



Cultural Site Fact Sheet

Cultural site name	Blue Palace
Type of site	Museum
Address	Lungarno Gambacorti 9, 56125
City	Pisa
Contacts	+39 050916950
Website	https://palazzoblu.it/ info@palazzoblu.it segreteria@palazzoblu.it
WCAG 2.1 compliant accessible website	NO

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Description

The ancient noble palace was located in a strategic position, at the mouth of the bridge that already crossed the river in the tenth century, a short distance from the palace of the important Gambacorta family, now the seat of the City Council. The first settlements on the site of the palace date back to the eleventh century, to the period of the Maritime Republic of Pisa, while the street below, still visible today in the corridor on the ground floor that leads to the entrance of the temporary exhibitions together with the ancient building structures, can be dated to a period between the end of the twelfth and the beginning of the thirteenth century. From the Municipality of Pisa it was acquired, in 2001, by the Fondazione Cassa di Risparmio di Pisa, today Fondazione Pisa, which has completely restored it and made it accessible to the public since 2008. It is currently managed by the Palazzo Blu Foundation.

General information

Opening and closing period	All year round
Times	Monday to Friday from 10.00 am to 7.00 pm – holidays from 10.00 am to 8.00 pm
Ticket cost	Full price €5.00 - reduced €3.00 - Reduced Family: €9.00 (2 parents and children under 18) – free for visitors with disabilities and accompanying persons
Online purchase	Buy the entrance to the Museum
Pet access	NO, except guide dogs

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 Lungarno Gambacorti and 1 parking space in via Toselli







	<p>It is possible to park, for visitors with reduced mobility, in Lungarno Gambacorti at 60 and 100 meters, and in via Pietro Toselli, in a limited traffic area, which is about 80 m from the secondary entrance</p>

Route from the car park to the entrance

The property can be reached from the car park	on the flat with a slight slope
Distance from parking to entrance	Main entrance 16 m and secondary entrance 60 m from the nearest parking lot in Lungarno
There are indicators and tactile maps	NO
There is an accessible entrance	YES secondary entrance






How to access the site MAIN ACCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> via 5 steps Cannot be overcome with any precautions
How to access the site SECONDARY ACCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> flat with bell placed 88 cm from the ground
Useful width of door/entrance gate	greater than 90 cm at both entrances
Type of door	Automatic at the main entrance and with two inward-opening leaves at the secondary entrance
Type of handle	automatic/sliding at the main entrance and with panic bar that can be opened from the inside at the secondary entrance
Eventual notes	
	
	



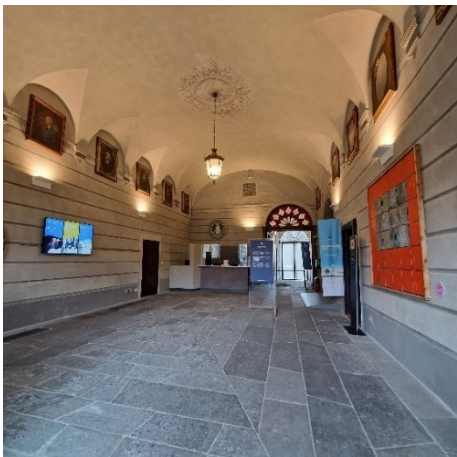



Reception and ticket office

How to access	Via 5 steps from the main entrance or from the secondary entrance, via a ramp 630 cm long, 160 cm wide, slope 5.2%, handrail on the left
	Ramp to reach the ticket office and the Permanent Exhibition
Priority access for visitors with disabilities	YES
Orientation signs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Signage with contrasting icons and colors to provide information on accessibility <input type="checkbox"/> Orientation signs according to the ISO23601 Safety Identification – Escape and Evacuation Plan Signs <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> directional signs placed at 140/170 cm with contrasting colors <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Signs identifying rooms and paths placed at 140/170 cm with contrasting colors
Type of information material	<input type="checkbox"/> Braille guides <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> guides in large print <input type="checkbox"/> Facilitated Language Guides (AAC)








	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Audio guides (service included) <input type="checkbox"/> video guides in LIS or subtitles <input type="checkbox"/> tactile maps <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> QR code <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> imapp
A cloakroom accessible to visitors with motor disabilities is available	YES
Multilingual staff	YES
The staff followed a training course on welcoming people with different disabilities	NO
Presence of sign language interpreters	YES on request
Reception desk height	bench over 100 cm
The following aids are available for visitors with disabilities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> manual wheelchair <input type="checkbox"/> Crutches <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Magnifier <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tablet with pre-installed app
	






	
	<p>The cloakroom is accessible via a ramp equipped with handrails on both sides, 92 cm long, 95 cm wide and with a slope of 7.5%</p>

Itineraries

Presence of maps	YES
Touch indicators and visual-touch maps	YES
Presence of didactic panels	YES
Audio guide	YES
Touch Models	NO
Multimedia workstations accessible from a seated position	YES with keypad placed 94 cm from the ground





Routes dedicated to children	YES
Stopping points	NO
Route spread over several floors	YES spread over 3 floors
	<p>The Blue Palace has the following sections, distributed over three floors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Permanent Collection • The Noble Residence • The Foundations • Temporary Exhibition
Usable width of door/entrance gate/corridor	From 80 cm to more than 90 cm
Room Identification	by means of a sign placed 130 cm from the ground with blue text color on background color white
Bulletin board/information panels and captions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> captions placed 110 cm from the ground <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shadow-free fonts and serifs <input type="checkbox"/> easy-to-read text (AAC) <input type="checkbox"/> Braille or relief panel positioned 60-100 cm from the ground <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contrasting white on a black background or white on a light blue background <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Panels also written in English





From the ground floor, near the ticket office, you can access the basement (Le Fondamenta) by stairs or freight elevators, where the archaeological finds from the excavations carried out during the restoration of the building and adjacent areas are exhibited in three rooms






THE FOUNDATIONS

Exhibition section dedicated to archaeology and medieval history

Spread over two rooms, they present artifacts from the eighteenth to the mid-nineteenth century and the ways of living and the daily life of those who lived in the Palace





<p>How to access the other rooms</p>	<p>☒ by elevator Door width 81 cm, cabin width 105 cm, cabin depth 137 cm, call button height 86 cm, highest button height keypad 88 cm, embossed/braille keys</p>
	
	<p>Temporary Exhibition (or Great Exhibition) located on the ground floor and on the first floor</p>





From the cloakroom to reach the **AUDITORIUM** it is possible to overcome the ramp equipped with handrails on both sides, 92 cm long, 95 cm wide and with a slope of 7.5% and via the elevator that leads to the first floor.
It is equipped with modern audiovisual services useful for seminars and various events



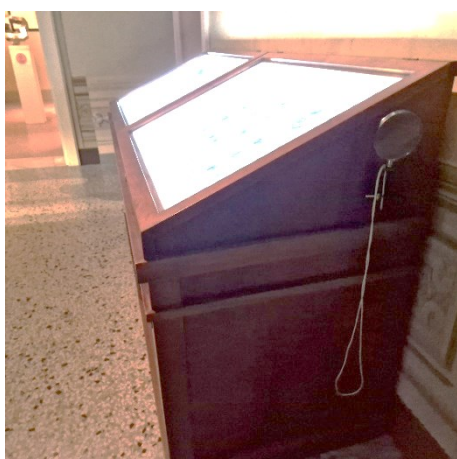
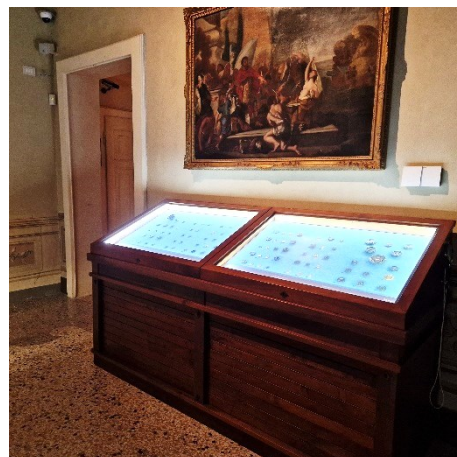
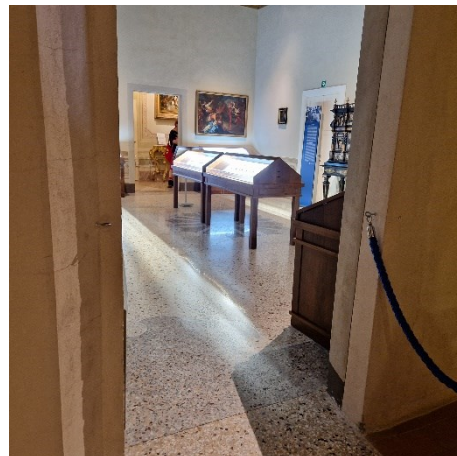
NOBLE RESIDENCE

The **Noble Residence** located on the second floor, reachable by monumental stairs, elevator or freight elevator, is in turn divided into the Art Collections of the Pisa Foundation and the Simoneschi Collection





Noble Residence: set up according to the criteria that intend to enhance its character as a noble residence and propose an example of what must have been the appearance of the home of an important nineteenth-century Pisan family, furnished with not insignificant works and art objects.



In the Simoneschi Collection – Coiniere, it is possible to admire some of the approximately 3300 coins in Ottavio Simoneschi's collection. A magnifying glass is available placed 68 cm from the ground





On the fourth floor it is possible to visit part of the **Permanent Collection**, within which it is sometimes possible to find temporary exhibitions



The original nucleus of the collection, purchased by the original Cassa di Risparmio di Pisa, has been enriched with works by important authors including Nino Pisano, Orazio and Artemisia Gentileschi, Orazio Riminaldi, Tribolo. In addition to the individual works, the Foundation has acquired entire collections such as that of Ottavio Simoneschi, or such as the very rich photographic archive of Luciano Frassi, which documents the life of the city throughout the second half of the 20th century.



On the fifth floor it is possible to visit part of the temporary exhibition or dossier exhibition that falls precisely within the section of the Permanent Collection






Services

Additional elements

Guided tours for groups	YES
Guided tours for individuals	YES
Activities for children and families	NO
Guided tours with trained staff	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in sign language, on request <input type="checkbox"/> for visitors with reduced mobility <input type="checkbox"/> in Facilitated Language (AAC)
Accessible bookshop	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> At the end of the visit to the Permanent Exhibition section, continuing along a corridor you reach BLU BOOK and BOOK SHOP . From the end of the Temporary Exhibition section, you reach the Blu Book bookshop , through a corridor with 2 ramps, interrupted by a horizontal shelf, both with a width of 130 cm, the 1st ramp 385 cm long and a slope of 9 % and the





	2nd ramp with a length of 660 cm and a slope of 7 %.
	
Eventual notes	There is a waiting room for young guests on the ground floor, near the cloakroom

Toilets for guests with reduced mobility

Number of accessible toilets for guests with reduced mobility	3
Location of the first toilet	ground floor near the ticket office
How to access the premises	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> flat <input type="checkbox"/> via ramp Choose an item. <input type="checkbox"/> by elevator Choose an item. <input type="checkbox"/> via stairlift
Usable width of the entrance door	81 cm
Toilet height	50 cm
Toilet seat with open front tooth	YES
Support handles	to the left of the toilet
Flexible shower on the side of the toilet	NO
Free space on the sides of the toilet	left 17 Cm right 84 Cm

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	frontal 37 Cm
Electric doorbell/telephone	YES
Washbasin with space underneath for wheelchair approach	63 cm
Height from the ground lower edge mirror	119 cm
Baby changing table	NO
	
	
Location of the 2nd toilet	ground floor, near the Showroom
How to access the premises	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> flat
Usable width of the entrance door	Dressing room 86 cm and toilet entrance 83 cm
Toilet height	50 cm
Toilet seat with open front tooth	YES
Support handles	to the right of the toilet
Flexible shower on the side of the toilet	NO
Free space on the sides of the toilet	left Above 90 cm





	right 2 3 Cm frontal Above 90 cm
Electric doorbell/telephone	YES
Washbasin with space underneath for wheelchair approach	Above 69 cm
Height from the ground lower edge mirror	113 cm
Baby changing table	NO
	
Location according to toilet	second floor near the Noble Residence
How to access the premises	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> flat
Usable width of the entrance door	Dressing room 86 cm and toilet entrance 70 cm
Toilet height	40 cm
Toilet seat with open front tooth	YES
Support handles	to the right of the toilet
Flexible shower on the side of the toilet	NO
Free space on the sides of the toilet	left 80 cm right 21 cm frontal 18 cm
Electric doorbell/telephone	YES
Washbasin with space underneath for wheelchair approach	Above 70 cm
Height from the ground lower edge mirror	113 cm
Baby changing table	NO
Eventual notes	





Medical practices/healthcare facilities

<p>Hospitals near the property</p>	<p>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</p> <p>S. Chiara Hospital</p>
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	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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