

Lucca Recommendations

Eat:

- Café Santa Zita
- Pizzeria da Umberto
- Osteria Baralla
- Ristorante Mecenate
- Antica Locanda dell'Angelo
- Trattoria Canuleia
- Trattoria Giullio
- Buca di Sant'Antonio
- La Dogana Lucca
- Try the Buccellato a local ring-shaped treat eaten as a snack or breakfast (If you aren't a fan of anise this might not be for you)
- Theobroma for Natascia's favorite gelato in the area (a little outside the walls)

Do:

- Rent bikes and ride the walls of the city
- Walk the streets and get lost (it's small so you can't really get too lost)
- Puccini House Museum
- Walk Via Fillungo to browse the boutiques
- Climb the Guinigi Tower or Torre delle Ore
- Visit the Orto Botanico

See:

- Piazza Anfiteatro
- Church of San Michele
- Duomo San Martino
- The walls of the city
- The façade of the Basilica of San Frediano (visit the mummified body of St. Zita inside)

Tips:

- The city is virtually car free within the walls, but easy to navigate by foot
- There are a lot of nice unique small boutiques and shops scattered through the city, they are worth stopping in to find one-of-a-kind items
- Tuscan bread in the area is made unsalted and meant to be an accompaniment to meals, this might be odd to some if eaten alone

- If you happen to be in the area between September 13-14 the city will be celebrating La Festa di Santa Croce, with a candlelit procession taking place the evening of the 13th. This is a celebration marked by thousands of candles illuminating the streets of the city and traditional local fairs
- This is a relatively small and slow-moving city, try to be sure to leave some time to sit back and enjoy it!

If you are looking for more detailed suggestions or have questions, please contact Elena Scardilla at escardiglia@gmail.com.