



*Gems in Tuscany*  
TOUR OPERATOR

# TASTING TOUR IN THE CENTER OF LUCCA “A TASTE OF LUCCA”



**DAYS OF THE EXPERIENCE:** Every day (no Sunday)



**DEPARTURE TIME AND LOCATION:** 4:00 PM at Piazza San Michele (in front of Unicredit Bank)



**MINIMUM NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS:** 4

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## EXPERIENCE

We will visit Piazza San Michele, an ancient Roman forum, and the Church of San Michele, notable for its spectacular façade in Pisan Romanesque style, created by the unparalleled craftsmanship of the Comacini sculptors in the 11th century. Next, we will learn about the birthplace of Maestro Giacomo Puccini, composer of operas such as La Bohème, Tosca, and Madama Butterfly.

**Our first stop will be at a historic food shop** established a couple of centuries ago that has always been a reference point for gastronomy in Lucca. Here, accompanied by the owners, we will taste various cured meats, crostini, bruschetta, and two types of pecorino cheese. Wine pairing includes two glasses of wine from the hills around Lucca (one red and one white).

We continue our tour with Piazza Napoleone, where Elisa Baciocchi lived during her time as Princess of Lucca. We will then view from outside the churches of San Giovanni and San Martino—Lucca’s cathedral since the 7th century—which features a façade inspired by the loggias and columns of San Michele adorned with multicolored marble sculptures.

Next, we head to Via Fillungo, Lucca’s main street where locals enjoy strolling during their leisure time; this area is home to numerous antique and modern shops that make Lucca a sought-after destination for jewelry shopping and typical Tuscan products.

We pause at Via San Andrea to admire Torre Guinigi, built by the eponymous family in the 14th century.

The rooftop garden makes it a remarkable feature in the city skyline, distinguishing it from other medieval towers both in Lucca and across Tuscany.

Arriving at San Frediano—dedicated to Irish monk Finnegan who became bishop of Lucca—we’ll appreciate one of its most beautiful churches thanks to its neobyzantine mosaic located on top of its Romanesque façade.

**Our second stop is a delightful Café’.** This place is known for its charming atmosphere where homemade cakes and cookies are paired with a refined selection of Italian sweets. We will sample Taddeucci’s Buccellato—a delicious Lucchese pastry—and six types of cookies made on-site. Additionally, these treats will be accompanied by a glass of Vin Santo or tea or coffee/cappuccino.

Finally, we arrive at Piazza Anfiteatro—an oval-shaped square created from an ancient Roman arena—now unique due to houses built over its arches that give it exceptional character worldwide.

Our tour concludes here around 7:00 PM.

### **Individual Participation Fee: € 85.00**

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The fee includes: Local guide service from 4 PM to 7 PM and two tasting stops as indicated in the itinerary.

Possibility to organize private transfers from the areas surrounding Lucca and Versilia.

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