

Accessible visitor guide to the Angevin Castle of Gaeta for people with mobility impairments

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This guide provides practical and detailed information specifically designed to support visitors with mobility impairments and their companions.

For further information, confirmation of available services, or specific access needs, please contact us using the details following.

1. Contact and Visitor Support

Bookings, assisted access and guided tours:

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2. Visitor Information

An accessible information desk is available, staffed by trained personnel who can provide assistance and explain the accessible features of the visitor route.

The information desk is located in the reception area, immediately after entering the Castle.

Sheltered areas are available throughout the Castle in case of bad weather or for rest breaks. Seating is provided.

Refreshment Facilities

The reception area includes seating and vending machines offering coffee, drinks, and snacks.

Accessible Toilets

Accessible and spacious toilets are located inside the Castle.

They can be reached from the reception area by overcoming six steps, alongside which a stairlift platform is available. After this point, visitors proceed for approximately 25 meters along a gently upward sloping, step-free walkway with a non-slip surface.

Level Changes and Vertical Circulation

Inside the Castle, to the left of the reception desk, there are six steps with handrails. A stairlift platform is available as an alternative step-free option. All other changes in level along the visitor route are managed via: step-free accessible walkways with handrails, staircases with handrails, or accessible lifts connecting different floors.

Ground Surfaces

The external forecourt, where visitor parking is located, has a smooth, even concrete surface. Inside the Castle, the visitor route includes: historic stone slab flooring, modern flooring with an even surface, accessible walkways with smooth, non-slip surfaces.

3. Getting There

Address

Angevin Castle of Gaeta, Via Angioina, Salita Castello, 04024, Gaeta (LT), Italy

Opening Times

1 June-30 September: open Monday to Sunday: 10am-1pm and 4pm-7pm

1 October-31 May: Monday to Thursday open by appointment only; Friday to Sunday 10am-1pm and 3pm-5pm

Travel and Transport

- **BY CAR:** The Castle is easily accessible by car. Visitors may drive into the large forecourt reserved for visitor parking. Designated accessible parking bays are available in the forecourt. Vehicles can approach up to the entrance threshold, where the reception area is located. The route from accessible parking to the reception area is fully step-free.
- **BY TRAIN AND TAXI:** The nearest railway station is Formia-Gaeta, approximately 10 km from the Castle. Taxis are available outside the station and can take visitors directly to the entrance of the Castle reception area, where staff assistance is available.

4. Accessible Displays and Interpretation

The visitor route includes a range of accessible and inclusive interpretive features, including:

- An interactive, multi-sensory 3D tactile model of the Castle, with audio descriptions and video content. Located in the reception area on a table 70 cm high, suitable for wheelchair users.
- A Digital Library, presented through two accessible stations, allowing visitors to explore archival documents, historical postcards, and research materials related to the Castle and its surrounding area.
- Interpretive panels positioned for easy reading from a seated or standing position. Each panel includes a QR code providing access to: the full text online, an audio description, subtitled International Sign (IS) video.
- Multimedia installations with soundscapes and narrative storytelling, located at key points along the accessible route.

5. Visit Route Overview

The educational and multi-sensory route unfolds through a series of key spaces within the Castle. Following is an overview of the visitor journey, starting from the entrance:

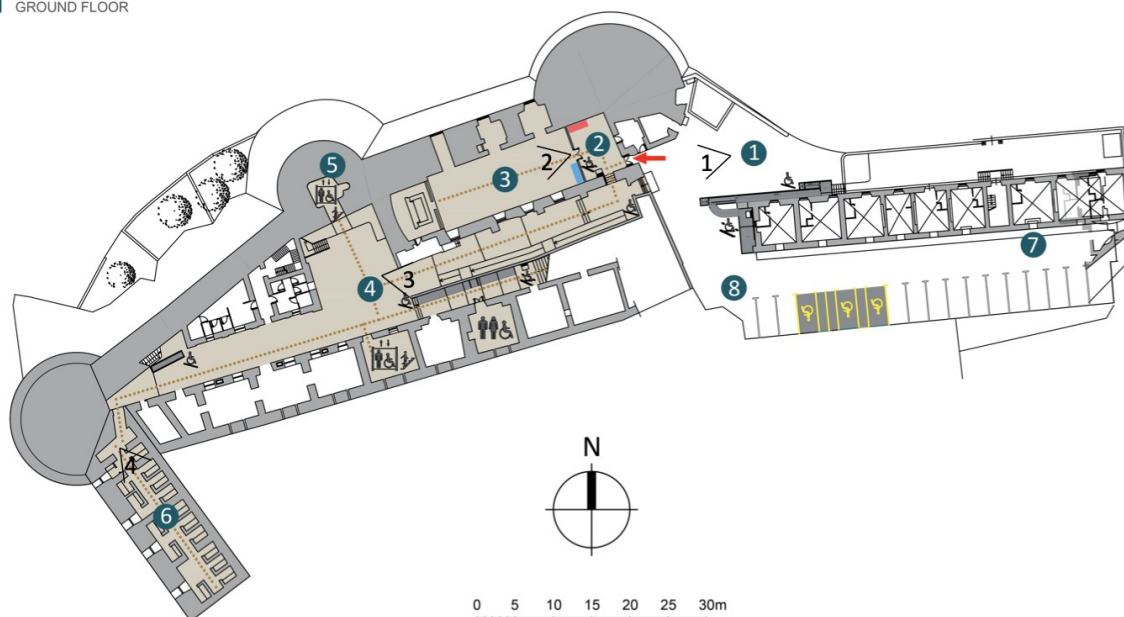
1. Arrival and parking. Designated accessible parking bays are connected to the Castle entrance by a step-free route with wide walkways and handrails.
2. Entrance and reception. Visitors are welcomed in the **RECEPTION AREA**, where assistance is available. This space also includes vending machines and the multi-sensory 3D tactile model of the Castle.
3. From the **RECEPTION AREA**, visitors proceed by ascending 6 steps with handrails or using the **stairlift platform**. Beyond this point, the route is entirely connected by **accessible walkways and accessible lifts**.
4. **HISTORIC ENTRANCE OF THE CASTLE**. This area includes an interpretive panel with a QR code.
5. Visitors continue along a 30-meter **step-free walkway** with **handrails** on both sides, featuring a **gentle upward slope** and a **non-slip surface**.
6. Castle Courtyard. An outdoor space with modern stone paving, even and non-slip. **Accessible toilets** and the **lift** are located nearby.
7. Ground Floor - **BOURBON CELLS**. This area features multimedia installations, storytelling, and an interpretive panel with a QR code.
8. Visitors return to the courtyard and take the **lift** to Floor 01.
9. **FLOOR 01-DORMITORY A**. Includes an interpretive panel with a QR code.
10. Visitors return to the **lift** and continue to Floor 02.
11. **FLOOR 02-DORMITORY A**. Includes an interpretive panel with a QR code. The route continues along an inclined ramp providing access to multimedia installations and storytelling content.
12. Visitors proceed across a series of accessible walkways with handrails to reach the **PIEDMONTESE CELLS**, where multimedia installations, storytelling, and an interpretive panel with a QR code are available.
13. Return to the Ground Floor. Visitors may use the nearby **lift** or retrace the route and use the same lift used for ascent.
14. End of the visit. The visit may conclude in the **CHAPEL OF SAN TEODORO**, adjacent to the reception area. This space includes an

interpretive panel with a QR code and the accessible Digital Library stations.

6. Accessible Route Maps

Ground Floor

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GROUND FLOOR

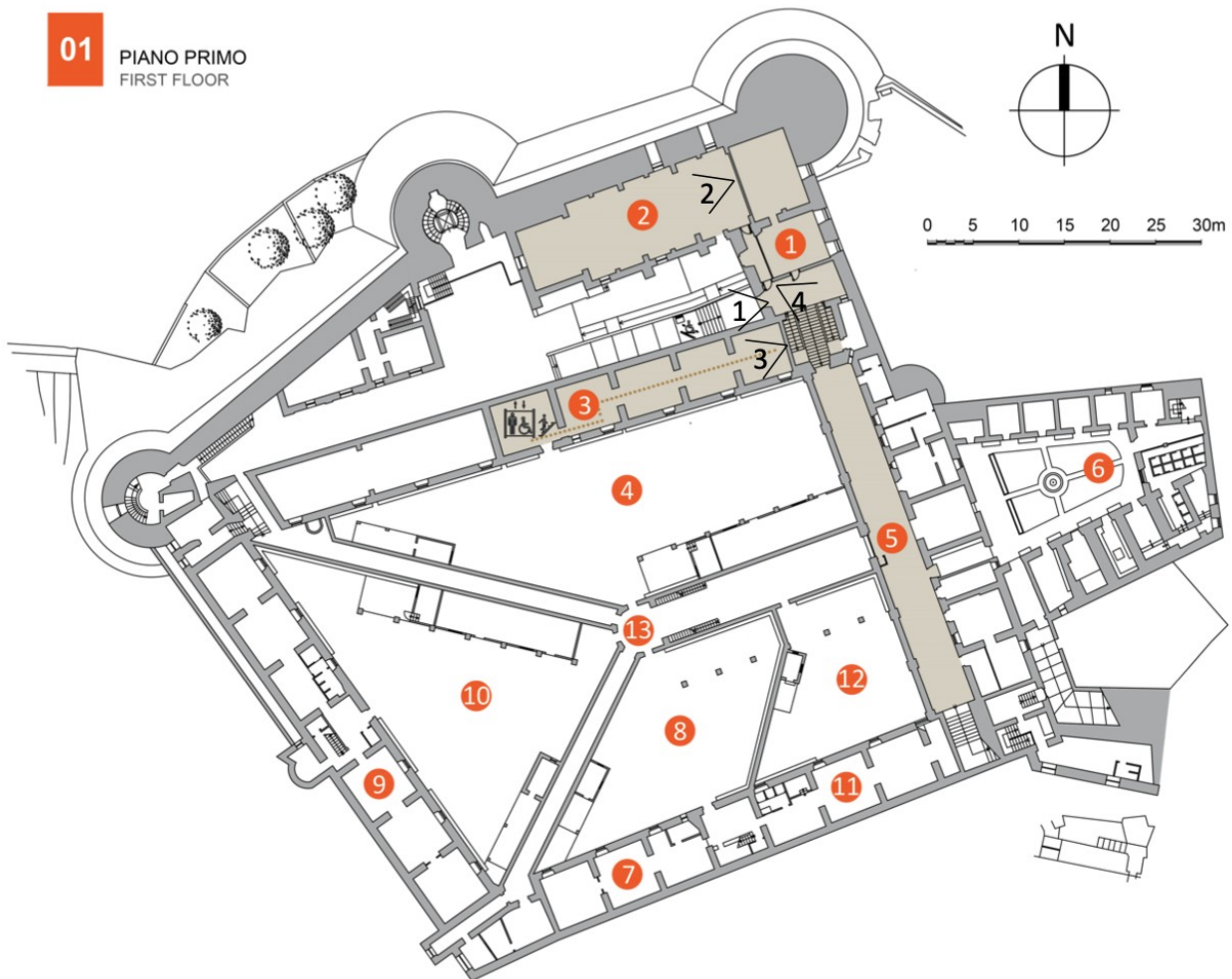


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| | Ingresso
Main Entrance | | Foresteria
Guesthouse |
| | Area Visitabile
Visitable Area | | Area Parcheggio
Parking Area |
| | Percorso
Pathway | | Modello Tattile
Tactile Model |
| | Piazzale
Court | | Digital Library
Digital Library |
| | Area Accoglienza
Welcome Desk | | Rampa
Ramp |
| | Cappella San Teodoro
Chapel of San Teodoro | | Servoscala
Stairlift |
| | Cortile Ingresso
Entrance Courtyard | | Ascensore
Elevator |
| | Ex Cisterna
Former Cistern | | Scale
Stairs |
| | Celle Borboniche
Bourbon Cells | | Servizi igienici
Accessible Toilets |

Floor 01

01

PIANO PRIMO
FIRST FLOOR



● Area Visitabile
Visitable Area

..... Percorso
Pathway

① Aula Formisano
Formisano Lecture Room

② Sala Convegni
Conference Room

③ Camerata A
Dormitory A

④ Camerata A | Cortile
Dormitory A | Courtyard Side

⑤ Corridoio Area Militari
Prison Guards Area Corridor

⑥ Giardino Regina Maria Sofia di Baviera
Queen Marie Sophie of Bavaria Garden

⑦ Camerata B
Dormitory B

⑧ Camerata B | Cortile
Dormitory B | Courtyard Side

⑨ Camerata C
Dormitory C

⑩ Camerata C | Cortile
Dormitory C | Courtyard Side

⑪ Camerata D
Dormitory D

⑫ Camerata D | Cortile
Dormitory D | Courtyard Side

⑬ Torretta di sorveglianza
Watchtower

Ascensore
Elevator

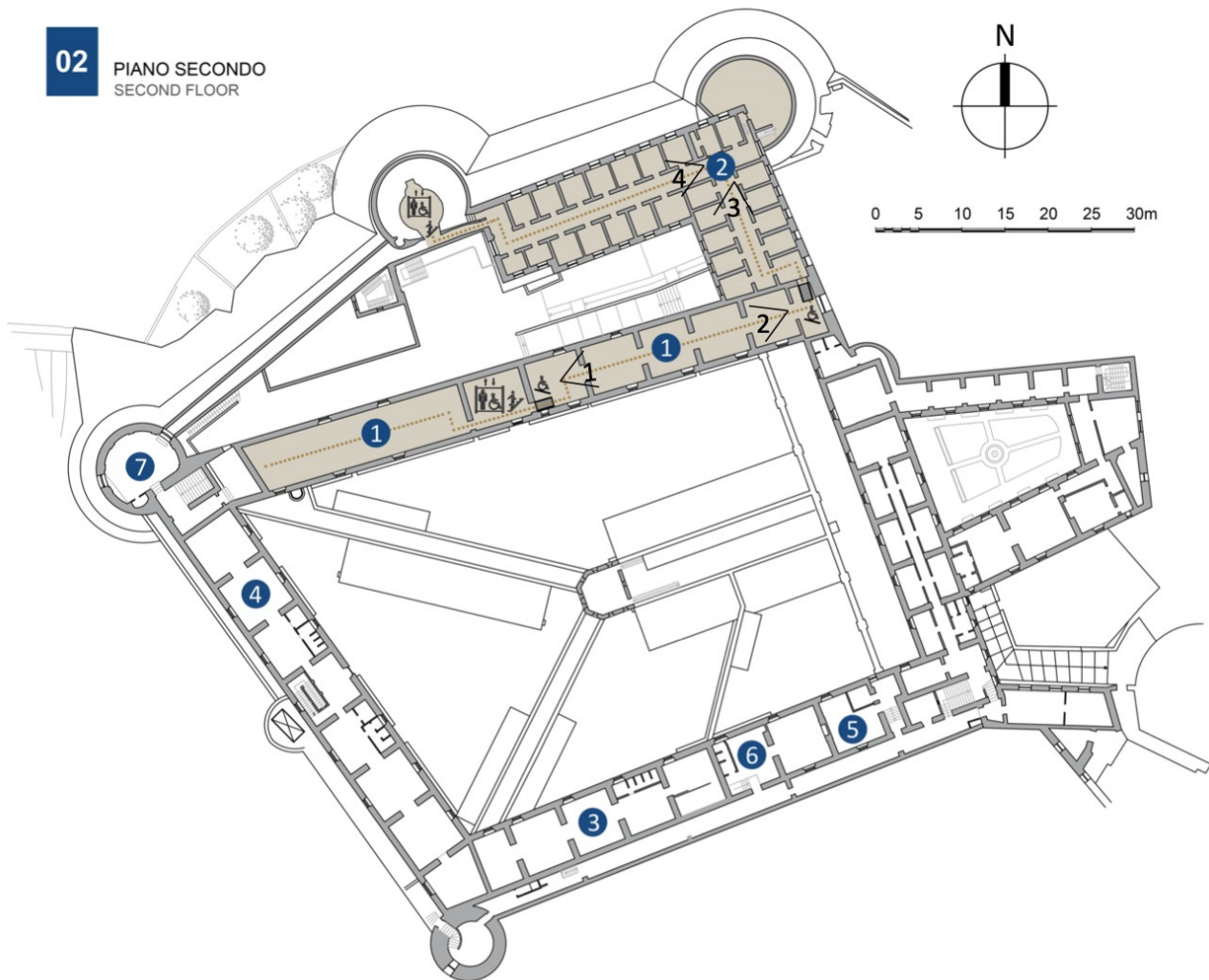
Scale
Stairs

Servoscala
Stairlift

Floor 02

02

PIANO SECONDO
SECOND FLOOR



● Area Visitabile
Visitable Area

..... Percorso
Pathway

① Camerata A
Dormitory A

② Cella Piemontesi
Piedmont Cells

③ Camerata B
Dormitory B

④ Camerata C
Dormitory C

⑤ Cella di Walter Reder
Prison cell of Walter Reder

⑥ Cella di Herbert Kappler
Prison cell of Herbert Kappler

⑦ Cappella Reale Borbonica
Bourbon Royal Chapel

↑↑ Ascensore
Elevator

↗ Scale
Stairs

↘ Rampa
Ramp