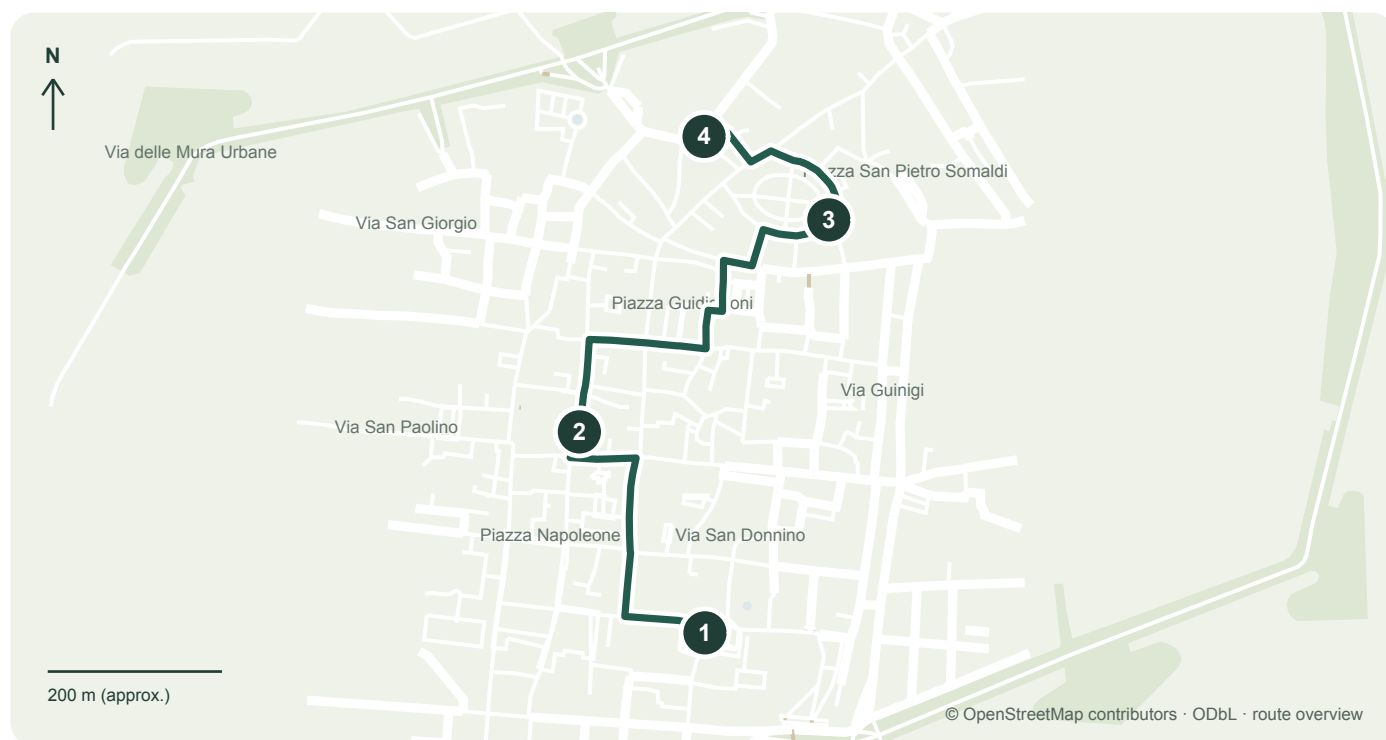


Four squares inside Lucca's walls

Walk through Lucca's compact historic centre, comparing a cathedral square, San Michele, an oval piazza and San Frediano. Stay at street level; the full wall circuit and tower climbs are separate choices.

1.13 km / 4 stops / 40-65 min with pauses / one way



1. Piazza San Martino

2. Piazza San Michele

3. Piazza dell'Anfiteatro

4. Piazza San Frediano

Start & finish

Start in Piazza San Martino outside the cathedral. The railway station is south of the walls, beyond Porta San Pietro. Finish at San Frediano, toward the north of the centre.

Make it shorter

Begin at San Michele and continue to Piazza dell'Anfiteatro; stop there for a compact two-square visit.

Look closer at each stop

01 Piazza San Martino

Begin outside the cathedral and compare its rows of columns. The generous public square lets you take in the façade without committing to an interior visit.

Next: 386 m to stop 2. Route includes Via del Duomo, Via San Giovanni, Piazza San Giusto.

02 Piazza San Michele

The church stands in the square associated with Lucca's Roman forum. Look for the figure high on the façade, then compare the surrounding building heights.

Next: 518 m to stop 3. Route includes Piazza San Michele, Via Buia, Via Diversi.

03 Piazza dell'Anfiteatro

Enter the oval square through a passage and follow its curved outline with your eyes. The shape preserves the footprint of a Roman amphitheatre.

Next: 227 m to stop 4. Route includes Via dell'Anfiteatro, Via Fillungo, Piazza San Frediano.

04 Piazza San Frediano

Finish facing the church's bright mosaic. From the square, compare this flat field of colour with the carved stone seen earlier in the walk.

Underfoot & access

Mostly level old-town streets with uneven paving, bicycles and local service traffic. The route does not include stairs to the walls or towers. Crowds can narrow the passages into the amphitheatre square.

Before you go

Museum, church and tower visits need their own time and current access checks. The square interiors and public streets are enough for this route. Follow temporary pedestrian signs during events.

Sources & route review

Lucca Tourism: city map and sights

Lucca Tourism: Piazza San Michele

Map: OpenStreetMap / Valhalla pedestrian routing. Distances follow the mapped line; suggested visit times include pauses and are editorial estimates, not a timed on-site walk.