



Museums and Churches of Florence: the accessibility

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GALLERIE DEGLI UFFIZI

GALLERIA DELLE STATUE E DELLE PITTURE (ex Galleria Uffizi)

Piazzale degli Uffizi Tel +39 055 2388742

In Via della Ninna, near the access ramp to the Uffizi Gallery, it is necessary to overcome a small bevelled step on the sidewalk (3-4 cm/1,2-1,6 in)). It is advisable to be accompanied when crossing the ramp with a wheelchair. Ramp at entry door n. 1 (for those who booked in advance and for groups). Little step at entry door n. 2 (for advance tickets). The three sides of the porch are accessible; at the end of the porch next to the Loggia de' Lanzi there are two steps down to the square. An elevator can be found at the west-hand side (Exit Buontalenti) and it is connected with the Hall 38. The attendant should be called in order to use it. This elevator can only be used by people who really need it, but its use is limited to small groups (3-5 people). Larger groups of disabled should use the two elevators at the entry. Before using the elevators, please always inform the staff. Three wheelchairs compatible with the elevators' dimensions are available at the entry hall. There are three areas with toilets for disabled people: underground (the lift getting there is next to the cloakroom), in the middle of the third corridor (It is necessary to ask the staff for the key) and at the mezzanine, easily accessible by lift. The bar and the terrace are accessible thanks to a goods elevator. Among the tactile paths already present, there is the 'Touch Uffizi' course, which comprises of 14 (mainly sculptural) works of the Gallery, some taken from the archaeological collection, and another a tridimensional version of Botticelli's Birth of Venus. Every work of the course is accompanied by some didactic material in English and Italian Braille. On arrival, visitors are provided with latex disposable gloves that allow them to touch the works, with the help of the museum assistants, trained just to offer people an excellent appreciation of the visit.

PALAZZO PITTI

Piazza Pitti 1 Tel +39 055 2388614 – 055 23885

There is a very steep ascent to the entrance. Disabled in manual wheelchairs need to be accompanied.

The disabled people may reach Piazza Pitti by car (after having asked for the regular permit for disabled) but usually they cannot park there (for special permission ask the staff of the Palace). On the left-hand side of the Palace (Rondò di Bacco) there are 5 parking places for the disabled (2 are private for the disabled employees).

The ticket office is outside, right-hand wing of the palace, easily accessible (there is a small step and to enter the ticket office there is

a threshold of 1cm/0,4 in at the entry and 2 cm/0,8 in at the exit easy to overcome with a wheelchair). There are no steps to access the internal courtyard of the palace where the lifts are. The Palace houses the Museo degli Argenti (ground and middle floor), the Galleria Palatina and the Appartamenti Reali (first floor), the Galleria d'Arte Moderna and the Galleria del Costume (second floor). These museums are accessible thanks to two elevators (the door is 90 cm/2,95 ft wide) located in an open room giving on to the courtyard and facing each other. In the internal courtyard, there is a suitable toilet on the right-hand side after the cafeteria (it is usually open, otherwise ask the staff for the key). The Galleria d'Arte Moderna, the Galleria del Costume and the Museo degli argenti have a disabled toilet each.

GALLERIA PALATINA E APPARTAMENTI REALI

Piazza Pitti 1 Tel +39 055 2388614

The Galleria Palatina is located on the first floor of Palazzo Pitti. The access is possible thanks to two elevators in the right wing of the palace, next to the staircase. The doors of the elevator are about 90 cm/2,95 ft wide. It is important to contact the staff before taking the elevator, so that the doors on the first floor will be opened. The Galleria Palatina is fully accessible in every direction. However, the few glass doors, that are a bit heavy, have push openings: therefore, help can be required.

At the end of the Galleria Palatina there is a direct access to the Appartamenti Reali, which are totally accessible.

Recently opened and with plans for expansion, the tactile path of the Gallery includes several sculptural works, among them E. Zocchi's Michelangelo Fanciullo.

GALLERIA D'ARTE MODERNA

Piazza Pitti 1 Tel +39 055 2388760

On the second floor of Palazzo Pitti, the elevator opens in front of the entry of the gallery, with direct access. At the entrance there is one double glass door, which is advisable to open with some help. The gallery is fully accessible. The toilet for disabled is situated before the room n. 16; it has a double wood and glass door. At the Gallery the new 'Form and Material through Touch' tactile itinerary has recently been opened. From Room 2 to Room 30, blind and partially sighted visitors can touch 10 works, chosen from the most significant and made from various materials (bronze, marble, wood, hard stone, plaster, terracotta and ceramic) that represent the development of sculpture from the 1800s to the first few decades of the 19th century. The itinerary is illustrated with audioguides capable of facilitating the understanding of the masterpieces thanks to specially created texts and short descriptive cards in both braille and enlarged characters for the visually impaired inserted in special plexiglass stands.

TESORO DEI GRANDUCHI (ex Museo degli Argenti)

Piazza Pitti 1 Tel +39 055 2388709

The Museo degli Argenti, situated on the ground floor of the Palace, is totally accessible, while the room of the 'Tesoro', which is located on the upper floor, can be reached only by stairs. A toilet for the disabled

is located after the "Sala delle udienze", near the vestibule of the Scalone del Moro.

MUSEO DELLA MODA E DEL COSTUME (ex Galleria del Costume)

Piazza Pitti 1 Tel +39 055 2388713

As you reach the second floor with the elevator, the entry to the gallery is on the right. At the end of a small corridor, the 18 steps leading to the entry of the gallery can be overcome using a stairlift (sized 68x79 cm/2,2 x 2,6 ft and max lift 225 kg/496 lbs). A compatible wheelchair is available. Next to the stairs, on the right-hand side, there is a red button to call the assigned personnel. The rest of the gallery is accessible and provided with a toilet for disabled people.

There is also a tactile itinerary on the subject of outfit construction and various types of material.

MUSEO DELLE PORCELLANE

Piazza Pitti 1 Tel +39 055 2388709

The museum is not accessible for people in wheelchairs. The building is situated inside the Boboli Garden, in its higher part, beyond the amphitheatre, and it is only accessible by a steep double staircase.

GIARDINO DI BOBOLI

Piazza Pitti 1 Tel +39 055 265171 – 055 218741

People in wheelchairs should be accompanied during the visit of the garden, as the path is a made of earth and gravel and can be quite difficult to overcome. Moreover it is uneven, and sometimes quite steep.

The disabled access is located at the exit of the garden (on the left side of the courtyard, before the bookshop). Following the curved pathway, you get to the amphitheatre, from where you can get to the first terrace. Here there is an equipped toilet for disabled people reachable through a stairlift (circa 69x80 cm/2,3x2,7 ft) activated by the staff. Following the same paths upwards, you can reach the second terrace with the big central fountain.

The best way to continue your visit is to follow the trajectory to the left; first uphill to the terrace and then downhill along the wider pathways, till the big fountain of Neptune, and to the lower part of the garden in the direction of Porta Romana exit. To reach the fountain from the side street there is a small bevelled step of circa 6 cm/2,4 in that you can overcome with help. The exit towards piazzale di Porta Romana is accessible with a helper because of the slopes. Getting back to the Palace, along the greenhouses and the lemon groves, is also feasible even if climbing with earth and gravel makes it a little difficult

And finally there is a multisensory path in the Greenhouse of the Boboli Gardens, designed specifically for those with visual disability.

ANDITO DEGLI ANGIOLINI

Piazza Pitti 1 Tel +39 055 2388760

This area of the palace usually hosts temporary exhibitions and is located along the "Scalone Ammannati" between the first and the second floor.

Access for the disabled is possible via an elevator located in the "Cortile della Dispensa" near the other elevator: ask the staff for the key. Upon arriving another elevator leads to the exhibition rooms which are

completely accessible, except for the corridor departing from the Scalone Ammannati, due to the presence of three steps to enter a door.

For information, please refer to the department of Cultural Mediation and Accessibility by calling +39 055 2388617 Monday – Friday 9am-1pm, or by emailing: uffiziaccessibili@beniculturali.it. Guided visits of the Galleries take place upon reservation, every first Friday of the month. They are especially adapted for those with mental and physical disability or social unease, and under the supervision of the staff and department. Info and bookings for the Statue and Painting Gallery: 0552388693 from 2:30pm to 4:30pm. For the Pitti Palace museums: 055 2388617 Monday-Friday, 9am -1pm, or email: uffiziaccessibili@beniculturali.it

GALLERIA DELL'ACCADEMIA

Via Ricasoli 60 Tel +39 055 2388612

Completely accessible for the disabled in a wheelchair. The entry and ticket office are accessible outside at street n. 60. The following rooms are also completely accessible: the Hall of the Colosso, the Museum of Musical Instruments and the section with Michelangelo's Slaves and David. The Bartolini Hall (a collection of plaster casts) is accessible through a ramp, which is a little steep. Also the rooms of the Giotteschi and the bookshop are fully accessible.

On the ground floor, next to the stairs leading to the upper floor (room I Florentine painting 1370-1420), there is a toilet for the disabled on the right-hand side; just in front of it there is the large elevator to go to the upper floor. To visit the upper rooms (room II Florentine painting 1370-1420 and international Gothic room) there are two lifts. The first one is 68 cm x 80/2,2 ft x 2,6 and can carry 250 kg/551 lbs, the other one 70-75 cm x 80/2,3-2,4 ft x 2,6 and can carry 225 kg/496 lbs.

MUSEO DELLE CAPPELLE MEDICEE

Piazza Madonna degli Aldobrandini Tel +39 055 2388602

The sidewalk is connected to the street level. The entire Museum is now accessible thanks to an elevator connecting the ground floor (Crypt) to the first floor (Chapel of the Princes and New Sacristy by Michelangelo). The New Sacristy is accessible by a mobile ramp to be activated by the staff. The Museum is not equipped yet with proper access to the disabled toilets.

MUSEO NAZIONALE DEL BARGELLO

Via del Proconsolo 4 Tel +39 055 2388606

The sidewalk is connected to the street level directly from the pedestrian crossing. The rooms of the museum are accessible with a wheelchair. The height differences can be overcome thanks to ramps (some of them are steep, but the staff is always willing to help) and a compatible elevator. Some of the doorsteps are slightly raised. The Hall of Michelangelo can be reached from the bookshop. Exit is from the same entrance. Toilets equipped for the disabled are

on the second floor. There are audioguides in more languages and it is possible to touch the statues, subject to prior request to the staff.

MUSEO ARCHEOLOGICO

Piazza SS. Annunziata 9b Tel +39 055 23575

Connected sidewalk from the street level to the main entrance from Piazza SS. Annunziata. Wheelchairs and lift are available; toilets for people with disabilities are on the ground floor (ask the Museum staff). Access for visitors in wheelchairs is through the main entrance, by an elevator on rails. NOTICE: the access for visitors in electric wheelchairs has been temporarily moved to a secondary entrance in via della Colonna 38.

MUSEO DI S. MARCO

Piazza S. Marco Tel +39 055 2388608

The sidewalk is hardly accessible for wheelchairs because it is not connected to the street level. There is a step down to reach the main entrance (ask the staff to use the platform lift). The interior is accessible. There is a platform lift to reach the first floor and a series of ramps between the rooms. A disabled toilet is on the ground floor. The exit is not compatible, therefore it is advisable to go back and get out through the entrance. Inside the museum there is a tactile bas-relief showing the "Annunciazione" by Beato Angelico to give people with visual impairment or blindness the possibility to enjoy this famous work of art.

OPIFICIO DELLE PIETRE DURE

Via degli Alfani 78 Tel +39 055 26511

The main entrance is accessible with wheelchairs (pavement connected to the street level). To reach the ticket office, the bookshop and the toilets there is a step that can be overcome with a platform lift; another platform is at the entrance and exit of the museum, and there is another one in a hall. A stair lift is available to visit the upper floor (but it is not suited for electric wheelchairs). The museum is equipped with toilets for disabled people on the ground floor.

MUSEO DI PALAZZO DAVANZATI

Via Porta Rossa Tel +39 055 2388610

The sidewalk is connected to the street level at the entrance. The staff needs to be contacted in advance (there is no doorbell) in order to position the mobile ramp by the main entrance. There is a rise of about 12 cm/4,7 in and a drop of 6 cm/2,4 in (raised threshold). Doors have push openings. The compatible elevator (the door is 80 cm/ 2,6 ft wide) can take you to the first floor, and, upon reservation, on the upper floors. All the passages between the rooms have raised thresholds: better to be accompanied. Toilets for disabled people are on the ground floor. A tactile tour is available for people with visual disabilities: visitors can touch pieces of furniture and decorations of this ancient Florentine house.

CHIESA E MUSEO DI ORSANMICHELE

Via dell'Arte della Lana Tel +39 055 2396051

Not accessible for people in wheelchairs.

Visitors with visual impairments or blindness can touch architectural pieces and statues in a guided tour thanks to the help of the "Amici dei Musei" members.

CENACOLO DI S. APOLLONIA

Via 27 Aprile 1 Tel +39 055 2388607

Rise of 7 cm/2,7 inch at the entrance, no ramp available. The door has to be pushed and is a bit heavy. The interior is accessible. Equipped toilets are available.

CENACOLO DI S. SALVI

Via di San Salvi 16 Tel +39 055 2388603

Sidewalk connected to the street level. From the gate (raised threshold) the path to the entrance can be quite difficult to overcome, consisting of earth and gravel. Stair lifts and equipped toilets are available.

The museum hosts six reproductions in relief of famous works of art displayed at the Uffizi Gallery for the fruition of blind people.

CHIOSTRO DELLO SCALZO

Via Cavour 69 Tel +39 055 2388604

Sidewalk accessible to people in wheelchairs. At the entrance, there is a little difference in level of 2 cm/0,8 in and the door needs to be pushed. The interior is accessible using a small footboard that makes the visit easier. No toilets for the disabled (available at San Marco Museum in the adjacent square).

CENACOLO DEL FULIGNO

Via Faenza 40/42 Tel +39 055 286982

You need to be accompanied: the sidewalk does not join the street level, there are two steps to access the Refectory Hall and another step inside. Toilets are equipped for people in wheelchairs.

CENACOLO DEL GHIRLANDAIO in Ognissanti

Borgo Ognissanti 42 Tel +39 055 2396802

The sidewalk does not join the street level but it has been lowered to 5 cm/2 in. The museum inside is totally accessible thanks to a footboard.

SALA CAPITOLARE DEL PERUGINO

Via della Colonna 9 Tel +39 055 2478420

You need to be accompanied: the sidewalk does not join the street level; the helper has to ask the attendant to open the side entrance of the Liceo Michelangelo. Inside there is a series of footboards.

MUSEO DI CASA MARTELLI

Via Zannetti 8 tel +39 055 216725

Accessible entry from via Zannetti; the museum itinerary is completely accessible. There is an elevator (opening 75 cm/2,4 ft, cab 80 x 120 cm/2,6 x 3,9 ft, also suitable for electric wheelchairs) leading to the first floor. On the first floor, there is a toilet equipped for the disabled.

VILLA CORSINI A CASTELLO

Via della Petraia, 40 Tel +39 055 450752

The access to the villa has no barriers and leads to the courtyard and the ground floor, where the visit starts. On the right-hand side of the main central door there is a staircase equipped with a stairlift to get to the first floor. No disabled toilets.

Here it is possible to make use of a tactile itinerary: a series of sculptures from the Uffizi Gallery (11 busts of the late Republican/Imperial Age) are displayed on the first floor.

VILLA MEDICEA DELLA PETRAIA

Via della Petraia 40 Tel +39 055 452691

The main entrance is without barriers. Help is needed to go through the sloping straight path leading to the villa. It is necessary to access the villa from the entrance on the back side of the building, calling the guardians ahead (the main door is usually closed) to get to the courtyard and then the ground floor (presence of low thresholds). There is a toilet equipped for the disabled on the ground floor. First floor is accessible with a stair lift.

GIARDINO DELLA VILLA MEDICEA DI CASTELLO

Via di Castello 47 Reservation is required tel +39 055 452691.

The main entrance has no barriers. It is possible to visit the garden only with a helper, because of the considerable slope of the paths, consisting of earth and gravel.

Municipal museums

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MUSEO DI PALAZZO VECCHIO

Piazza della Signoria Tel +39 055 27681 – 2768325 (ticket office)
Entrance from the “Cortile della Dogana”, on the left-hand side of the building. The whole palace is accessible, with the exception of mezzanine, rampart walk, Arnolfo tower and other rooms dedicated to educational activities. A ramp leads to the equipped toilets (ask the cloakroom employees for the key). The Salone dei Cinquecento and the other areas are accessible with the elevator (the door is 75 cm/2,7 ft wide) or through alternative routes (ask the staff). Two wheelchairs are available (ask at the cloakroom). The Archeological path called “Excavation of the Roman Theatre” is partially accessible (with an accompanying person).

CAPPELLA BRANCACCI

Piazza del Carmine Tel +39 055 2382195

Access to the Brancacci Chapel is possible through a museum route that goes from the square to the Cloister and the Sala Capitolare. Thanks to the elevator people in wheelchairs can easily access the chapel from the cloister. All the museum rooms that open out onto the cloister are totally accessible. Disabled toilets are in the cloister on the ground floor.

MUSEO NOVECENTO

Piazza Santa Maria Novella 10 Tel +39 055 286132

The Museum is completely accessible with ramps and elevators. The two rooms “Sala Studio” and “Gabinetto Stampe” are momentarily

not accessible. Toilets for disabled are located on the ground floor, first and second floor.

MUSEO STEFANO BARDINI

Via dei Renai 37 Tel +39 055 2342427

The sidewalk is accessible to people in wheelchairs from the pedestrian crossing. It is necessary to inform the staff at the main entrance (Via dei Renai n. 37) so that it can open the accessible entrance (which corresponds to the exit) in Piazza dei Mozzi n. 1. Most parts of the museum are accessible with an elevator (except for the Della Robbia and the armoury). Disabled toilets on the ground floor.

COMPLESSO MONUMENTALE di SANTA MARIA NOVELLA

Combined ticket for Church and Museum

Access from the Museum:

Piazza Stazione 4 Tel +39 055 282187

At the entrance (same one as the tourist infopoint) there is an elevator to go downstairs. The Museum is entirely accessible. To enter the Church people with a motor disability have to exit the Museum and access the Church from the entrance in Piazza Santa Maria Novella. Disabled toilets are available inside the Museum.

Access from the Church:

Piazza Santa Maria Novella Tel +39 055 219257

Entrance is from the sidewalk connected to the street level on the right-hand side of the Church (via degli Avelli). The Church is accessible except for Cappella Tornabuoni, Cappella Rucellai and Cappella Strozzi di Mantova. To complete the tour and enter the Museum, exit from Piazza Santa Maria Novella, get to the exit of the Museum (left-hand side looking at the façade). Ring the bell and ask the museum staff to open the dedicated entrance. The Museum is entirely accessible.

FORTE BELVEDERE

Via San Leonardo 1 Tel +39 055 2001256

People with motor disabilities can reach the fortress by car and leave it in a dedicated parking area just close to a pedestrian access leading to the entrance. The way to the entrance is easy to go through by wheelchair: there are neither obstacles nor steep slopes.

The access to the museum is guaranteed for people in wheelchairs thanks to two elevators: one connects the street level to the first level of the fortress, the other one, inside the Palazzina Medicea, allows the access to the two floors and the terraces. A flat path connects the two elevators. The first level of the fortress is accessible and allows the view of the entire site and of the city of Florence.

The Palazzina Medicea is completely accessible because of the presence of the two elevators and of coplanar paths.

The terrace of the Palazzina is accessible with the help of a special ramp.

A disabled toilet is available.

The different levels of the fortress and the green areas of the entire complex can be easily visited by people with motor disabilities with the help of another person.

FONDAZIONE SALVATORE ROMANO

(Cenacolo di Santo Spirito)

Piazza S. Spirito 29 Tel +39 055 287043

Accessible museum. Entrance connected to the street-level.

MUSEO DEL BIGALLO

Piazza San Giovanni 1 Tel +39 055 288496

Partially accessible. The sidewalk is connected to the street level. People in wheelchairs can access the museum by a dedicated ramp leading to the Oratory (now hosting the Tourist Information Point). Ask the staff for assistance to enter the next room, as a barrier has to be removed. From there, only common wheelchairs (width have to be less than 62 cm/2,03 ft) can access the room displaying the famous fresco of the *Virgin of the Mercy*.

MUSEO DEL CICLISMO GINO BARTALI

Via Chiantigiana 175 Tel +39 055 6461272

Accessible with elevator from via Chiantigiana 173. People in wheelchairs do not allow access from the ticket office). A toilet for the disabled is available.

Other museums

MUSEO DELL'OPERA DEL DUOMO

Piazza del Duomo 9 Tel +39 055 2302885

The museum is fully accessible and provided with elevators giving access to the three floors and the terrace. Disabled toilets are also available. The main entrance is connected to the street level.

BIBLIOTECA MEDICEA-LAURENZIANA

Piazza San Lorenzo 9 Tel +39 055 2937911

The cloister is accessible thanks to a ramp. The Monument area, at the second floor, is not accessible to people in wheelchairs.

The Library is accessible for consulting books subject to authorisation by phone for use of the stair lift : 055 2937948; b-mela.urp@beniculturali.it..

MUSEO DI CASA BUONARROTI

Via Ghibellina 70 Tel +39 055 241752

The museum is partially accessible. The sidewalk is connected to the street level right in front of the main entrance, which has a step of 14 cm. The first floor (where exhibitions are held) is accessible. There is an elevator leading to the first floor (but its dimensions are not compatible with big wheelchairs) where the heart of the collections is: here all the rooms are connected with ramps. At the Museum a special wheelchair suitable for the museum's lift is provided, for people capable of moving from one wheelchair to the other. In case the first floor is not reachable, a touchscreen is available on the ground floor for a virtual visit of the first floor.

CASA SIVIERO

Lungarno Serristori 3 Tel +39 055 2345219

Please inform the staff at the main entrance. It will place a mobile ramp to pass the step at the secondary entrance at n. 3 and will activate the stairlift. The museum is fully accessible and has disabled toilets.

MUSEO CASA DI DANTE

Via Santa Margherita 1 Tel +39 055 219416

The entrance has a slightly raised threshold. The floors are accessible – except for the loggia - thanks to a compatible elevator going through the bookshop.

CASA GUIDI

Piazza San Felice 8 Tel +39 347 6968528

Accessible for people in wheelchairs. Compatible elevator.

FONDAZIONE HORNE

Via dei Benci 6 Tel +39 055 244661

People in wheelchairs can only access the courtyard, the room on the ground floor and the basement, where workshops and activities are carried out. An elevator allows access to the basement. It is not possible to access the upper floors.

MUSEO DELLA MISERICORDIA

Piazza del Duomo 19/20 Tel +39 055 239393

Entrance for the disabled is at number 63r. There is a ramp from the street level for entering the sliding door after which, turning right, there is a second door that leads directly to the elevator that can hold electric wheelchairs (max 990 lbs). The museum is on the 4th floor, and it is fully accessible. On the same floor there is another elevator leading to the lower level to complete the tour. A disabled toilet is available at the entrance of the museum right in front of the elevator.

MUSEO MARINO MARINI

Piazza S. Pancrazio Tel +39 055 219432

Access through the door at n. 2 thanks to a ramp with a steep slope (8%+) directly from Piazza San Pancrazio. Ask the staff in order to get help to go up the ramp. Inside the museum all is accessible thanks to ramps. For guided tours for people with visual impairment call in advance.

PALAZZO MEDICI RICCARDI

Via Cavour 1 Tel +39 055 2760340

The entrance for people with a motor disability is in Via Cavour n. 7 (sidewalk connected to the street level). After a short stretch of paving slabs, which are a bit uneven, you will find the reception, where the staff will open the gate to the courtyard and inform the staff on the upper floor in order activate the stair lift (supporting only manual wheelchairs), allowing the access to the several rooms and the Cappella of Benozzo Gozzoli. The elevator (entering the courtyard on the right – sign “Percorso museale” – button 2A) leads to the first floor (to visit the palace) and to the underground (to visit

the Marbles Museum), where one can also find the toilets. The ticket office can be reached by following a short path on the right-hand side of the courtyard.

MUSEO DELLO SPEDALE DEGLI INNOCENTI

Piazza SS. Annunziata Tel +39 055 2037308

The Museum is completely accessible for people in wheelchairs. The staff will help and provide safe access.

CIMITERO DEGLI INGLESII

Piazzale Donatello Tel +39 055 582608

Not accessible for the disabled: 6 steps and 3 steps at the two gates, the path is very steep and consists of gravel. Outside the pavement is uneven and mostly unusable.

SINAGOGA E MUSEO EBRAICO

Via Farini 4 Tel +39 055 2346654

Sidewalk connected to the street level and the main access that does not show any particular difficulties. In case the wheelchair is a big model and does not go through the metal detector, it is possible to enter the main gate by car, but it is necessary to inform the reception. The Synagogue and the first floor of the museum are completely accessible to visitors with motor disabilities. The second floor of the museum is partially accessible. An elevator and disabled toilets are available.

MUSEO STIBBERT

Via Stibbert 26 Tel +39 055 475520 – +39 055 486049

People in wheelchairs can access the museum and the villa from Via Montughi n. 4, continuing along Via Stibbert (where the main entrance is). It is possible to arrive by car and park at the entrance of the museum, after having informed the staff by phone. The ticket office, the cafeteria and the toilets are totally accessible, as well as some of the rooms on the ground and first floor. The last floor can be reached with a lift. Other rooms have difficult access: 8 steps from the ‘Sala Islamica’ to the ‘Cavalcata’ and 6+4 steps from the ‘Cavalcata’ to the ‘Condottiero’ rooms. Because of a spiral staircase, the Japanese Armoury is not accessible. The garden is only partially accessible from n° 26, via Stibbert, due to uneven ground and gravel surface.

GIARDINO E VILLA BARDINI

Costa San Giorgio, 2 Tel +39 055 2638599 - 20066209

The villa is accessible to wheelchairs from Costa San Giorgio n. 4. Get in touch with the staff of the ticket office in advance, so that it can open the gate. The garden can be visited with an accompanying person. The path is made of gravel and earth, is uneven and with many rises and drops.

MUSEO SALVATORE FERRAGAMO

Via Tornabuoni 2 Tel+39 055 3562846

Accessible from Borgo SS. Apostoli 47r. The sidewalk is connected to the street level and is easily accessible. Once inside, a help from the

Museum staff is necessary to overcome two ramps and access the elevator to go downstairs (-2) where the Museum is. This floor is totally accessible and a toilet for the disabled is available.

Science Museums

MUSEO GALILEO

Piazza dei Giudici 1 Tel +39 055 265311

Visitors with motor disabilities can access the museum from the entrance at Lungarno Anna Maria Luisa de’ Medici n. 2 (ask the operator through the intercom). Inside, the museum is fully accessible thanks to a stair lift which also holds motorized wheelchairs. A manual wheelchair is provided by the museum upon request. Persons with visual impairment can experience a tactile route by touching original instruments and some copies in order to understand their functioning and significance in the development of the historical sciences. This service, upon request, is free and held in Italian and English. Guides in both braille and enlarged characters for the visually impaired are available upon request, and have to be returned at the ticket office at the end of the tour.

MUSEO FIORENTINO DI PREISTORIA

Via S. Egidio 21 Tel +39 055 295159

Entrance from via dell’Oriuolo 24 (Oblate Library Garden), accessible for people in wheelchairs from the sidewalk connected to the street level. Ring the bell to be assisted by the staff to get you to the elevator. The museum is on the first floor and it is fully accessible. Guided tours for the visually impaired, for people suffering from Alzheimer disease, for children that suffer from autism or cognitive impairments are available on request.

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MUSEO DI STORIA NATURALE “LA SPECOLA”

Via Romana 17 Tel +39 055 2756444 - 2755100

Access to people with motor disabilities to the zoological collections and to part of the anatomical waxes. It is not possible to access the “Torrino” (little tower) of the Specola due to the narrow stairs, that does not allow access to the wheelchairs.

MUSEO DI STORIA NATURALE sez. ORTO BOTANICO

Via Micheli 3 Tel +39 055 2756444 - 2756799

The sidewalk is not connected to the street level. The entrance has a raised threshold. The garden is accessible through a descending ramp. The outside paths consist of gravel. There are elaborate fragrant and tactile routes for the visually impaired people with descriptions in Braille code. There are audio-guides and toilets for the disabled.

MUSEO STORIA NATURALE sez. ANTROPOLOGIA ED ETNOLOGIA

Via del Proconsolo 12 Tel +39 055 2756444 - 2757720

The sidewalk in front of the entrance is connected to the street level. People in wheelchairs can access the museum via the elevator situated on the opposite side of the courtyard. The path that leads to the elevator has a slight slope and a paving with slightly disconnected slabs. To use the elevator ask the staff (Monday-Friday the reception on the right-hand side

of the courtyard, Saturday, Sunday and holidays the ticket office). A disabled toilet is in the courtyard.

MUSEO DI STORIA NATURALE sez. GEOLOGIA E PALEONTOLOGIA

Via La Pira 4 Tel +39 055 2756444 - 2757536

The sidewalk in front of the main entrance is connected to the street level. The short path to the museum entrance is in bad condition. Moreover, one needs to use a rather steep ramp to overcome the four steps at the entrance of the museum. For the visually impaired people there is a route with Braille code descriptions. The toilet for the disabled is at the entrance of the museum.

MUSEO DI STORIA NATURALE sez. MINERALOGIA E LITOLOGIA

Via La Pira 4 Tel +39 055 2756444 - 2757537

The ticket is on sale at the ticket office of the museum of Geology and Palaeontology. Sidewalk is connected to the street level in front of the main entrance, although the paving is rather uneven. The Mineralogical Museum is also accessible.

MUSEO DELLA FONDAZIONE SCIENZA E TECNICA

Via Giusti 29 Tel +39 055 2341157 – 055 242241

The museum is accessible for people in wheelchairs and is equipped with disabled toilets. The presence of an accompanying person is necessary for manual wheelchairs. It is possible to receive assistance from the museum staff by ringing the bell at the vehicle entrance.

Churches

SANTA MARIA DEL FIORE (Duomo)

Piazza del Duomo Tel +39 055 2302885

Disabled access at the right-hand side of the basilica (“Door of the Canonici”) by a ramp connected to the street level. Slightly raised threshold at the entrance but the staff is always willing to help.

- CUPOLA DEL BRUNELLESCHI (Dome)

Not accessible to people in wheelchairs.

- CAMPANILE DI GIOTTO (Belltower)

Not accessible to people in wheelchairs.

- CRIPTA DI SANTA REPARATA

Not accessible for people in wheelchairs.

- BATTISTERO DI SAN GIOVANNI (Baptistery)

Piazza San Giovanni

There is a raised step of 10 cm/3,3 in at the entrance, where the ticket office is, and also a 5 cm/1,9 in step down to the ramp; the staff is ready to give help if necessary. The exit is the same as the entrance, directly onto the square. In front of the Baptistery, Piazza S. Giovanni n. 7, there are toilets equipped for people in wheelchairs.

SANTA CROCE

Piazza Santa Croce Tel +39 055 244619

Accessible from Largo Bargellini (left-hand side of the basilica where the ticket office is). The sidewalk is connected to the street level. Long ramp with slope to get inside the church.

To access the cloister, the Cappella de’ Pazzi and the Museum the disabled have to get out through the entrance, reach the square and find the entrance to the first Cloister (on the right-hand side of the façade of the Church). In the same spot, there is an accessible toilet. A wheelchair is available (ask the ticket office).

SAN LORENZO AND THE TREASURE

Piazza San Lorenzo Tel +39 055 216634

Completely accessible. Access from the square to the churchyard and the cloister using a rather steep ramp (on the left-hand side of the basilica). The church is today accessible thanks to a ramp located on the right-hand side which is also the entrance for churchgoers. To visit the treasure, people in wheelchairs can take the stair lift. Inside the church, there are ramps between the different levels.

SANTA MARIA NOVELLA

Piazza Santa Maria Novella Tel +39 055 219257

Totally accessible. The entrance can be reached from the sidewalk, which is connected to the street level, on the right-hand side of the basilica (Via degli Avelli side). The Church is accessible except for Cappella Tornabuoni, Cappella Rucellai and Cappella Strozzi di Mantova.

SANTO SPIRITO

Piazza S. Spirito Tel +39 055 210030

Totally accessible for people in wheelchairs. There is an access with ramp on the right-hand side of the church, in Via del Presto San Martino.

SAN MINIATO AL MONTE

Via del Monte alla Croce Tel +39 055 2342731

The access by car is possible from via delle Porte Sante. The disabled may get in and out of the car on the gravel square in front of the church (there is a parking area just a few meters away). Access to the churchyard is possible through a short and steep ramp. At the entrance of the church there is a big step that can be overcome thanks to a mobile ramp (please inform the monks before your arrival in order to use the ramp).

SANTISSIMA ANNUNZIATA

Piazza SS. Annunziata Tel +39 055 266181

In Via C. Battisti the access sidewalk is connected to the street level (2 cm/0,7 in) that makes the museum accessible for the disabled. You can access the churchyard through a ramp. The interior is easily accessible.

SANTA TRINITA

Piazza S. Trinita Tel +39 055 216912

Sidewalk connected to the street level in front of the entrance of the church but it’s easier to enter from the door on the right-hand side. Access to the church through two adjoining doors that open outwards. The interior is accessible.

BADIA FIORENTINA

Via del Proconsolo Tel +39 055 264402

Not accessible for people in wheelchairs, due to the presence of steps at both entries.

SANTA FELICITA

Piazza S. Felicità Tel +39 055 213018

Entrance from the door at the right-hand side of the church using a steep ramp. Ask the guardian to open the side door. On the square, the paving is uneven.

CERTOSA DEL GALLUZZO

Località Galluzzo Tel +39 055 2049226

Not accessible for people in wheelchairs. The accessibility is hard both for the presence of the steep slope and a staircase.

