Cultural Site Fact Sheet

Cultural site name	CHURCH S. MARIA OF THE SPINA
Type of site	Church
Address	Lungarno Gambacorti
City	Pisa
Contacts	For information please contact: *Infopoint Turistico Pisa* in Piazza del Duomo in front of the CathedralAddress: Piazza Duomo, 7Tel.: +39 050 550100 Email: touristinfo@turismo.pisa.it
Website	Web: www.turismo.pisa.it
WCAG 2.1 compliant accessible website	NO

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Description

The church, founded in 1230, was built by the Pisan family of the Gualandi, also mentioned by Dante in Canto XXXIII of the Inferno; it was called S. Maria del Ponte novo and stood as a votive oratory at the foot of the bridge that connected Via S. Antonio to Via S. Maria. Following the donation of the relic of the Thorn of the Crown of Christ to the oratory in 1333, it took on its current name. The thorn was then moved in the nineteenth century to the church of Santa Chiara, near the Piazza del Duomo.

Due to the damage due to the subsidence of the ground, the church underwent numerous renovations, until in the mid-nineteenth century it was decided to dismantle it and rebuild it in a raised position with respect to the riverbed where it was located.

This resulted in the destruction of the sacristy and the loss of some sculptures.

General information

Opening and closing period	The church is currently the location of temporary art exhibitions with scheduled opening
Times	For opening hours please contact the tourist office
Ticket cost	Free admission
Online purchase	NO

Arrival at the property

Private/public parking

Presence of private parking	NO
Public parking nearby	YES
Type of flooring in the public car park	asphalt
Presence of parking space reserved for people with disabilities	YES. 2 parking spaces in via S. Antonio, 20 meters away and in lungarno Sidney Sonnino, 100 meters away
Eventual notes	

 2 reserved parking spaces in via S. Antonio	 1 reserved parking space in Lungarno Sidney

Route from the car park to the entrance

The property can be reached from the car park	Through sidewalks connected to the road surface, 100 meters from the entrance
There are indicators and tactile maps	NO
There is an accessible entrance	YES main entrance
How to access the site	☒ main entrance accessible from the road surface through the sidewalk connected by **two specular ramps,** with a moderate slope, located at the back and front. The entrance is accessible via 3 steps that can be overcome, for a person in a wheelchair, through a "system with a roto-translating lifting **platform**; threshold with small step 2 cm high inside and outside
Useful width of door/entrance gate	Above 90 cm
Type of door	glass door, with 2 leaves that can be opened both by pulling and pushing
Type of handle	knob



Ramp opposite the entrance



Ramp opposite the entrance



Ramp in front of the entrance



Ramp in front of the entrance



In the photos the automation sequence of the retractable roto translating platform, which allows a person in a wheelchair to access the church

	

Itineraries

Presence of maps	NO
Tactile indicators and tactile maps	NO
Presence of didactic panels	NO
Video guides	NO
Touch models and touchable artworks/replicas	NO
Multimedia workstations accessible from a seated position	NO
Routes dedicated to children	NO
Stopping points	NO
Route spread over several floors	NO
Usable width of door/entrance gate/corridors	Above 90 cm
Room Identification	without identification sign
Bulletin board/information panels and captions	☐ captions placed 95 cm from the ground ☐ Shadow-free fonts and serifs

	☐ easy-to-read text (AAC) ☐ Braille or relief panel positioned 60-100 cm from the ground ☐ The works on display are described in great detail on signs with black writing on a white background ☐ Panels also written in English
	
	The church of the Spina is an extraordinary example of **Pisan Gothic**, with a rectangular plan and entirely covered with polychrome marble. The façade develops at the top in three spires and is divided in the center by a pillar, which supports, inside an aedicule, a Madonna and Child between two angels. At the top, at the vertices of the three pediments, there are statues of the Annunciation and the Redeemer (workshop of Andrea Pisano).

	Inside, in the center of the presbytery, on the main altar, there are three masterpieces of European Gothic sculpture, the Madonna della Rosa and, on two side shelves, the figures of St. Peter and St. John the Baptist, attributed to Andrea and Nino Pisano. On the north wall is the tabernacle of Stagio Stagi (1534) in which the relic of the Crown of Thorns was kept.

Medical practices/healthcare facilities

Hospitals near the property	**Cisanello Hospital** Emergency Room 050 992300 (it is active from 8.00 in the morning to 01.00 at night, after this time the Emergency Room can be contacted through the switchboard) Toll-free number 800.015877 Switchboard 050.992111 **S. Chiara Hospital** Via Savi Pisa
Other healthcare facilities	**Dialysis services on holiday** in the period June – September, with 6 beds (Monday, Wednesday. Friday) in the evening (18.00-24.00) tel. 0039 050 997250 – 997253 – 997256 nefrotrap.pisa@ao-pisa.toscana.it

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