



Local Tips: List of Recommendations for Garfagnana

(Please click on each recommendation to open the google location)

Restaurants:

- Bar Pizzeria Il Vecchio Ponte
- Trattoria Bonini
- Scacciaguai
- La Loggia Del Capretz
- Il Pozzo
- Ristorante Vivi Verde Bistrot
- Antica Locanda di Sesto (near Lucca)

Bars:

- Wine Not?
- Caffè Ariosto

Ice Cream:

- Theobroma Capolavori di Dolcezza
- Gelateria Fuori dal Centro

Cafe & Fresh Pastries:

- Pasticceria Fratelli Lucchesi (Barga)
- Newbar (Castelnuovo)

Supermarket:

- Conad Superstore

Deli:

- L'Aia di Piero

Wine Shop:

- La Bottega del Fattore 2

Nails/Waxing:

- Estetica Elle di Monica Lupetti & Monica Poli

Medical:

- **Pharmacy:** Farmacia Gaddi
- **Doctor:** Accident & Emergency Hospital, Santa Croce di Castelnuovo di Garfagnana
- **Dentist:** Studio Dentistico Dott. Fiori Enrico, Dott.ssa Bonini Daniela

Trains: The closest train stations are Fornaci di Barga or Castelnuovo di Garfagnana Station. For train timetables, refer to www.trenitalia.it. It is easy to take a train to Lucca and back.

Recommended Activities (all bookable through the Villa App):

- **Hiking:** Set between the high Tuscan Apennines and the rugged Apuane Alps, we are in a hiker's paradise. Use our routes logged on our private Komoot, or adventure with an expert local guide (€200 per day).
- **Pasta Making:** Make two types of traditional Italian pasta with Gessica—delicate ravioli stuffed with ricotta cheese and tagliatelle with Bolognese sauce. €40 per person (minimum €240).
- **Pizza Making:** Using our own wood-fired pizza oven, make multiple pizza bases and get creative with your toppings using Gessica's family recipes. €40 per person (minimum €240).
- **Wine Tasting:** Set amongst our very own vines, sommelier Elena will take you on a taste journey as you try 5 local wines, each paired with delicious finger food. 1 hour, €45 per person (minimum €270).
- **Massages:** Enjoy our dedicated massage room and melt into a relaxing reflexology, holistic full body massage, or a kobido anti-ageing facial, using local and organic products only (€80 per 1-hour massage).
- **Cycling:** Garfagnana offers beautifully quiet roads via medieval villages, testing terrain and superb views. We will get electric bikes delivered to the villa, provide packed lunches, and share trails via Komoot (€80 per person for a day's e-bike rental and packed lunch).

Recommendations for Lucca

Parking:

- **Parcheggio Stazione:** To the right of the train station is cheap protected parking. Lucca is completely pedestrianised inside the old wall; it is a 7-minute walk to the old town from that parking spot ([click here](#))

Restaurants:

- Gli Orti di via Elisa
- Ristorante All'Olivo
- Buca di Sant'Antonio

Bars:

- Caffetteria Turandot
- Franklin'33

Ice Cream:

- Momo Gelati
- Gelateria Anfiteatro Lucca

Recommended Activities:

- Visit 'Buccellato Taddeucci', a beautiful shop stacked with traditional cakes and sweets.
- Visit 'Fondazione Centro Studi sull'Arte Licia e Carlo Ludovico Ragghianti', a beautiful art gallery that has good exhibitions.
- Climb the Guinigi Tower for a great aerial view.
- Take a stroll (or rent a bike) along the top of the city's old historic wall.