



Swords, knights and dames: it's Lucca Medievale 2018

A dive in the past with reenactment of a medieval village inside the Lucca walls with live performances, cultural events, exhibitions and gastronomy. This is the third edition of one of the fastest growing events of the last years, and is attracting people from all the tuscany and beyond.

This year the exhibition will take place in **Piazzale Verdi**, on the green field area on the left after entering the walls, on the weekend of **2-3 June**.

Here you will always find the medieval village curated by 6 different reenactment associations, where you can see the equipment of many types: armors, helmets, swords, bows and even heavy crossbows, a tradition of italian city defense before the gunpowder invention. You fill also find many craftspeople exhibiting their mastery on making unique pieces with iron and leather.

During the two days, we have scheduled a bunch of live performances held by people with their very particular skills: fire manipulation, falconry, drums parades, flags throwing, dancing and medieval combat. Here follows the schedule:

Saturday 2 June

10:30 Opening ceremony and historical parade through the city center
11:00 Arrival of dames and horse knights
11:30 Falconry show
12:00 Heavy crossbows trial shoots - English-speaking people available for explanations
12:30 Opening of the tavern for lunch with music
14:30 Medieval village opening
16:00 Face painting and show for children
17:00 Knights combat show
17:30 Buskers show of circus skills
18.00 La ninfa contesa - Book presentation with performing actors (italian-only)
18.30 Buskers show on rolling pipes
19.00 Belly dance show
20.00 Opening of the taver for the dinner with music
20.30 Knights combat show
21.00 Belly dance show
21.30 Artù Rivelato - talk and cultural project presentation (italian-only)
21.30 Heavy crossbows shooting by night
22.00 Fire manipulation show
22.30 Buskers show of circus skills
23.00 Fire manipulation show
23.30 Buskers show of knife throwing
24.00 Closing activities

Sunday 3 June

09:30 Medieval village opening
10:00 Historic parade through the city center
10:30 Arrival of the cannons group of Lucca (Historica Lucense)
10:45 Heavy crossbows trial shoots - English-speaking people available for explanations
11:00 Knights combat show
11.15 Talk about herbs (italian-only)
11.30 Falconry show
12.00 Dames and horses show
12:30 Opening of the tavern for lunch with music
14:30 Medieval village opening
15.30 Heavy crossbows competition
16.00 Knights combat show
17.00 Ceremony for the crossbows competition winners
17.15 Flags throwing and drums exhibition by Contrada S. Anna of Lucca
17.30 Knights combat show
18.00 Buskers show of acrobatic skills
18.00 Talk about pottery (italian-only)
18.30 Talk about Via Francigena (italian-only)
18.30 Medieval dances show
19.00 Buskers show of circus skills

19.30 Medieval poetry
20.00 Opening of the taver for the dinner with music
21.00 Medieval dances show
21.30 Medieval poetry
21.45 Fire manipulation show
22.30 Buskers show of knife throwing
23.00 Fire manipulation show
23.30 Closing ceremony

Links:

- Official website: <https://luccamedievale.it>
- Facebook page: <https://facebook.com/luccamedievale>
- Instagram hashtag: **#luccamedievale**
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