until 9 am, after the paid excursion buses have departed. Considering potential long lines for the shuttle bus, it is unlikely you will arrive at Piazza del Municipio, in center city Livorno, before 9 or 9:30 am. From the shuttle bus stop, you can explore Livorno on foot, but you’ll need to take a public bus to the Livorno Centrale Train Station.

Tips on Using Buses in Livorno – There Are Two Bus Companies of Interest

ATL (Azienda Trasporti Livornese) manages local bus transportation in Livorno. Tickets are sold at kiosks, newsagents, and tobacconists. See [www.atl.livorno.it](http://www.atl.livorno.it/)

CPT (Compagnia Pisana Trasporti) operates bus services in the Pisa area and between Livorno and Pisa. To download bus #10 schedule, go to [http://www cpt pisa it/orare/extraXlocalita.htm](http://www.cpt.pisa.it/orare/extraXlocalita.htm)
Select “Livorno” from the alphabetical list of cities, then click on “Orario Festivo or Feriale” for the schedule [www.atl.livorno.it website](http://www.atl.livorno.it/)

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Use Google Maps to identify bus stops and the bus lines serving an area. Google uses different methods to display bus stop information in different cities. This is how the information is displayed in Livorno.

I used GPS coordinates for the shuttle bus stop at Piazza del Municipio to show that location as a down-pointing green arrow on the map at left. Then I enlarged the map and clicked on the bus icon to show the P. Grande C bus stop. A detailed description of that stop appeared as shown at left.

Take Bus #1 or #2 from P. Grande C to the Livorno Centrale Train Station.

Also note that Google shows the websites for ATL and CPT bus companies servicing Livorno.

**Buses to Livorno Centrale Train Station and Pisa Centrale Train Station**

Please download the bus schedule for the day you will be in port. Tables below are for reference only!!!

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**Bus #10 Monday-Saturday “Feriale” Schedule from Livorno Largo Duomo to PISA p.za Sant'Antonio**

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It's important to become familiar with the area around Piazza del Municipio because the ship's shuttle bus will drop you off and pick you up at this location. This location is your “window” to Livorno and access to buses to the Livorno and Pisa Train Stations.

**Here are useful GPS Coordinates**

Cruise ship shuttle bus stop at Piazza del Municipio
P. Grande C bus #1 and #2 to Livorno Centrale Train Station
Livorno Centrale Train Station
Largo Duomo bus #10 stop for buses to Pisa P.Za S. Antonio
Pisa P.Za S.Antonio bus stop
Pisa Centrale Train Station

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An excellent website for travel information in and around Livorno is [http://livornonow.com](http://livornonow.com) by Sarah Thompson. I highly recommend this website and would like to thank Sarah for her help with this port guide.

Buy a ticket at one of the news kiosks in Piazza del Municipio or Piazza Grande, or from the tobacconist in Via Cogorano, and stamp it in one of the blue machines when you get on the bus. Tickets to Livorno Train Station cost €1.20. You may as well buy a couple of each in the morning so you are equipped for the journey back. It’s about a 15-minute ride to Livorno Train Station.

The one-hour journey from Livorno to Pisa costs €2.75 each way. The final stop at the bus station in Pisa is close to the Pisa Centrale Station.
To View the P. Grande C bus Stop for Bus #1 or #2 to the Train Station
Enter GPS coordinates of N 43° 33' 2.47", E 10° 18' 32.86" for P. Grande C bus stop in Google Maps. Then drag the little yellow man icon onto the map to see the street view. The photo below shows the bus stop in front of the Cathedral. This is where you board the bus to Livorno Centrale Train Station.

Taking a Train from Livorno to Pisa
The following train schedule was printed for September 10, 2013 departing at 9 am using this website http://www.trenitalia.com/cms/v/index.jsp?vgnextoid=737da71d9556e310VgnVCM1000008916f90aRCRD It's a 12-25 minute train ride and trains run frequently. Check the schedule for the day your ship will be in port.

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Pisa s. Rossore station is closer to the Leaning Tower, but not many trains stop there

Trains from Livorno Centrale to Pisa Centrale and change trains to Pisa S. Rossore

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The **map at left** shows it is 1.7 Km and 21 minutes to the Leaning Tower.

**If you arrive on the ship's tour bus,** you will be dropped off in a Tour Bus Parking Lot and given the choice of walking 0.9 Km (ten minutes) or paying ~ 3 euro each way to ride a tractor pulled train to the Leaning tower.

**Use these GPS coordinates to create your map**
- **Ship's tour bus parking lot**
  - N 43° 43′ 44.8″, E 10° 23′ 25″
- **Entrance to Leaning Tower**
  - N 43° 43′ 22.2″, E 10° 23′ 34.5″
- **Pisa Centrale Train Station**
  - N 43° 42′ 31.45″, E 10° 23′ 56.17″
- **Pisa P.Za S.Antonio bus #10 stop**
  - N 43° 42′ 39.23″, E 10° 23′ 50.87″

**Pisa S. Rossore Train Station**
- N 43° 43′ 24.3″, E 10° 23′ 15.9″
  - It's across the street from the Leaning Tower, but few trains stop at this station.

**Excellent restaurants in Pisa are in this area**
- N 43° 43′ 18.31″, E 10° 23′ 48.94″

**Gift & Art Alabaster hand carved and painted fruit**
- N 43° 43′ 16.03″, E 10° 23′ 49.65″
  - The address is 139 Via Santa Maria
  - The sign over the door reads “Alabaster”
  - This is where we buy alabaster fruit

**Approximate travel time from the cruise ship to the Leaning Tower of Pisa:**
- **Private tour vehicle or taxi from the ship directly to the Leaning Tower, 23 km = 30 minutes**
- **Ship's bus tour and+ 11 minutes walking time from Pisa parking lot = 45 minutes**
- **Shuttle bus from ship to Livorno + bus #1 or #2 to Livorno Train Station + train ride + 21-minute walk to Leaning Tower = 80 minutes** assuming no lengthy waiting time for buses or trains
- **Shuttle bus from ship to Livorno + bus #10 to Pisa P.Za S.Antonio + 21-minute walk to Leaning Tower = 100 minutes** assuming no lengthy waiting time for buses

I've included this estimate of travel time to illustrate that self-guided touring from Livorno can be time consuming because you are dependent on getting on the shuttle bus next to the ship and hoping you don't have to wait in line for a long time and hoping your bus and train connections will be “perfect” with no waiting time.

When we are planning a relaxing visit to just one tourist site from Livorno such as Lucca, we use the ship's shuttle bus, + bus #1 or #2, + trains. To maximize our time in Florence, we use the Princess bus “Florence on your own” giving us 6 hours to explore Florence. When we want to explore multiple sites in Tuscany, we join others to share a private van tour. A van or car is the most time efficient, personal way to tour. Our guide can park anywhere (and stay next to the van) such as next to the Leaning Tower to minimize unnecessary walking. It only takes minutes for us to get in/out of a van vs 15 minutes for 45 people to get on/off a tour bus.
Pisa – the world famous Leaning Tower and Field of Miracles (Piazza dei Miracoli)

This website has a good overview with excellent photos  http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Piazza_dei_Miracoli


Book tickets for the Leaning Tower 12 to 20 days in advance online for 18 euros from http://www.opapisa.it/en/plan-your-visit/practical-information/ticket.html

The tower is open 7 days a week. It's 300 steps up to the top, so you need to be in good physical condition.

The main entrance to the Field of Miracles is crowded with merchants selling junk, toys, and cheap souvenirs. Food at the restaurant near the main entrance was horrible! Ugh!

There are excellent restaurants and shops on the street south of the Leaning Tower as shown on the map above.

Local artisans carve and hand paint alabaster products. The photo at right shows alabaster fruit. It looks great, but the banana looks like plastic.

The shop keeper told us each artist concentrates on one kind of fruit. The artist who made alabaster bananas died. The shop keeper apologized and said, he “didn't have any bananas for sale.”

This is a true story.

We have added to our collection of hand painted alabaster fruit on several visits to Pisa. It's excellent for a table...
display. The store that sells a wide selection of alabaster products is at 139 Via Santa Maria on the street south of the Leaning Tower. When you see a product you like produced by local artisans, buy it, because you probably won't find that same product by the same artisan in other areas.

Another product specific to this area of Italy is the Pinocchio puppet. The author, Carlo Lorenzini, was known as Collodi because his mother was originally from this village in the province of Lucca. If you're interested in the tale of Geppetto and his wood puppet, you'll find fine specimens for sale in the Pisa, Lucca, Florence area.

Trains from Livorno Centrale to Lucca
Open the [www.trenitalia.com](http://www.trenitalia.com) website. Click on Translate to English. Click on Local Transport, set “By” as Livorno Centrale and “To” as Lucca. I set the date to September 10, 2013 and the time as 9 am.

This is the schedule for trains from Livorno to Lucca. Note that you have to change trains at Pisa Centrale. The total trip is about an hour. Since you are going through Pisa, you might stop there as well as at Lucca.

Check the train schedule for the day your ship will be in port.

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Lucca is a pedestrian city. The only vehicles allowed for residents and delivery vehicles to the shops. It is a quiet, relaxing, peaceful place to visit. Many people rent bicycles to explore the city. There are small buses that travel through the old town area, but you won't need them. Walk or ride a bicycle and take in the views.

The Lucca train station is directly across the street from the walled city. It's a short walk along a paved path to the wall. Turn right (east) and ascend a stairway at an opening in the wall. You will enter the city near the Cathedral of San Martino (Duomo).
This Bing **map below** shows the walking route from Lucca Train Station. Cross the street and follow the path shown as red dots. The inset photo shows an opening in the wall with stairs to ascend the wall and enter the city. We walked around, had a great lunch, bought some jewelry, and exited the walled city at Porta San Pietro.


You can rent bicycles from the **Tourist Center Lucca srl** located at 203 Piazzale Bettino Ricasoli in front of the Lucca Train Station. **Photo at left.**

There are several types of bikes at different prices. The Classic Holland woman's model has 26" wheels, raised handlebars, an adjustable seat, a basket, rear rack, chain guard, tripod, light, and security lock for parking.

The price is 3,00 €/hr or 15,00 €/day A helmet is 1,00 € / h.

**GPS Coordinates**

- Lucca Train Station  
  N 43° 50' 50.5" W, E 10° 30' 22.27".

- Tourist Center – Bicycle Rental  
  N 43° 50' 16.14", E 10° 30' 20.72".
Lucca – a quiet city encircled by grassy walls

Tourist agencies describe it as “A quiet and attractive Tuscan destination, encircled by grassy walls.” 

Favored by the quieter kind of foreign visitor, Lucca is often whispered of as a secret gem; an alternative to the high-season tourist madness of Florence, or Rome. A town still encircled by its wall (photo at left), it is full of pastry shops and bicycles. Lucca is roughly oval, flat and hardly a mile across. There are no wide roads to cross, but a multitude of old churches, little piazzas, towers and family businesses. Behind many an arching doorway there is a glimpse of vaulted passage or columned yard, usually private. You can simply walk or, like the locals, cycle.

NOTE: Tourist sites listed below are coded to the “official” tourist map using the number shown on that map. For example, the Duomo is shown on the tourist map as # 17.

# 17) Cathedral of San Martino (Lucca Duomo or Duomo di San Martino)  N 43° 50′ 26.2″, E 10° 30′ 21.7″
http://www.museocattedralelucca.it/cattedrale.htm  The tourist map shows this as number 17.

Consecrated by Pope Alexander II in 1070, this beautiful marble church has magnificent Romanesque sculptures on its facade. There is a 3 euro fee to visit the museum which contains many exhibits, including:

- The Volto Santo (Holy Face), a wooden sculpture of a crucifix said to be a true image of Christ, carved by Nicodemus at the crucifixion. Once a year the revered is used in a procession through Lucca, and
- The Sarcophagus of Ilaria del Carretto, the daughter of Carlo Marchese del Carretto of a powerful family, and wife of Paulo Guinigi, Lord of Lucca. (photo at right above)
# 16) Chiesa dei Santi Giovanni e Reparata (San Giovanni Church)

N 43° 50' 27.71", E 10° 30' 14.62"

This church is in the square next to the Cathedral. I did not go inside, but based on photos I've seen on the internet, I wish I had.

You'll see many churches in Lucca. Keep your camera handy and check to see if the churches are open. Most churches, you are free to take photos, but pictures are prohibited in the Cathedral (Duomo).

# 15) Church of San Michele in Foro

N 43° 50′ 35.3″, E 10° 30′ 10.3″


This 12th century church is one of the most recognizable landmarks in Lucca. It has a stunning marble facade, and is one of the best examples of the Pisan Romanesque design anywhere. The tall, narrow facade consists of a comparatively plain lower section surmounted by four stacked tiers of blind arcading, two of them occupying a freestanding loggia.

This is a must visit & photograph church. It's beautiful.
# 24) Basilica di San Frediano  
N 43° 50′ 46″, E 10° 30′ 16.1″

The 13th century golden facade depicts the Ascension of Christ. Angels bear the throne of Christ upwards, while the Twelve Apostles look on from below. See http://www.sacred-destinations.com/italy/lucca-san-frediano

# 8) Piazza Napoleone, Lucca's largest square.  
N 43° 50′ 29″, E 10° 30′ 09″

Palazzo Ducale, converted to a government building, is at the square (photo below).

Be sure to visit this square. The streets in front of, and around it, are lined with outdoor cafes and shops. It's a great place to relax, have a drink, and a great meal. There's a tourist office in Palazzo Ducale.
# 27) Piazza dell'Anfiteatro  (Roman amphitheater)  

This is the site of a former Roman amphitheater. The buildings at this site were constructed in medieval times. Today, the site is used for concerts.

# 26) Torre Guinigi  

This is a tower with trees atop it, a very dramatic sight, with good views of the city. No lift, many stairs.  

The Guinigi Tower is one of the most precious monuments representative of Lucca. It's main feature is an oak tree on the top. In the 3rd century, the powerful Guinigi family wanted to embellish their home with a tree on the tower as a symbol of rebirth of their lordship.

The last descendant of the family willed the tower, palace, and tree-lined street of St. Andrew to the city of Lucca.

Street: Andrew, 45  Tel: 336 203221 - 0583 316846  
Hours: Tuesday typically 9 to 19.00  
Admission: € 3.5

# 18) Torre delle Ore  

Torre delle Ore is the highest tower in Lucca with a medieval clock that dates back to 1390. It's 207 steps to the top where you have a commanding view of the entire city.

**Opening hours:** 10:30-18:30  
**Tickets** are 3,50 euros or 6.50 euros for both the clock and Guinigi Towers.

**Official Lucca Tourist Map**

Download a FREE, PDF tourist map of Lucca from [http://www.luccatourist.it/content.php?p=14](http://www.luccatourist.it/content.php?p=14)  
To ensure you can access this free map, I have placed it on my website  
You can download it from: [www.TomsPortGuides.com/LuccaMap.pdf](http://www.TomsPortGuides.com/LuccaMap.pdf)

The map is large, so I have divided it into two sections to display on the next two pages.
Renting a Bicycle in Lucca  (Information from the tourist office)

Renting a bike in Lucca is a convenient and fun way to discover the beauties of the city. Do not forget that the city of Lucca is closed to traffic. A must for visitors is a bicycle tour of the city walls surrounding the old town offering a charming view of the rooftops of the city.

Rentals are located in various points of Lucca.

Tourist Reception Centre  -  Piazzale Verdi  -  Tel 0583 583150
Parking Carducci (open from June 15 to September 30)
Antonio Poli  -  S. Maria, 42  -  Tel 0583 493787
Cycles Gonzo  -  S. Maria, 32  -  Tel 0583.496031
Chrono  -  Corso Garibaldi, 93  -  Tel 0583 490591
Cycles Rai  -  Via San Nicolao, 66  -  Tel 348 8937119
Tourist Center Lucca Srl  -  Piazzale Ricasoli 203 (Railway station)  -  tel. 0583 494401 - 338 8213952

Download a bicycle tour route map for the Lucca area from

http://www.luccatourist.it/upload/File/pubblicazioni/itinerari-cicloturistici.pdf
Walking or Riding a Bicycle Around the City Walls

The walls have excellent pathways along the top to walk or ride a bike. The route around the entire city is 4.2 km (2.61 mi). There are several ramps to go up/down from the wall.

I have listed GPS coordinates for many of the ramps to the top of the wall. A few of the ramps have stairs, but most are wide, paved walkways.

The map below shows a letter designation for the ramp which corresponds to the GPS list at right.

A)  N 43° 50' 23.58", E 10° 29' 57.41"
B)  N 43° 50' 22.32", E 10° 30' 16.33"
C)  N 43° 50' 23.43", E 10° 30' 20.39"
D)  N 43° 50' 35.30", E 10° 30' 49.36"
E)  N 43° 50' 43.99", E 10° 30' 50.17"
F)  N 43° 50' 53.91", E 10° 30' 45.77"
G)  N 43° 50' 51.99", E 10° 30' 26.26"
H)  N 43° 50' 47.23", E 10° 30' 13.51"
I)  N 43° 50' 44.78", E 10° 30' 4.48"
J)  N 43° 50' 27.64", E 10° 29' 48.56"

Getting from the train station to the top of the wall

If you are walking, cross the street in front of the train station as shown by the red dots on the map above, climb a short flight of stairs, and begin your walk of the wall near point “C” on the map.

If you are riding a bicycle, turn left on Viale Regina Margherita in front of the train station and enter the walled city at Porta San Pietro. You will find ramps near point “B” on the map to ride up to the top of the wall.
Renting a Car at the Port of Livorno  (Comments by Tim Slegel)

Cruise ships charge $ 100 USD/person (77 euros) for a 5-hour excursion to Pisa and Lucca. Hertz charges ~100 euros for a manual transmission car. I rented an automatic transmission car from Hertz for 134 euros + 16 euros fuel. We had a great, 10-hour tour of Lucca, Pisa, and the beach south of Viareggio. With four people in the car, our cost was ~ 38 euros/person.

We booked our car at the Hertz USA toll-free number and reconfirmed with the local Hertz agency before our cruise at [http://www.sifracar.com/home.htm?lingua=2](http://www.sifracar.com/home.htm?lingua=2) Hertz set up a table with a yellow umbrella next to our ship around 8:15 am. We walked off the ship at 8:30, and were on our way within 15 minutes.

Travel Tips:

- Google "ZTL Italy" to determine streets where cars are not permitted. I identified streets in Pisa and Florence we could not drive on. Being prepared can help you avoid fines.
- Refueling can be a problem because it's difficult to decipher how to run the pump. Ask Hertz where there are full service gas stations. Use a full service station to refuel.
- We told Hertz we would return to the port by 5:30, but had such a good time, we didn't get back until 7 pm. The main gate to the port was closed. We drove around to find another gate. Fortunately, the lady from Hertz was at the security checkpoint in her car. We followed her in our rental car to the ship. She was very pleasant about us being later than we said, and there were other Hertz customers still returning cars to the ship after us. So it worked out well.
- We found driving in Italy to be very easy and drivers were as "normal" as most places in the USA.

Travel from Livorno Port to Florence (Firenze)

Florence is a uniquely wonderful city to visit and explore. i. e., world-famous buildings, works of art, churches, museums, shops, restaurants, and scenic areas. It's ideal for walking. Vehicles are prohibited from city center.

When we plan a tour to Florence from Livorno Port, our goal is to spend as much time as we can in the city. I prefer the Princess Cruise Ship bus excursion, “Florence on your own.” It costs about $ 85 USD (65 euros). The bus departs at 8:30 am from next to our ship. We arrive in Florence around 10 am, before the crowds, and leave at 4 pm. This bus is zero-stress, effortless travel, and it maximizes our time in Florence.

Some people take the shuttle bus from the ship to Livorno, a bus to the train station, and a train to Florence (Firenze). You'll save a few euros with this travel method, unless you get back to Livorno late and have to hire a taxi back to the ship. However, you will waste a lot of time by this travel method = less time to spend in Florence. It's your decision, travel however you choose.

Trains from Livorno Centrale to Firenze S. M. Novella on September 17, 2013

Check the schedule for the day your ship will be in port at [www.trenitalia.com](http://www.trenitalia.com)

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Arriving Florence (Firenze) by Train
The Firenze S. M. Novella train station is across the street from Basilica Santa Maria Novella. It's a short walk to the Duomo. GPS coordinates at the square in front of the train station = N 43° 46' 32.62", E 11° 14' 58.96"

When you exit the train station you will see the Basilica across the street to the south. There is a tourist information center to the right of the Basilica. People at the tourist office are very helpful.
Arriving Florence (Firenze) on the Ship's Excursion Bus

The ship's excursion bus drops you off and picks you up near a tower. In the afternoon, there will be a gazillion buses lining the street near the tour bus stop. I take a picture of the bus license plate and walk close to the guide when returning to the bus to make sure I don't get lost in the crowd and find my bus.

From the tour bus, you cross the street, walk past the tower, turn left on the first street, and walk (2450 feet, 9 minutes) to the Piazza Santa Croche. (map below)

The guide takes you to a meeting point in Piazza Santa Croche and specifies the time you are to be at the meeting point. For the “Florence on Your Own” tour, the guide gives you a map and takes you to a store (often a leather and jewelry store). I spend a few minutes at the store, use the toilets, and then leave.

The Tower is located at GPS = N 43° 45' 58.73", E 11° 16' 6.14"

Download brochures and maps from the tourist website at http://www.firenzeturismo.it/en/
I have marked up the “official tourist map” for use in this guide as shown on the next page.
Basilica of Santa Croche (Basilica of the Holy Cross)  See  http://www.santacroceopera.it/it/Default.aspx
Piazza Santa Croche  GPS = N 43° 46' 8.90", E 11° 15' 38.98"

According to legend, the church was founded by Saint Francis. The church has 16 chapels. It is called the *Temple of the Italian Glories* because it has the tombs of Galileo, Gentile, Foscolo, Machiavelli, Michelangelo, and Rossini. Hours: Monday - Saturday from 9:30 to 17:00. Admission 6 euro Photos OK, but no flash.

We usually spend time at Piazza Santa Croche at the end of our day in Florence because we plan to get there early to meet our group for the bus. Rather than standing around while waiting, why not visit the Basilica and shops near the Piazza.

NOTE:
Many of the pathways are cobblestone. Take care as there may be an occasional stone that is missing. The cobblestones are very slippery when wet. Walk, don't run in the rain.

Pickpockets are everywhere in Europe. Catching pickpockets is NOT a priority for the police because it is a petty crime. The expectation is that travelers will use common sense to protecting their valuables.

Purchasing counterfeit watches, handbags, sun glasses, etc. is a crime. **Buyers have been fined** 400-1000 euros for purchasing these products and it is illegal to bring these counterfeit products into the USA.
When we arrive Florence, my first priority is to go to Piazza della Signoria, the main square near the Town Hall. There many statues to photograph and fewer people obstructing my view in the morning than in the afternoon.

**My Favorite Walking Route from Piazza Santa Croce to Ponte Vecchio**

**Shopping:** Products include leather jackets and handbags, shoes, high fashion clothes, silk scarves and ties, marbleized paper, hand-embroidered linens, lace, lingerie, wine, gold jewelry, art, antiques, etc. You'll pass some nice shops along Borgo dei Greci on the suggested walking route. *(map above)*

1) **Piazza Santa Croce**  
   N 43° 46' 8.90", E 11° 15' 38.98"

2) **Francesco Vini Cafe**  
   N 43° 46' 8.52", E 11° 15' 34.99"
   A good place to stop for ice cream while waiting to join your group for the tour bus in the afternoon.

   Stop at the Pinocchio shop just pass point “2” on the map. Take a photo of your friends standing behind the wood puppet. *(photo at left)*

3) **Piazza della Signoria** is a huge square with many cafes next to the town hall  
   N 43° 46' 11.55", E 11° 15' 20.64"
   Bank ATM's are on the north side of the square. There are many statues including Hercules, a replica of the famous “David”, and the Neptune fountain.

   It's a great photo opportunity, but go early in the morning when it's less crowded. See photos on the next page.
4) Piazzale Degli Uffizi  N 43° 46' 7.62", E 11° 15' 20.39"
There are artists selling paintings outside the museum near the Arno River.

Avoid standing in line for hours. Buy tickets for museums on the internet.
See  http://www.florenceart.it/booking/?google-uffizi-rete-ricerca-2

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Tickets are booked in 30 minute increments on days the museum is open. It's closed on Monday. If space is available at the time you select, the tickets are charged to your credit card, confirmed via email, and immediately available. Charges are high for booking online.

After 90 minutes on a bus from Livorno and walking around Florence, stop for a Cappucino next to the river. The center of Ponte Vecchio Bridge is a good location to take pictures. (photo below)
Palazzo Pitti and Boboli Gardens

The Pitti Palace, which was formerly the residence of the grand-dukes of Tuscany and later of the King of Italy, now houses several important collections of paintings and sculpture, works of art, porcelain and a costume gallery, besides providing a magnificently decorated historical setting which extends to the Boboli Gardens, one of the earliest Italian gardens famous also for its fountains and grottoes.

Palazzo Pitti is one of Europe's greatest artistic treasure-troves, with the city's most extensive coterie of museums embracing a painting gallery second only to the Uffizi. It's a cavalcade of works of Titian, Rubens, Raphael, and Andrea del Sarto. Built in the 16th century (Brundelleschi was probably the architect), this was once the residence of the powerful Medici family.

http://www.uffizi.firenze.it/musei/?m=boboli

Hours: typically 8:15 – 18:30   Admission: 7 euros combined ticket for the museums and gardens

It's a short walk from Ponte Vecchio to Palazzo Pitti. There was no line when we bought tickets for the museums and garden. If you like landscapes, you'll love the gardens. You can climb the stairs to the top of Forte Belvedere for great views of the vineyards. The gardens also have great views of the Duomo.
When we leave Ponte Vecchio, we walk west on the north side of the Arno River along a narrow sidewalk.

6) There is a **marbleized paper product** store along the river. Products include small books for telephone numbers, notebooks, boxes, writing instruments, etc. These products are unique and great as gifts.

7) **Salvatore Ferragamo Store**  
   **N 43° 46' 10.96", E 11° 15' 2.97"**  
   Ferragamo products are actually less expensive in the US, but my wife likes this store.

8) **Salvatore Ferragamo Shoe Museum**  
   **N 43° 46' 11.76", E 11° 15' 5.03"**  
   The museum's footwear collection documents the entire span of Salvatore Ferragamo's career, from his return to Italy in 1927 to 1960 the year he died. It highlights his technical and artistic skills which, through his color choices, creativity of the designs, and use of innovative materials, made a fundamental contribution to the growth, and establishment of **Made in Italy**.  
   Some of the items reveal Salvatore Ferragamo’s relationships with artists of his day, such as the futurist painter, Lucio Venna who created some advertising sketches and the famous Ferragamo footwear label. Others document his continuous quest for the perfect fit and the invention of specials constructions and materials, from the famous cork wedge patented in 1936 and immediately imitated all over the world, to the raffia or cellophane vamps, and candy-wrapper paper used during World War II. And, there are the shoes that are famous because they were made for Hollywood stars such as Marilyn Monroe, Greta Garbo and Audrey Hepburn. A century of history told by footwear. The items on display are periodically selected from the over 10,000 models in the museum’s archives and featured in biennial exhibitions that present different themes through Ferragamo shoes.
9) **IL Porcellino Market**  
N 43° 46' 11.48", E 11° 15' 15.82"

The open-air, bargain market is called IL Porcellino by Italians because of the bronze statue of the reclining wild boar. Pet it's snout in hopes you'll return to Florence. The market sells a variety of leather goods, chess sets, ties, purses, scarfs, boxes, etc. Prices are good and a wide selection is available.

![IL Porcellino Market](image)

10) **The Duomo (Santa Maria del Fiore)** is a magnificent structure  
N 43° 46' 23.23", E 11° 15' 20.16"  

Admission to the church is free. You can climb 463 steps to the top of the tower. Admission to the tower is 8 euros at the entrance on the left side of the church. Views from the tower are outstanding if you have the stamina to make the climb.

The Duomo is a huge structure as shown by the Google satellite photo below.

![The Duomo](image)

NOTE: There are many pickpockets in the crowds near the Duomo. Maybe thieves are religious people.
Popular Tourist Sites From Livorno Port

Use these GPS coordinates to create your own maps, plot distance and travel time

- Cinque Terre Riomaggiore Train Station  N 44° 06′ 01.7″, E 09° 44′ 10.3″
- Lucca Train Station  N 43° 50′ 14.55″, E10° 30′ 22.27″
- Pisa entrance to Leaning Tower  N 43° 43′ 22.2″, E 10° 23′ 34.5″
- Livorno dock near the ferry boats  N 43° 33′ 24.33″, E 10° 17′ 49.12″
- Florence (Firenze) tour bus stop near tower  N 43° 45′ 58.73″, E 11° 16′ 6.14″
- San Gimignano main gate entrance  N 43° 27′ 52.91″, E 11° 2′ 33.27″
- Siena Duomo  N 43° 19′ 2.01″, E 11° 19′ 42.64″

Cinque Terre = Five Villages Along a Mountainous Coast

It's 114 km and a 1.5 hr tour bus ride from the cruise ship dock in Livorno.
Cinque Terre is north of Livorno and west of La Spezia on a rugged mountainous coastline. The five villages of Riomaggiore, Manarola, Corniglia, Vernazza, and Monterosso al Mare and the surrounding mountains are part of the Cinque Terre National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

The area is noted for its spectacular beauty of the mountains, cliffs, the sea, and colorful villages. A patchwork of vineyards and olive groves have been terraced into the hills by building seven miles of dry-stone walls. The Italians remind us the length of these stone walls is equivalent to the length of “the Great Wall of China.”

Small roads between the villages are inaccessible by vehicles, but buses and cars can drive higher up along the mountains and park so the passengers can walk down steep paths and stairs to most of the villages. The face of the mountain is covered by world-famous hiking trails that draw hiking enthusiasts from all over the world.

There are three ways to travel between the towns:

- **Sentiero Azzuro**, the blue path, connects all the villages. The entire length is 11.4 km and takes 5 hours and 15 minutes, but you can walk a section of the trail. Trails are narrow and crowded in tourist season.
- The train is the fastest and easiest way to travel. It connects all the villages, but you can't see much because the train spends much of its time in tunnels cut through the mountains. When you arrive at a train station, you may find it is is steep climb, e. g., it's 365 steps from the train station up to Corniglia.
- A boat ride is a fun way to see the coastline and visit the villages. Boats stop at all villages except Corniglia which is high above the sea and does not have a dock. Be prepared for the possibility that the boat ride portion of your ship's excursion tour may be cut short or eliminated due to wind.

This website is an Excellent review of the Sentiero Azzuro trail from Monterosso al Mare to Riomaggiore
http://www.cinqueterre.it/uploaded_binary/sentiero_azzurroingl.swf

The website shows a photo-video of what the trail is like such as a dirt path, steps, gravel, or paved walkway as you walk from Monterosso al Mare to Riomaggiore. It also shows changes in elevation and the views you will have from the trail to the sea. It is an OUTSTANDING preview to help you decide which section(s) of the trail you might be interested in walking.

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On October 25, 2011, a devastating storm dumped 22 inches of rain on the mountains in four hours burying the villages of Monterosso and Vernazza under 10 feet of mud, rock, and debris. Most of the damage has been repaired, but the popular, Via dell'Amore (Lover's walk) paved flat trail along the cliffs will be closed for repairs at least until 2014. Before planning to visit this area, check to see if it is open.

Download the “Official” Tourist Map at http://www.cinqueterre.it/uploaded_binary/sentieri.jpg
This is an EXCELLENT, FREE map from the tourist bureau. The map includes a lot of detail of the area. The map is so large that I had to cut it into left and right sections to display it on the next two pages.
“Official” Tourist Map of Cinque Terre (right side)
Princess Excursion from Livorno to Cinque Terre:
The bus left from our ship around 8:30 am for a 90-minute ride to Cinque Terre. We were dropped off in a parking lot near vineyard-covered hills above Manarola. Our guide led us down steep streets and stairs to the village. My wife had some difficulty with the stairs due to her arthritic knees.

It was a few weeks after Easter Sunday. I spotted this display in the vineyards. *(photo at right)*

The area is scenic, and the village has colorful buildings on the steeply sloped hills to the sea.

*Manarola (photo below)*

Our guide led us to Via dell' Amore (Lover's walk). This path is described as “wheelchair friendly.” It probably is because it's flat, reasonably wide, and has almost no elevation change, but I don't know how you would get from the bus parking lot down the steeply sloped streets and stairs to “Lover's walk “ in a wheelchair.
“Lover's Walk” takes 20-30 minutes from Manarola to Riomaggiore. We spent almost an hour enjoying the views. The path is cut into the cliff and offers excellent views of the coastline below. (photo at right)

According to legend, if lovers secure a lock to the wire fence material, (photo above) they will be together through eternity.

“Lover's walk” was incredibly crowded (photo below)
Sections of the path are enclosed in pedestrian tunnels with open spaces to look out to the sea. *(photo below)*

We arrived at Riomaggiore, followed the guide through the crowd, and descended stairs to the boat waiting for us at the dock. A boat ride gives an entirely different perspective of the coastline. I recommend including a boat ride in your excursion. We took the boat to Vernazza *(photo below)*
The original plan was to disembark at Vernazza to explore the village and board a later boat to Monterosso al Mare. It was a comfortable boat ride, but the boat had to slow down because of the waves. Our guide told us the tour was taking too long at the slower boat speed. She changed the itinerary telling us not to get off the boat at Vernazza, we did not have time to visit the village. To ensure we would get back to the ship on time, we stayed on the boat and disembarked at Monterosso. I would not have known we were behind schedule and was glad the guide corrected the problem.

It was a beautiful, but breezy day. We got off the boat at Monterosso al Mare near the beaches (photo below)

We had lunch with friends, did some shopping, and boarded the bus for a ride to another beach farther north. We walked around the area and went back to the bus at the meeting time. It was unbelievably crowded at the parking lot. It took almost half an hour to get out of the parking lot because of the traffic jam.

We had a great tour and got back to our ship on time. Our tour guide dealt well with the crowds, the delay in the boat ride due to waves, and problems getting out of the parking lot. I recommend the Princess tour.

Tour Options From Livorno Port to Cinque Terre

Ship's Excursion Bus
I believe the ship's excursion is the best, easiest, and lowest stress tour from Livorno to Cinque Terre. It is travel-time efficient and maximizes touring time at Cinque Terre. It's low stress because I am walking beside a guide. She knows how to deal with the crowds, alternate routes through the maze of narrow streets, stairs, and which direction to turn. Furthermore, a guide can judge whether we're on schedule and make adjustments on the fly to ensure we get back to the ship on time. Another issue is buying passes to walk along the trails. I don't want the hassle of purchasing a trail pass. If trail passes are required, they are included in my Princess bus tour.

Car Rental from Hertz at Livorno Port
As noted on page 19 of this port guide, you can rent a car from Hertz at the port of Livorno. This should be a time-efficient travel method arriving at Cinque Terre about the same time as the bus.
I have not rented a car in Italy, but if I did, I would buy maps ($70) for my Garmin GP. I would press the “Where am I button” on the GPS next to the ship, so I could find my way back. When I passed a full-service gas station near the port, I would save that GPS location, so I could stop there on my way back.

Parking could be a problem in Cinque Terre. The lots are often full, and the streets above the villages are lined with miles of parked cars. To avoid this problem, I would park the car near the La Spezia Centrale Train Station GPS = N 44° 06′ 40.8″, E 09° 48′ 48.4″ and take a train (8-15 minute ride) to one of the villages. The only village I would not visit by train is Corniglia because it is 365 steps uphill from the train station to the village. There is a bus, but that's another time-consuming travel issue.

I don't know if I would take a boat ride on self-guided touring because of the problem of delays due to wind. If I had enough time, I would stop at Pisa on my way back to the ship.

**Bus and Train Travel from Livorno Port to Cinque Terre**

Although some people use self-guided bus and train travel from the cruise ship dock in Livorno to Cinque Terre, I caution you this is a very inefficient travel method. With limited time in Cinque Terre, you could only visit a few places to ensure you get back to the ship on time. I wouldn't try it.

**Train schedule from Livorno Centrale to Riomaggiore in Cinque Terre for September 17, 2013**

Get the schedule for the day your ship will be in Livorno from [www.Trenitalia.com](http://www.Trenitalia.com)

It's unlikely you will get from your ship to the train station in time for the 9:17 am train to Cinque Terre. You'll probably get the 10:43 am train arriving Riomaggiore Cinque Terre at 12:08 pm. For comparison, the ships bus excursion will arrive in Cinque Terre around 10:00 am.

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**San Gimignano “delle Belle Torri” – the town of fine towers**

San Gimignano is a beautiful city, immaculately preserved, and surrounded by the scenic countryside in Tuscany, halfway between Florence and Siena. You'll see it perched on a hilltop from a distance and recognize it by the 13 towers. Originally, there were 72 towers dating back to the 14th to 15th centuries. Towers were a symbol of the power and wealth of families in the textile industry. The higher the tower, the more important and wealthy the family. Towers were used to dry long cloths.

Official website = [http://www.comune.sangimignano.si.it/turismo-cultura/turismo](http://www.comune.sangimignano.si.it/turismo-cultura/turismo)

**Livorno industrial dock near the ferry boats**

GPS = N 43° 33’ 24.33”, E 10° 17’ 49.12”

**San Gimignano Entrance Gate**

GPS = N 43° 27’ 52.91”, E 11° 2’ 33.27”

It's 83 km and a 90-minute ride from the dock in Livorno.
As you can see from this map, it's a small town. The main street, Via San Giovani, is lined with shops. On different visits, we have purchased paintings, pottery, leather handbags, pottery, wine, pasta, and spices. The streets are wide and flat, but there are some slopes near Piazza della Cisterna, the main square.
When looking at the entrance gate, turn to the right (east) for a scenic view of the vineyards. (photo below left)

The walls are formidable (photo below right)

Main street looking south to the entrance (Photo left)

**Panoramic lookout**

GPS = N 43° 27' 57.17", E 11° 2' 33.82"

There is a narrow street on the right leading to a Panoramic Lookout of the vineyards and rolling hills to the east. Note the sign pointing to the GOLDSMITH. (photo below)

**Piazza della Cisterna**

GPS = N 43° 28' 3.05", E 11° 2' 36.88"

It's the town center, a triangular shaped area with a travertine well in the center of the red brick pavement. Be sure to buy some gelato. “The claim is it's the best gelato in Italy.”

**Duomo di San Gimignano**

GPS = N 43° 28' 3.66", E 11° 2' 35.47"

The piazza has the highest tower in the town, Torre Grossa (177 feet), I'm told you can climb the tower. The square also has a Civic Museum with many works of art and a nice outside cafe for cappuccino or snacks. There is a tourist office next to the Duomo. You can get a cash refund on your VAT purchases at this office.
Using Google Maps to Preview Your Visit

I have included GPS coordinates, not because you need them to find your way around in this small town, but because you can use them to “preview” your visit in the town.

Enter the GPS coordinates for a site such as the Duomo into Google Maps. The exact location will be shown as a down-pointing green arrow. Then drag the little yellow man icon onto the map and place it on the green arrow. Rotate the man icon to see the street level view from different angles. The photo below was obtained by using this technique. If you look at the lower right hand corner of the photo, you'll see the map with the little yellow man icon placed on top of the down-pointing green arrow.

Google Street Level Photo of the Duomo

You can use this technique with Google maps to “walk down the streets, and see the sights” in San Gimignano.

San Gimignano is a very small area, and it's fun to explore. I don't think it's possible to get lost. It's crowded, but a relaxing and scenic place to visit. The town is very pedestrian friendly; the walkways are flat and wide.

Shopping includes excellent white wine from local vineyards such as Vernaccia, the first Italian wine to receive DOC, saffron the spice grown in this area since the Middle-Ages, hand made/painted ceramics, paintings, a wide variety of salami including wild boar, etc.
Siena – a beautiful city in Tuscany
Siena is in the heart of Tuscany, surrounded by olive groves and Chianti vineyards. It's one of Italy's best-preserved medieval cities, surrounded by walls, and featuring fine examples of Gothic architecture and a unique piazza.
Siena is built upon three hills and a Y-shaped ridge. Some streets are steep with steps, but we were able to find alleyways we could comfortably walk.

Piazza del Campo is at the heart of the city. The world-famous Il Palio horse race is held here on July 2nd and August 16th. Ten representatives of city wards dress in colorful garb and race bareback around the Piazza.

Another important landmark is the Duomo. Both of these landmarks are shown in the map below. See the 200-foot map scale. It's a short distance between the these two landmarks.

For info on Siena Backstreets & Gastronomy see www.TomsPortGuides.com/SienaTouristInfo.pdf

Livorno industrial dock near the ferry boats
GPS = N 43° 33' 24.33", E 10° 17' 49.12"

Siena Duomo
GPS = N 43° 19' 2.01", E 11° 19' 42.64"

Siena is 157km (97 miles) = a 2 hour ride from Livorno Port.
I prefer a private tour organized by Cruise Critic members on the ship's roll calls. The tour vehicle is small enough to enter the town and drop us off at the Duomo. We have the flexibility to control the time schedule as we wish, and can plan a few stops on the way back to our ship such as visiting a vineyard and having lunch at a small restaurant. I don't see why you would need a guide in Siena, it's a pedestrian friendly city.
The **Duomo** includes work by Pisano, Donatello, Michelangelo and frescoes by Pinturicchio. The floor is gorgeous. It has inlaid marble panels by 40 of Siena's leading artists between 1369 and 1547. **Admission price is 6 Euros. Open hours are** 10:30 AM – 7:30 PM on weekdays and 1:30 PM - 5:30 PM on Sundays and holidays from March 1 to September 31. **Weekday hours are 10:30 AM – 6:30 PM November -February.** When facing the front of the cathedral, walk on the right hand side to the end and you'll see the ticket office.

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Duomo (**Photo above**)  
Ceiling of the dome as viewed from inside the church (**Photo at left**)
Columns inside the church (photo at left)

Marble floor (photo above)

Piazza del Campo (photo below)
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