

**Destination: Pescia** - The Cathedral of S. Maria Assunta, the Church of Ss. Stefano e Niccolao. **Borgo a Buggiano** - The Church of S. Pietro Apostolo. **Larciano Castello** - The Church of S. Silvestro. *We also advise visits to:* **Buggiano Castello** - The Church of S. Maria della Salute e S. Nicolao. **Monsummano Terme** - The Sanctuary of the Madonna della Fontenuova.

The Pistoia school of organ making acquired its skill and renown from the 17<sup>th</sup> century onwards; it owes much of its fame to the work of the famous craftsmen in the Tronci and Agati families, who supplied many of the churches in the province with instruments, as well as a much larger geographical area.

The Nievole Valley, full of characteristic villages and parish churches, boasts a large number of prestigious historic organs. Some were carried out by the two organ-making families from Pistoia, while others were built by exponents from the older or-

gan-making school of Lucca, already active from the 16<sup>th</sup> century and which, because of its vicinity to this area, inevitably came into contact with this tradition in Pistoia.

The Academy of Italian Organ Music was set up in Pistoia in 1975 with the aim of further increasing the importance of this tradition; in 1984 it was transformed into a foundation under the same name thanks to the collaboration of the City Council, the Province of Pistoia and the Cassa di Risparmio di Pistoia e Pescia (tel. Academy 0573 403053).

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## The organ in the Cathedral of S. Maria Assunta, Pescia



Situated on the left of the high altar, the instrument presents a monumental wooden organ case richly decorated with carved friezes. The original nucleus, dating from 1700 and attributed to Cesare Marini, was

restored in 1886 by the Tronci family and is still in working order.

### How to get there:

*by car, from the motorway exit of Chiesina Uzzanese: turn right onto the Sp13/via Romana following the directions for Pescia (or the hospital). Turn left at the stop sign after the large roundabout into Via dei Fiori and then follow the directions for the hospital to reach the city centre and the Cathedral in Piazza del Duomo.*

**Info and reception:** Cathedral of S. Maria Assunta  
Piazza del Duomo, 16 - Pescia  
tel. Parish office: 0572 476805

**Opening hours and prices:** Mon Tues Wed Thurs Fri Sat 9-12am and 4-6pm - Sun 9-12am - visits are suspended during services - entrance free

## The organ in the Church of Ss. Stefano e Niccolao, Pescia



The organ, with a monumental wooden case decorated with carvings and gilding, was carried out by the Tronci family in 1875 and is placed inside a brick-built chancel above the main entrance.

### How to get there:

*on foot, from the Cathedral of S. Maria Assunta: take Via Cavour and carry straight on into Piazza Ducci; cross the bridge and carry straight on along first Via Turini and then Via Santa Maria. From here, following the directions to the church, turn right into Ruga degli Orlandi and then left into Piazza degli Obizzi. Keep to the left for Piazza S. Stefano (time required 10 min).*

**Info and reception:** Church of Ss. Stefano e Niccolao  
Via della Scala Santa, 2 - Pescia- tel. Parish office  
0572 476910

**Opening hours and prices:** the church is open every day - visits are not allowed during religious services - it is therefore advisable to contact the parish office directly for visits - entrance free

## The organ of the Provostal Church of S. Pietro Apostolo, Borgo a Buggiano



The instrument was carried out by Luigi and Cesare Tronci in 1860 on a previously existing 18<sup>th</sup> century casing. The organ is still in working order (Restoration by Tamburini, Crema 1973).

### How to get there:

*by car, from Pescia: leave the centre of Pescia following the indications for Montecatini Terme/Pistoia. Then*

*take Via Lucchese/Sr435 in the direction of Montecatini. At Borgo a Buggiano turn left into Corso Indipendenza.*

**Info and reception:** Church of S. Pietro Apostolo  
Corso Indipendenza, 56 - Borgo a Buggiano  
tel. 0572 32047

**Opening hours and prices:** the church is open daily 7.30am-12.30pm and 3.30-7pm - visits are not allowed during religious services (Sun 8.30-11.30am) entrance free

## The organ in the Church of S. Silvestro, Larciano Castello



Placed above the main entrance inside a chancel decorated with paintings, it was carried out by the Tronci family and dated 1862.

### How to get there:

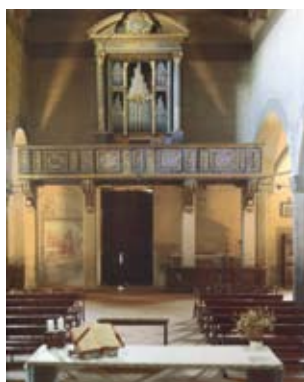
*by car, from Borgo a Buggiano: carry on in the direction of Montecatini/Monsummano. On arrival at Monsummano take*

*the Sr436/Via Francesca Sud and turn left at Castelmartini into the Sp16/via Bartolini. After about 1 km turn right in Via Corsini. Continue to the right along the Sp16 San Baronto-Castelmartini road for about 200 m then turn left into Via Stradella. Carry on along Via di Larciano for another km to reach Piazza Castello.*

**Info and reception:** Church of S. Silvestro  
Piazza Castello, 1 - Larciano Castello - tel. Parish office  
0573 83643 e 0573 837784 (Leda Desbino)

**Opening hours and prices:** contact Mrs. Leda Desbino at the phone number provided for visits to the church

## We also advise visits to:



The **organ** in the **Church of S. Maria della Salute e di S. Nicola, Buggiano castello**: placed in the wooden chancel above the main entrance, it was carried out by the Tronci family in 1849 (contact Sig. Sauro Schiavelli, who is also willing to act as a guide, at the following phone number for visits to the church, tel. 0572 32776).

The **Basilica of the Sanctuary of S. Maria della Fontenuova at Monsummano Terme** was constructed by the Grand Dukes of Tuscany after a series of miraculous events. The interior contains works of considerable historic and artistic interest that also include the **organ** donated by the Grand Duchess Christina of Lorraine.

