

# CALITARDO

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## Benvenuti a CALITARDO

Departure: we kindly ask you to vacate the apartments by 10 am, and also to take all food with you. Please wash all dishes before departure. If you like the umbrellas or bags, you can buy them at the price of 10 € each.

### Directions: CALITARDO

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/TpqXgVHvYLefJaFa8>

After you've taken the street towards Poggio San Litardo you have to follow the street on the left towards Sigliano (Agriturismo Siliano). After 1000 m take the gravel street on the left hand side. After another 100 m, you can see CALITARDO at the top of the hill. The parking is below the house, for the check-in and to empty the car you can come up and we'll open the metal gate. Afterwards we kindly ask you to park your car at the parking.

### Bar:

Open from 8 am to midnight

Here you will find alcoholic and soft drinks, biscuits and from time to time a cake or cornetti, during the season also vegetables and fruits from our orto, please help yourself. We kindly ask you not to harvest by yourself in the kitchen garden.

Here is also the Quooker tap to tap water with gas, of course tap water is also drinkable in the apartments.

You can brew your own tea with the Quooker tap.

The fully automatic Gaggia Coffee machine serves you coffee as you wish.

We kindly ask that you do not sit on the cushions in the bar area with wet bathing suits/robes.

Please take only the plastic glasses to the pool and the sunbathing area.

Please bring back dishes from the sunbathing area, we will do the dishes for you.

Please do not take dishes, cushions, lamps or blankets from the bar back to the apartments. Feel free to take games or books as you like.

Waste and glass bottles from the bar you can put into the drawers in the bar area. Glass bottles from the apartment can be put in the glass container near the main street (close to Restaurant Capriccio)

**Barbecue:**

in good weather, we fire up our barbecue during the summer with the finest olive wood logs on Wednesdays. On the stainless steel plate, you can grill your food yourself and enjoy it comfortably on your terrace, in your apartment or under the plane trees in company. Here you also find the herb beds, if you want to cook in your kitchen.

**Bathrobes:** are in your closet, if you prefer a different size, please let us know.

**Bed linen:** if you stay more than a week, our linen is changed on Friday.

**Bocce:** the bocce court is located below the pool level. The balls are behind the sofa area of the bar in the room with the cushions of the sun beds, there is also a badminton set.

**Charging station:** at the parking lot there are two charging sockets at your disposal, the local energy prices apply. Please ask for the card to unlock the sockets.

**Chef on demand:** we can gladly arrange for a chef to prepare a menu for you in your kitchen. The service is to be paid directly to the chef. A detailed description you'll find also at the pin board in the bar area.

**Cooling:** for sustainability reasons we do not have air conditioning, but floor cooling. This is centrally controlled. If you turn up the thermostats, the cooling is reduced. You will also find a fan in your wardrobe.

**Dogs:** we ask you to keep them on a leash outside our premises. On our premises we ask you to take care that other guests are not disturbed and your dog is never unwatched. You will find dog bags in your apartment. Please clean after your dog in all parts of our property also in the olive grove and the woods. You can put the bags in the waste bins at the parking or at the end of the cypress alley.

**Fitness:**

Our Fitnessroom in the barn is open daily from 7am to 8 pm. We kindly ask you to disinfect the equipment before use. In the yoga room you'll find a Quooker as well as a selection of teas.

**First aid:** a first aid kit is located in the room with the sunbed cushions, another one by the washing machine in the main house, and one in the fitness room in the barn.

**Fire logs:** you will find in your apartment, if you need more, please ask us. Please do not change the settings of the fireplaces and do not burn paper or plastic etc.

**Garbage:** is separated into plastic (yellow), paper (blue) and residual waste (black). The garbage bins are located on the south side of the house. Cooked food leftovers and organic waste can be disposed in the brown garbage bin.

**Glass:** please dispose in the glass container at the entrance from the state road to San Litardo. (Parking near Restaurant Capriccio)

**Heating:** all rooms have underfloor heating, this can be controlled room by room via the thermostats.

**Information:** please ask us at any time if you need further information.

**Intermediate cleaning:** on request we will gladly do an intermediate cleaning in your apartment on Wednesdays for an extra charge of 50 €. In case of a two-week stay, an intermediate cleaning will be done on Friday.

**Library:** here you will find a selection of paperbacks and illustrated books to browse through, travel guides from the area, and a selection of board and card games.

**Massage:** we will gladly organize a massage for you in our massage room Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. The treatment is to be paid directly to the masseuse.

**Music:** you'll find a Bluetooth speaker in your apartment. You can easily connect with your device (name Enneby)

**Olive oil:** If you wish, you can buy our biological olive oil. Please ask.

**Parking:** parking spaces are located below the complex, a lighted footpath leads to the house. You are welcome to park upstairs for unloading and loading.

**Pool:** 8:00 until 20:00 - depending on weather conditions. Our saltwater pool measures 21 x 7 meters and has a depth of 1.40 meters. Please do not jump from the edge of the pool! At the end there is a bench with massage jets, please turn them off after use with the same button.

To maintain the water quality, please be sure to shower off before bathing. The shower is located at the end of the pool behind the ivy wall.

**Quooker:** to avoid plastic waste there are bottle carriers and 4 glass bottles in your apartment. You can fill these in our bar area. Of course, our tap water in your apartment is also triple filtered and drinkable.

press and turn - sparkling water

press, wait and turn - still water

press twice and turn - boiling water (be careful)

**Showers:** our showers and taps have water-saving aerators.

**Smoking:** is forbidden in all premises. You will find ashtrays in front of the bar and on your terraces. We ask you not to smoke in the sunbathing area.

**Safe:** there is one safe per apartment in the closet. To set your code press the red button on the inside of the door, enter your code and press ENTER.

When you leave, please be sure to leave the safe open! We do not take any liability for valuables.

**Sunbathing area:** the sunbed cushions are located in the room behind the sofa area of the bar, please return them after use. Please make sure to close the parasols when it is windy and when you leave the area.

#### **SPA:**

Generally, the spa area is open daily from 12pm - 7pm - except on Saturdays.

Please let us know an hour in advance if you would like us to turn on the sauna or steam bath.

Towels for the SPA area you'll find in the bag in your closet. Bathrobes you'll find in your closet. Please do not take the white towels to the SPA or the pool.

We ask you to wear bathing shoes in the spa area.

Before entering the sauna, steam bath or furo-bath we ask you to take a shower.

A hair dryer is located in the locker room.

Finnish sauna 90 degrees, please make sure to lie with your whole body on the bath towel.

Steam bath 47 degrees, different aromas

Furo bath 40 degrees

Please plan enough time to rest and relax, and make sure to drink enough fluids, there is water and syrup available in the relax area, or of course everything else in the bar.

We kindly ask you not to eat in the SPA and to leave the premises as you've found it. The SPA should be a place of relax and tranquility. Please take care of other guest and eventually advice your children.

**Towels:** our pure linen towels are changed every Wednesday. Please take only the green towels to the pool and the SPA. The black towels are for your Make-up.

**TV:** in all apartments there are flat screen TVs, you can log in with your Netflix-account (please delete it at the end of your stay), use the offer of media libraries via internet, or watch Italian standard programs. (RAI PLAY Account Andreas)

**Washing machine:** for communal use is located in the right side room of the stairs of the main entrance of the main building. Here you will also find an ironing board and iron, and a vacuum cleaner if needed. Please return them after use for other guests. You will find a clothes drying rack in your apartment. Please do not leave the clothes drying rack in the rain.

**Waste:** the waste containers are located on the southern side of the house. We divide plastic, cardboard and residual waste. For cooked leftovers or biological waste you can use the brown waste bins along the street, as they are emptied every day. Please put your glass in the containers at the entrance to San Litardo from the main street.

### **Yoga:**

The yoga room in the barn is open daily from 7am to 8pm. Mats and Tricks Foul find in the fitness room. We kindly ask you to disinfect the mats after use. In the yoga room you'll find a Quooker as well as a selection of teas. If you would prefer to make yoga in your Apartment please ask us for a mat, which you can keep during your stay.

### **Important Numbers:**

Carabinieri	112
Fire department	115
Ambulance	118
Emergency medical service	+39 0578 290850

Emergency room - Pronto Soccorso  
Hospital Città della Pieve  
Via Beato Giacomo Villa, 1

**Andreas mobile** +39 327 8444 089

**Bank:**

Città della Pieve

Unicredit Via Vittorio Veneto, 17  
Monte dei Paschi di Siena Piazza Plebiscito, 3  
BCC Piazza Matteotti, 1  
BCC Via Stradone, 49 (Moiano)  
BCC Via Lombardia, 18 (Po'Bandino - ATM)

**Bakery:**

Città della Pieve

Camilloni & Berlardinelli

A good Panificio, located in Po'Bandino Strada Statale, 71  
we recommend the cookies with pine nuts, walnuts or raisins.  
This one also supplies the bread counter in CONAD supermarket.  
Monday-Saturday 6:00-13:30 and 17:30-19:30

Antica Caffetteria Mattucci

Selection of different breads (Senatore Capelli is salted)  
Daily 6:00-21:00 - Monday closed.

**Bar:**

**Città della Pieve**

Antica Caffetteria Mattucci

Caffé and bar - selection of cakes and small dishes - aperitivo  
Daily 6:00-21:00 (in summer until 24:00) - Monday closed

Lo Storico Centrale - on the main square with a view of the action - good caffè,  
selection of traditional desserts - aperitivo, good cocktails.  
Daily 7:30-21:00 (in summer until 24:00) - Wednesday closing day

Caffé degli Artisti - Tuesday closed

Mon Café - closed on Wednesday

**Grocery shopping:**

Supermarket Città della Pieve

EMI - small supermarket with good regional products

Via Vanucci, 98

Monday to Thursday 8:00-13:30, 16:00-20:00

Friday, Saturday 8:00-20:00

Sunday 9:00-13:00

4 km

CONAD - supermarket with good selection, some regional products

Cheese, sausage and fish counter

Via Gino Bombagli, 3 Near the gas station

Monday to Saturday 8:30-20:00, Sunday 9:00-13:00, 3 km

CONAD - supermarket directly in Città della Pieve

Largo della Vittoria, Monday to Saturday 8:00-13:00, 16:30-20:00, 4 km

CONAD - large selection, cheese, sausage and fish counter  
Via Molise, 6 Po' Bandino  
Monday to Saturday 8:30-20:00, Sunday 9:00-13:00  
5 km

LIDL - discounter with good bread (pretzels)  
Via Molise, 18  
Monday-Saturday 8:00-21:00, Sunday 8:30-20:00  
5 km

GALA - Italian discount store  
Lagarello, SR 71  
Tuesday-Sunday 8:30-19:45  
6 km

Supermarket in Chiusi-Scalo:  
COOP - good small selection  
Piazza 11 Aprile  
Monday-Saturday 8:00-20:30, Sunday 8:30-13:00  
7 km

Nearest BIO supermarket - NaturaSi in Corciano (about 35 minutes)

### **Fruit and vegetables:**

Quinto Sapore - vegetable store with products from their own biodynamic cultivation and small fruit offer. During the season very large selection of tomatoes. Good, simple wine from our own vineyards. Home-made preserves and fermented foods in jars.

Via Vittorio Veneto, 5 Città della Pieve  
Tuesday - Saturday 9:00-13:00, 16:00-19:00  
Visits to the Azienda - booking required  
(farm tour, farm to fork, cena)  
+39 346 8603810 (also whats'app)

Vegetable stand Wednesday and Friday morning  
Santuario Madonna di Fatima, Città della Pieve

Stefi Frutta - Good selection of fruits and vegetables also from organic farming  
Monday - Friday 9:00-12:30, 16:30-19:00  
Via M. Morgantini, 21 Chiusi-Scalo

### **Delicatessen:**

Fema - good selection of cold meats and cheeses, pickled vegetables, wine.  
Ideal for lunch aperitivo - pannini to order, small terrace  
Via Pietro Vannucci, 23 Città della Pieve

La casa dello zafferano  
Saffron - Città della Pieve is famous for its saffron cultivation.  
The saffron is traditionally harvested by hand and is available almost everywhere,  
the best selection also of processed products can be found in the casa dello  
zafferano, in the basement there is a small museum (free entrance)

### **Wine shop:**

Enoteca Bruno Copetta - directly opposite the restaurant, here is a new enoteca with a wide selection of Tuscan and Umbrian wines - also aperitivo

Lo Storico Centrale

In the bar Lo Storico Centrale, small fine selection of Italian wines, Franciacorta and Champagne - Joshua will be happy to advise you

Giovannini Bibite

Wholesale beverage store with good selection of Umbrian and Tuscan wines, prosecco, champagne, Italian beer (including craft beers) and spirits.

Monday - Friday 8:30-12:30, 15:00-19:00, Saturday 8:30-12:30

Via Molise, Città della Pieve (Po' Bandino).

### **Fish store:**

Pescheria Azzurra

Good selection of fresh fish and seafood from Monte Argentario.

Fish antipasti and small changing lunch menu

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:30-14:30, 16:30-19:00

Wednesday, Saturday 8:30-14:30

Via M. Morgantini, 28 Chiusi-Scalo

### **Cheese store:**

Fattoria Pianporcino,

Small production in the Val d'Orcia below La Foce - home-made cheese and ham,

Friday mornings fresh ricotta, organic spreads, pâtés, juices

Monday, Friday, Saturday 9:00-13:00

Via Isonzo, 33 Chiusi-Scalo

### **Organic store:**

Salutesicura - very well-stocked store for organic cosmetics (also Weleda), small selection of teas and food (Rapunzel). Here we buy our shampoo, shower gel and all cleaning products.

Monday - Saturday 9:30-13:00, 16:00-19:30

Via Abruzzo, 17 Città della Pieve (Po' Bandino)

### **Pharmacy:**

Farmacia Comunale

next to the Cathedral

Via Garibaldi, 87 Città della Pieve

Farmacia Moiano

Piazza Enrico Berlinguer, 1 (Moiano district).

### **Snacks:**

Fema

Panini on request at the delicatessen in Via Vanucci

320Gradi Pizza a taglio

Sliced Pizza, the dough is made with special flours that always change in composition (Kamut, Emmer, Senatore Cappelli)

Topped with potatoes and cheese, onions from Tropea, figs and Parma ham - also hamburger in a pizza roll

Daily from 17:00- 21:00 - in the cold months also at noon - Wednesday day off

Il Pizzicagnolo

Pannini Gourmet at the main square, also with salmon and vegetarian on request  
daily 10:00-14:30

### **Nursery:**

Vivaio Salto del Prete - large selection of perennials, olives, vines and herbs to take home (make sure they are frost resistant)

on the way to Città della Pieve coming from CALITARDO turn left before the gas station and follow the state road SP311. After about 2 km you will find the nursery on the left (second entrance)

Monday to Saturday 8:00-13:00 15:00-18:30

### **Weekly markets:**

Monday:

Panicale

Chiusi Scalo

Tuesday:

Chiusi Alto

Wednesday:

Castiglione del Lago

Piegara

Chianciano terme

Thursday:

Cetona

Montepulciano

Orvieto

Friday:

Pienza

Sarteano

Passignano sul Trasimeno

Tuoro sul Trasimeno

Saturday:

Città della Pieve

Perugia

Cetona

Montepulciano

Orvieto

Flea markets:

Every 1st Saturday and Sunday in Arezzo

Every 2nd Sunday in Florence (Piazza Santo Spirito)  
Every 2nd Saturday and Sunday in Montepulciano  
Every 3rd Saturday and Sunday in Lucca  
Every 4th Sunday in Perugia and Orvieto

### **Wineries:**

Cantina Fontesecca - small organic winery in Città della Pieve - production of naturally fermented wines.

+39 348 914 4916

Vocabolo Fontesecca, 30 Città della Pieve

Madrevite

Large selection of very interesting wines.

We like the rose 'la Bisbetica'.

In summer Saturday/Sunday picnic with wine on the hill including sunset over Lago di Chiusi. (Advance booking required)

Tastings on request.

+39 075 9527220

Via Cimbanò, 36 Castiglione del Lago

[www.madrevite.it](http://www.madrevite.it)

Cantina Murogrosso - Winery in Fabro with good drinkable wines (also barrique)  
Degustazione with Paola (3 wines, focaccia - 30 € per person or 5 wines, focaccia, prosciutto, salumi - 50 € per person) 2-2,5 hours

Let us know and we will make the contact for you.

Wines are also sold in the small store in Fabro Scalo

Tuesday to Saturday 10:00-12:45, 16:30- 19:30 Thursday afternoon closed.

Via Nazionale, 65 Fabro Scalo

[www.murogrosso.it](http://www.murogrosso.it)

Tenuta Vitalonga

Organic winery with an extensive selection of wines and its own osteria. We especially like the 'Phiculle'!

Degustazione (40-150 € per person)

+39 0763 836722

Strada Montiano, 8 Ficulles

[www.vitalonga.it](http://www.vitalonga.it)

Tenuta Corini

Impressive Tenuta with interesting wines

Vocabolo Casino, 53 Montegabbione

[www.tenutacorini.it](http://www.tenutacorini.it)

Podernuovo a Palazzone

Beautiful modern architecture, good selection of interesting wines. Winery of the Bulgari family. We like the 'Therra

Loc. Le Vigne, 203

Palazzone, San Casciano dei Bagni

[www.podernuovoaplazzone.com](http://www.podernuovoaplazzone.com)

### Cantine Ravazzi

Since 1956, an impressive selection of good wines at reasonable prices. Besides the Classici, there is the collezione privata, of which we like the Prezioso and the Smorfiosa.

Via delle Cantine, Palazzone, San Casciano dei Bagni  
www.ravazzi.it

### Tenuta Castello di Montegiove

Good selection, especially of red wines (Orvietano Rosso D.O.C.). We like the GattoGatto.

Castello di Montegiove, Via Beata Angelina, 1 Montegiove  
www.castellomontegiove.com

### Tenuta di Trinoro - Vini Franchetti

Tuscan wines very popular in connoisseur circles at upscale prices.

Via Val d'Orcia, 15 Sarteano  
www.vinifranchetti.com

### Cantina Campotondo

Family run cantina which produces ORCIA Doc

Via Campotondo 7 - Campiglia d'Orcia

### Sante Marie di Vignoni

Family run cantina which produces ORCIA Doc

Località Santa Maria 95 - Vignoni Alto, San Quirico d'Orcia

### **Gas station:**

IP gas stations are located:

in the hamlet of Canale at the Conad supermarket (with bar)

in the hamlet of Moiano on the main road

an Agip/Eni gas station is located in Chiusi

### **Cab and shuttle:**

Città della Pieve +39 338 1227823

www.giorgiservice.it

Chiusi +39 0578 20178

### **Bike rental:**

Andrea from Restaurant Seven offers E-bike rentals, always new and well-maintained. In addition to fixed tour with subsequent meals, or pottery classes, you can also have the bikes delivered to CALITARDO.

Bike per day (delivery in the morning or afternoon €45 per day, delivery €40 for multi-day rentals delivery is free

<https://www.seven-cafe.it/rent-ebike>

### **Truffle hunting:**

Michele from Restaurant Seven is the specialist in truffle preparation and, of course, he is doing the truffle hunting himself. Together with his dog Argo, he guides you through the Umbrian woods in search of treasures. Various tours with tastings, lunch, etc. seven.cafe7@yahoo.it

<https://www.seven-cafe.it/experience>

**Vespa rental:**

Want to hire an original historic Vespa (there is also a newer one) or a Fiat 500? It's possible at Slowhills. Pick up in Po'Bandino. Vespa approx. 60€, Fiat 500 approx. 160€. There are several other historic cars and also a chauffeur service. + 39 328 7448224  
[www.slowhills.com](http://www.slowhills.com)

**Tourist information centre:**

Ufficio Turistico Città della Pieve  
Piazza Matteotti, 4  
+39 0578 298840

**Activities:****Golf**

Tenuta Lamborghini in Panicale  
About 20 minutes from CALITARDO Tuesday to Sunday  
<https://www.tenutalamborghini.com/golf> +39 075 837582  
WhatsApp: +39 329 9242667 [lamborghinigolfclub@gmail.com](mailto:lamborghinigolfclub@gmail.com)

Antognolla Golf  
Daily from 7:30 AM, <https://www.antognollagolf.com/> +39 0755842008  
Strada San Giovanni Del Pantano 06133 Perugia  
About 55 minutes from CALITARDO, one of the most beautiful and exclusive golf courses in Italy

**Indoor Pools**

Municipal Pool Chianciano, daily from 9:00 AM except Sundays  
<https://www.virtusbuonconvento.it/chianciano-terme.html>  
Thermal baths with hot outdoor and indoor pools, daily except Tuesday from 10:00  
<https://www.termechianciano.it/piscine-termali-theia/piscine>  
Tennis - Beach Volleyball  
ASD Circolo Tennis Chiusi - by appointment, 3 clay courts covered in autumn/winter  
Via Poggio Gallina, 53043 Chiusi +39 0578 223069  
<https://www.circolotennischiusi.it/>

**Cinema** in Chiusi on the way to Chianciano

Current blockbusters, some soirées, and matinees celebrating classic films  
<https://www.clevillage.it/>

## Restaurants:

### Città della Pieve

#### Il Capriccio

Within walking distance, simple restaurant with a varied menu. Best to ask for daily specials and vegetarian alternatives.

Very good homemade pasta and desserts. In the evening very good pizza from the wood oven also to take away.

Open Wednesday to Sunday, lunch and dinner.

Via San Litardo, 72

+39 0578 298105

#### Ristorante Silvana

Small winding restaurant in the old town. They grill the best local Chianina beef in the open fireplace of the dining room.

Good, mostly homemade pasta, in summer everything from their own garden.

Open for dinner, Saturday and Sunday also for lunch, closed on Mondays, +39 379 240 9360.

#### Bistro del Duca

Small bistro with a varied menu. Good wine recommendations. Christian is Milanese and makes an excellent saffron risotto.

Open for lunch and dinner, closed Tuesday

Largo Sandro Pertini, 1

+39 334 1890920

#### Ristorante Zafferano

Restaurant in the historic Hotel Vannucci. Nice garden in summer.

Thursday - Monday 19:00-22:00

Via I. Vanni, 1

+39 0578 298063

#### Bruno Coppetta

Well known restaurant in Città della Pieve with good service. Known for pici cacio e pepe from the cheese wheel, or in season dishes with fresh truffle, but also pizza.

Good wine selection.

Open for lunch and dinner, closed on Monday

Via Pietro Vannucci, 90

+39 0578 298108

#### Crocus

Located on the neighboring hill, Davide serves a fixed menu with three or four courses in an old stable. Davide was a sous-chef for many years in various restaurants around the world and often incorporates foreign flavor nuances into his dishes, using seasonal and regional ingredients. Fish from Lake Trasimeno and wild herbs are frequently used. Unfortunately, the wine selection is not always appropriate for the cuisine.

Poggio al Piano 11, Città della Pieve +39 335 625 4104

#### Locanda della Picca

Within walking distance from Città della Pieve, it offers a decent selection of meat, fish, and vegetables. In summer, the terrace provides a lovely view, while on cooler days, the fireplace room is recommended. Attentive service. Daily 12:00-14:30 and 19:00-22:30 Strada vicinale il Poggio 2 +39 340 639 8468

## Monteleone d'Orvieto

### Seven Café

The name Café is a bit misleading. The two brothers, Michele in the kitchen and Andrea in the service, offer a successful selection of homemade dishes in their small restaurant. Special are the carciofi fritti, the homemade pasta from Mamma, as well as the desserts. Since both are also truffle seekers, the truffle of selected quality dominates the menu (summer truffle and white winter truffle). Excellent selection of wines (always ask the price!).

Via Sandro Pertini, 28 Monteleone D'orvieto

+39 0763834130

A walk through the small but charming Monteleone is a good idea before visiting the restaurant.

## Chiusi

### La solita zuppa

Visually not a highlight (maybe after the ongoing restyling), nevertheless Lorella and Andrea serve excellent food with courteous service. One of the two slow food places in Chiusi. Known for its soups and traditional Tuscan dishes, with regional ingredients and always seasonal. Highly recommended is the parmigiana with seasonal ingredients from their own garden, ravioli with ginger and poppy seeds, gnudi with butter and sage and of course the desserts.

The newly remodeled Enoteca next door offers preserved soups and sughi to go, as well as an excellent wine selection and, from April to October, Pannini Gourmet.

Via Porsenna, 21 Chiusi alto

Open for lunch and dinner, closed on Tuesday

+39 0578 21006 (reservation strongly recommended)

### Il Grillo è Buoncantore

The second Slow Food restaurant in Chiusi spoils with lovingly prepared antipasti, pasta with an immense selection of meat ragu of various local breeds and a fine wine selection. The small upper dining room is nicer, but quickly occupied, so be sure to reserve. In summer, the terrace on the idyllic piazza invites you to linger.

Piazza XX Settembre, 10 Chiusi alto

Open for lunch and dinner, closed on Monday

+39 0578 20112

Just across the street...

### La Madia del Grillo

Also run by Tiziana, here you'll find the best natural sourdough pizzas made with all-organic flours from local ancient grains and stuffed spelt focaccia. An extensive beer list of Italian craft beers and international beers rounds out the menu.

Open for lunch and dinner, closed on Wednesday

+39 0578 775 777

Chiusi Scalo

## Chiusi Scalo

### Le Tartare Cucina & Vini

Maurizio presents in a modern ambience everything the sea has to offer in excellent quality and interesting preparation. Who likes can try pesce crudo or crostacei crudi. There are also vegetarian or meat dishes, in season also excellent truffle.

Open for lunch and dinner, closed on Tuesday  
+39 0578 223184

### **Querce al Pino**

I Salotti

Upscale elegant Tuscan restaurant in Hotel Villa Il Patriarca with upscale prices. Creative cuisine with products from its own garden and farm. Excellent wine cellar  
Open Wednesday to Sunday evenings  
Loc. Querce al Pino, SS 146, Chiusi  
+ 39 0578 274407

### **Cetona**

Da Nilo

Nice restaurant at the end of the piazza, with traditional, excellent rather meat-heavy cuisine and excellent homemade pasta. Nilo cooks himself, and his son Christian and his wife Silvia are responsible for the courteous and perfect service. In season, excellent artichokes. Tables on the terrace overlook the picturesque piazza of Cetona.

Open for lunch and dinner, closed on Tuesday  
+39 0578 239040

Osteria del Merlo

In the cellars of an old tower right next to 'Da Nilo'. Creative cuisine, finely seasoned, often with fish. Very courteous, friendly service.

Open for lunch and dinner, closed on Monday  
+39 0578 238299

A walk through Cetona, built on the hillside, before dinner is a good idea. Even if you don't eat out, numerous pizzicherie in the piazza invite you for an aperitivo.

### **San Casciano dei Bagni**

Castello di Fighine

At the gates of San Casciano, lovingly renovated castle complex. The starred restaurant

(1 Michelin) is managed by three-star chef Heinz Beck, considered one of the best chefs in Italy. The cuisine is typical haute cuisine with local ingredients. The views from the terrace over southern Tuscany are beautiful.

open from April to January 8

Tuesday evenings, Wednesday-Sunday lunch and dinner, closed on Monday

Loc. Fighine Castello 1, Fighine Tuscany 53040

+39 0578 56158

Ristorante Daniela

The simple interiors under the vaults of the old horse stables and, in summer, the lovely terrace in the piazza invite you to linger.

Traditional Tuscan cuisine, mostly neatly prepared, a bit overpriced, the service a bit uninspired.

Open daily for lunch and dinner

+39 0578 58234

For those willing to drive a bit further, the Trattoria **La Pace in Celle sul Rigo** is worth a visit. Excellent homemade pasta, consistent quality, and attentive service. (Pici are excellent here) Open on Friday and Saturday for lunch and dinner, and on Sunday for lunch. +39 0578 779952

### **Paciano**

L'Orto in Tavola

Authentic food from the garden (hence the name) or from small local producers. A small menu with simple wines. Previously, meals were only served in the garden under the pergola, but this year there is also an indoor area. +39 393 417 9273

### **Panicale**

This pretty village offers beautiful views of Lake Trasimeno and invites you for a short walk. A simple aperitivo in the piazza before dinner is always recommended.

Lillo Tatini

Just next to the church, excellent slow food restaurant with Umbrian and Tuscan dishes. Excellent homemade bread. Special: ravioli stuffed with whole quail egg. Recommended: the desserts. The three tables on the small terrace are quickly filled in summer, so always reserve.

Open for lunch and dinner, closing day Monday +39 075 837771

Il Masolino

Right next door, good cozy restaurant with traditional Umbrian cuisine. The tables on the small balcony overlooking the lake are very popular.

Open for lunch and dinner, closed on Tuesday, Wednesday only in the evening.

+39 075 837151

Rastrello Boutique Hotel

Small fine boutique hotel with kitchen and beautiful summer garden.

Changing theme evenings. Small dishes with traditional ingredients interpreted in a modern way. Beautiful view over Lake Trasimeno from the garden.

Daily from 17:00 to 23:00, Sunday brunch from 10:00 to 14:00.

+39 075 8379175

### **Castiglione del Lago**

L'Acquario (slow food)

Freshly caught fish from the lake is used in creative dishes, but also meat dishes from the region can be found on the menu.

Open for lunch and dinner, closed on Wednesday

+39 075 9652432

### **San Feliciano**

Rosso di Sera (slow food)

Located directly on the lake, excellent fish from the lake is intelligently prepared here. Also ingredients from the hinterland are processed into the best dishes.

Sometimes tegamaccio (fish soup) or fagiolini di Trasimeno.

Lunch and dinner, Tuesday and Wednesday closed.

Via Fratelli Papini, 79

+39 075 8476277

I Bonci (slow food)  
Down-to-earth cuisine with ingredients from the lake and mainland.  
Open for lunch and dinner, closed on Wednesday  
Via Lungolago Alicata, 31  
+39 075 8479355

## **Orvieto**

The Hotel Palazzo Petrus is recommended for design lovers. With the 'Gocce' bar and the 'Coro' (1 star) restaurant in a former church. Good cocktails and small (excellent) dishes are served at upmarket prices in the bar or in the shady courtyard. The restaurant offers menus with four, six or ten courses. Francesco is very creative and the dishes are always authentic, regional and excellently flavoured. The service is very courteous and friendly.

Wednesday to Sunday 19:30-22:00, Friday, Saturday, Sunday 12:30-14:15,  
Tuesday closed +39 0763 967 231

Part of the Hotel is also Restaurant ARSO in front of the cathedral  
+39 0763 214228 - good meat dishes daily lunch and dinner except wednesday and thursday

Slow Food:

La Pergola +39 0763 343065 (Closed on Wednesday) institutional  
Antica Cantina +39 0763 344746 (Closed Sunday evening and Monday)  
La Grotta +39 0763 341348 (Closed on Tuesday)  
La Palomba +39 076 3343395 (Closed on Wednesday)

## **Spello**

Slow Food:

La Cantina di Spello +39 0742 651775 (Closed on Monday)

## **Bevagna**

Slow Food:

Antiche Sere +39 0742 361938 (No closing day - only 16 seats!!!)

## **Montepulciano**

Lupaia restaurant in the hotel with a lovely garden, open for not residing guests in the evening. Take an aperitif at the bar or in the garden, reservation recommended. Località Lupaia 74, Torrita di Siena +39 0577 191 7066

Il teatro cucina toscana

Piazzetta del teatro 4

Small restaurant, in summer open all day with traditional cuisine but never banal, good and attentive service.

Lieviti

Via di Cagnano 33

Pizza napoletana, dough with a long rising time, easy to digest. Unfortunately no outdoor seating.

La Grotta  
Via di San Biagio 15  
Mixture of tradition and gourmet cuisine

Porta di Bacco  
Via di Gracciano nel Corso 94-96  
Fine cuisine, great wine list with great wines also by the glass!

Slow Food:

Osteria dell' Acquacheta +39 0578 717086 (Tuesday and Wednesday)  
For a view, have a coffee at Caffè Poliziano (be sure to go to the balcony)

## **Montefollonico**

La Botte Piena on the main square +39 0577 669481 (Closed on Wednesday and Thursday)

## **Pienza**

La Bandita Townhouse Caffè  
Internationally influenced cuisine with traditional elements. Beautiful courtyard garden. +39 0578 749005 (Closed Monday afternoon)

Latte di Luna  
Via San Carlo 2/4  
Historic restaurant with very good traditional cuisine. Nice service, reservation recommended +39 0578 748606

Idyllium  
Via Gozzante 67  
Great location for sunset and an aperitivo. Good restaurant

Podere il Casale  
Dreamy terrace overlooking Val d'Orcia, authentic cuisine, much from their own cultivation. +39 0578 755109  
They also offer tours of cheese production, cooking classes, or tastings of their products.  
[www.podereilcasale.it](http://www.podereilcasale.it)

Beforehand, be sure to have an aperitivo at sunset at Bar Il Casello (Via di Casello) not far from Via dell'Amore.

## **San Quirico d'Orcia**

Al vecchio forno  
Via della piazzola 8  
Historic restaurant with a warm atmosphere. Classic dishes made from high-quality products.

Bradi toscani  
Via Dante Alighieri 74  
Ideal for tasting the restaurant's own cinto senese pork salumi. Interesting local products on the shelves to take home.

## **Bagno Vignoni**

Osteria del leone

Via dei Mulini 3

Historic trattoria with outdoor seating in the piazzetta. Classic dishes, some good fish dishes too.

La terrazza

Piazza delle Sorgenti 13

Nice ambience with some dishes interpreted a little differently than usual.

Il Barrino

Via del Gorello 44

For the aperitivo also some cold dishes in the pedestrian zone.

## **Arezzo**

Le chiavi d'oro

Excellent restaurant with superb reinterpretations of Italian cuisine. Beautiful mid-century ambience with antique elements.

Reservation essential +39 0575 403313 (Closed on Monday)

## **Perugia**

I Birbi

Luca and Amanda combine tradition and creativity in their cozy restaurant in the heart of Perugia. Closed on Monday and Wednesday

Via Campo di Battaglia, 12

+39 075 9889041

Altromondo

Here you dine on traditionally prepared regional and seasonal dishes. Familial and very polite service.

Via Caporali, 11

+39 075 5726157 (Closed on Sunday)

Al Mangiar Bene

Under the vaults, you'll find simply but well-prepared traditional dishes with a short supply chain, mostly organic. Relaxed service.

Via della Luna, 21

+39 0755 731047

## **Umbertide**

Vocabolo Moscatelli

Internationally inspired Italian cuisine in a very beautiful boutique hotel.

Reservation essential. +39 075 5455815 (Closed on Wednesday)

Via del Refari, 2 Calzolaro

A tour to the enchanting Montone, just 10 km away, is definitely worthwhile.

## **Michelin-starred restaurants nearby**

Perugia

Ada <https://adagourmet.it/> +39 3493130982

L'Acciuga <https://www.lacciuga.net/contatti> +39 339 2632591

Norcia

Vespasia <http://vespasianorcia.com> +39 0743 817434

Montepulciano

Osmosi <https://osmosimontepulciano.it> +39 3896522511

## Shopping

### Outlets

The Mall - exit Incisa Val d'Arno, on the way to or from Florence follow the signs to Leccio. Outlet city for Italian and international luxury brands daily from 10 am to 7 pm (also on Sundays)

The Space - Prada Outlet - follow the signs to the Montevarchi exit. Take a ticket before entering. Catwalk goods, so you can also get hold of unusual pieces daily from 10:30-19 (including Sundays)  
The café is highly recommended

Valdichiana - Valdichiana exit, right next to the motorway. Outlet for standard brands daily from 10 am to 8 pm (also on Sundays)

Luisa Spagnoli Factory Store - Via del Cashmere, 4-26, 06125 Perugia PG  
daily 9:30-13:00 and 16:00-19:00

Ceramics Deruta factory outlet  
Grandi Maioliche Ficola - Via della Nave Vecchia, 06053 Deruta (PG), +39  
0759724042

### Clothing

Città della Pieve near the piazza  
Il Cantuccio - caps, hats, bags - everything from Panama hats to Stetsons

Chiusi scalo (Via Pasubio, 19/21 and Cetona (P.zza Garibaldi, 1)  
Venturi Abbigliamento - Woolrich, Ralph Lauren, Barbour, Weekend Max Mara ...

Chiusi scalo (Via Mameli)  
Men's fashion shop with excellent advice and selection - Ceccarelli, Valstar, Bl'ker, LBM, Clarks

Todi (Piazza Umberto 1)  
Minciarelli - Men's fashion - Doucal's, Barbour, LBM, Lardini

Perugia (Corso Vanucci 60)  
Max Mara - Flagship Store

Perugia (Via Maestà delle Volte, 4/6)  
Niba 1976 - beautifully designed shop in old walls - high-priced and trendy clothing.

Perugia (Via dei Priori, 49/A)  
De Sanctis - men's fashion boutique with a good selection of individual Italian manufacturers

Perugia (Corso Vanucci 29-35)  
Paris Ricci - trendy women's and men's fashion - Autry, Golden Goose, Comme des Garçons

Arezzo (Corso Italia 60)

Sugar - trendy women's and men's fashion in the luxury segment in a beautiful setting - Fendi, Burberry, Gucci, Adidas, Balenciaga, Bottega Veneta, Miu Miu, Stone Island...

Arezzo (Corso Italia 277)

Andrea Parati - Men's fashion and accessories - Creed, Penhaligons, Ceccarelli...

### **Miscellaneous**

Città della Pieve (Via Roma)

Terrarte - An integrative workshop for pottery of all kinds - glazing and design in style also available to order

San Quirico d'Orcia (Via Dante Alighieri 89)

ManufactoStore - Design shop by product designers Kaori and Riccardo with a selection of Italian and Japanese handmade products

Pienza (Corso il Rossellino)

Bottega Artigiana del Cuoio

Small leather atelier lovingly run by Valerio with immediate fulfilment of wishes. It smells wonderfully of leather.

Pienza (Corso il Rossellino)

Ferramenta - very well-stocked mixed goods shop - there is a similarly beautiful one in Montepulciano - here you can buy all kinds of curious and handcrafted items from knives, rolling pins, pasta cutters and moulds.

This type of ferramenta (actually a hardware store) can be found in many places and is more or less always worth a visit.

Perugia (Corso Cavour 9)

Paradiso 518, bookshop

Perugia (Via San Ercolano 4)

Umbro - mixture of restaurant, food market and cultural offerings

Paciano (Voc. Collazzone 20)

La Saporita - Azienda Agricola - The farm shop sells vegetables, mainly apples, and processed products made from apples (apple vinegar, balsamic vinegar made from apples, apple juice, apple sparkling wine)

Vaiano/Castiglione del Lago (Poggio del Sole 19)

Bittarelli - organic farm, where cereals and pulses are grown, including the famous Fagolina del Trasimeno (small spicy beans). Also flour, pasta, biscuits, preserves - nice souvenirs

The produce is also cooked in the farm's own agri-bistro (open at weekends by reservation and for special events (Easter, etc.).

## Sightseeing in the surrounding area (just a small selection)

### Città della Pieve

A stroll through this charming town, which is built entirely from the bricks produced here, is always recommended. Numerous works by Pietro Vanucci, known as Perugino, who was born here, can be admired in the churches. There are also numerous works by Antonio Cirginiani, known as il Pomarancio.

Palazzo della Corgna Old governor's palace with impressive halls, grotesque frescoes and temporary exhibitions. The Etruscan obelisk in the staircase was discovered by chance. Buried to the top, it served as a street bollard for years.

#### Cathedral of Santi Gervasio e Protasio

Impressive works by Perugino (Madonna with the Saints, Baptism of Jesus), Pomarancio, beautiful Baroque chapel in the side abbatial galleries, to the right of the main altar is the crypt on the level of the old town, with Romanesque fragments of frescoes and stone carvings.

Rocca Perugina, medieval fortress (the tourist information centre is also located here)

Chiesa del Santissimo Nome di Gesù, pretty little church with works by Pomarancio in Piazza Matteotti

In addition to the simple Santuario della Madonna di Fatima, the Oratorio di San Bartolomeo is another gem with its 14th century crucifixion fresco.

#### Oratorio dei Bianchi

Probably the most important surviving fresco by Perugino in Città della Pieve can be found here in the former oratory of the brotherhood - the Adoration of the Magi. Admission is free, but a donation is always appreciated.

Palazzo della Fargna, impressive rococo-style town palace. Today it houses the municipal administration. A family of friends of the della Corgna, who were subsequently elevated to governors of Castel della Pieve and acquired numerous estates in the town area. Later elevated to marquesses, this family also built our house and we also acquired it from them.

Teatro degli Avvaloranti, right next to it is the delightful loggia theatre. After a roof collapse, the new roof structure was more or less successful and the ceiling fresco is no longer original. Nonetheless, the painted curtain and the loggia architecture make up for this.

Chiesa di San Pietro, outside the city walls with an impressive view of the Orvietan plain and Monte Cetona. The new modern pedestrian bridge behind the church was recently inaugurated. Inside is an impressive, unfortunately poorly preserved fresco of St Anthony Abate by Perugino (the church is usually only open on Sundays)

Chiesa Santa Maria dei Servi, outside the city walls. Deconsecrated, enchanting baroque church with changing exhibitions. Built on the 'roof' of a former church, it houses temporary exhibitions from the diocesan museum.

Diocesan museum with works by various artists in the former diocesan palace just behind the cathedral. (Registration via tourist information centre)

Foto Città della Pieve, in the old Forno - the old town bakery below the Palazzo della Corgna, an exhibition space with contemporary photographic art. In addition to permanent exhibitions, there are also temporary exhibitions 6 times a year.

Spazio Kossuth in the Palazzo Vescovile in Via Vanucci

The German-born Kossuth, violinist and sometime conductor of Milan's La Scala, was a passionate sculptor and loved Città della Pieve. After his death, a museum with his works was opened in his honour in the former bishop's palace. There are also temporary exhibitions. (open Friday afternoon, Saturday and Sunday)

Liceo Italo Calvino

Impressive modern brick building in the typical architectural language of the famous Ticino architect Mario Botta (outside the city walls at the end of Via Vanucci)

Giardino dei Lauri

Just a short walk from CALITARDO, behind the little church of Santa Maria in Litardo, is Villa Lauro and its private collection of modern art.

<https://www.ilgiardinodeilauri.com/info-contatti>, open Saturday 10-13 and 15:30-18:30 and by appointment - admission free

tel. +39 366 300 8538

### **Events:**

I quadri viventi, on Easter Sunday and Easter Monday in the vaults of Palazzo Orca, members of the Terziere Borgo Dentro (one of the three rival districts) re-enact the Passion of Jesus in living pictures.

The Terziere Casalino, on the other hand, organises the Infiorata in Via Vanucci on the patron saint's day of the Terziere. On Saturday evening, the whole neighbourhood comes together to create images on the street from dried flowers and seeds. The finished splendour can be admired on Sunday, by Monday it is all gone and traffic is back to normal.

At Christmas, the Terziere Castello creates a monumental nativity scene in the vaults under the Palazzo della Corgna, from the Annunciation to the Adoration of the Magi. Each year with a different social or socio-critical theme.

The Palio is the biggest festival in Città della Pieve, usually in the 2nd and 3rd week of August. Each district has a tavern where you can sample some unusual specialities (lumache, snails, or pan dei terziere (a spice cake) or ippocrasso (a type of honey wine). The tamburini of the various neighbourhoods parade through the city drumming, there are historical markets with displays of old trades in otherwise closed cantinas, fire-eaters or the Notte del Barbacane in the Casalino neighbourhood with its depiction of medieval life.

Everyone is eagerly awaiting the big final Sunday, when the three neighbourhoods shoot at the bull (made of wood) with bows and arrows. Beforehand, there is a magnificent parade in historically inspired costumes through the whole town.

### **Chiusi alto**

Ancient Etruscan town in Tuscany with a nice town centre for a stroll. We recommend the Etruscan Museum not far from the cathedral with important artefacts of Etruscan art.

The 6th century cathedral has been remodelled several times.

### **Cetona**

Small town in Tuscany with an impressive main square and a pretty circular path up the town hill

### **Sarteano**

Charming little town in Tuscany with an old castle. On the way there, it is worth making a detour to the Duchy of Salci, which today belongs to Città della Pieve and is completely deserted.

### **San Casciano dei Bagni**

A beautiful little town in Tuscany with enchanting views of the Tuscan countryside. The freely accessible sulphur springs invite you to take a hot bath. If you prefer something more organised, you can check into the Fonteverde SPA.

Two years ago, a historic Roman cult site was discovered in one of the old Roman pools. A museum is currently being set up, and the history of the excavation can already be seen in a small documentary in the town centre. Guided tours of the archaeological excavations every Saturday at 11.00 a.m. by appointment.

[https://www.sancascianoliving.it/articolo\\_blog/tornano-le-visite-al-santuario-ritrovato/](https://www.sancascianoliving.it/articolo_blog/tornano-le-visite-al-santuario-ritrovato/)

### **Paciano and Panicale**

Paciano, a nice little town that invites you to take a stroll on the way to Panicale. The balcony of Umbria with a view of Lake Trasimeno, it is firmly in American hands but has its own charm. Very well maintained with a good gastronomic selection.

Cathedral with works by Perugino, an impressive fresco of St Sebastian by Perugino outside the city walls. Good cultural offerings in the theatre, piano recitals and concerts in a deconsecrated church or cinema classics in a former workshop.

### **Montegabbione**

Although the town itself offers little that is out of the ordinary, the small, typically Umbrian castle of Casteldifiori, nestled in a picturesque landscape, is located in the municipality. The car park is located in the olive grove and a short tour is well worthwhile.

Also in the municipality is La Scarzuola in Montegiove, in the apse of the church dedicated to the Santissima Annunziata, there is a fresco from the first half of the 13th century depicting St Francis floating freely. It was later taken over by the Milanese architect Tommaso Buzzi (1900-1981), who wanted to build his ideal city over the course of twenty years.

[www.lascarzuola.com](http://www.lascarzuola.com)

+39 0763837463

### **Parrano**

The ancient and well-preserved medieval village extends around its castle, which is surrounded by mighty walls and of which the high watchtower can still be recognised. Parrano is a very picturesque village with historical, archaeological and natural treasures.

Just below is the 'Devil's Nest', the Tane del Divaolo, a complex of karst caves whose entrances are located on the steep walls of the limestone massif on the banks of the Fosso del Bagno just below the village. A natural spectacle worth seeing, with beautiful water.

### **Lake Trasimeno**

Although the fourth largest lake in Italy, it has nothing in common with the flair of the northern Italian lakes. The shallow depth of the lake basin was already a cause for concern for the Romans. There are no glamorous lakeside villas or lakeside promenades to stroll along and swimming is not recommended.

However, a ferry trip to one of the islands is. (Isola Maggiore from Tuoro or Passignano, Isola Polvese from San Feliciano)

### **Castiglione del Lago**

Situated on a promontory above the lake, the largest town on the lake offers impressive views of Lake Trasimeno. Lively, somewhat touristy main street, impressive fortifications from the time of Frederick II

### **Passignano sul Trasimeno**

A nice detour on the way to Cortona. A stroll through the tranquil alleyways of the fortified village or along the shore is best at sunset.

On a hill outside the town centre is the Pieve di San Cristoforo, an old parish church built before the year 1000 on the ruins of an earlier pagan temple, and the 16th-century pilgrimage church of Madonna dell'Oliveto, about 20 minutes' walk from the historic centre.

A detour to Castel Rigone and the Sanctuary of Madonna dei Miracoli, which is considered one of the masterpieces of the Umbrian Renaissance, is also worth a visit.

The Palio delle Barche, a historically inspired competition on the lake, takes place in the last week of July.

### **Tuoro sul Trasimeno**

The battle in which Hannibal crushed the Romans took place here in 217 BC.

Situated high above the lake, you can follow a 7-kilometre hiking trail in the footsteps of this battle.

### **Cortona**

If you are visiting the towns on the lake, you can combine your excursion with a visit to Cortona. This enchanting town lies majestically on the southern slopes of Monte Sant'Egidio, which towers over the Val di Chiana. Located on the Umbrian border, Cortona is one of the most beautiful hilltop towns in Tuscany. The town was founded by the Etruscans, colonised by the Romans and after its sale to the Florentines in 1409, it flourished under the Grand Duchy of Tuscany. The access road winds its way through terraced olive groves and vineyards, past villas, farms and monasteries.

## **Montepulciano**

The 'pearl of the cinquecento', Montepulciano is always worth a visit. Enchanting views as far as Lake Trasimeno, impressive Renaissance palaces, numerous art treasures and, of course, the wine make Montepulciano the ideal stopover on the way to Val d'Orcia. You can avoid the numerous tourist bargains and souvenir shops.

## **A round trip through the Val d'Orcia**

From **Montepulciano**, continue to **Montefollonico** on the hill opposite, this enchanting village is well worth a stop. Lunch in the only restaurant (slow food), a stroll through the alleyways past historic gardens

On to **Pienza**, the ideal town of the Renaissance. Created under the aegis of a Piccolomini pope, Pienza is the town of Pecorino, which can be bought here in all ripeness levels and varieties.

Past **Montichiello** (a pretty little hill town) to **Bagno Vignoni**, the ancient thermal baths that were already known to the Etruscans, to **San Quirico d'Orcia** with its lively shopping street, where you can find antiques, cheese from Pian Porcino and a kind of Japanese-Tuscan concept store. The ancient walled Horti Leonini from the 16th century is impressive.

## **Montalcino**

If you have more time, it's worth visiting Montalcino, where after a stroll through the alleyways it's best to soak up life in the piazza over a caffè or an aperitivo. (Nice boutiques and antique shops). Nearby, the Romanesque Abbazia di Sant'Antimo lies enchanted in a hollow.

## **Orvieto**

Orvieto boasts one of the richest artistic and cultural treasures in Umbria. The gleaming golden cathedral, designed by Lorenzo Maitani (13th century), is one of the most sublime achievements of Italian architecture. The beautiful Gothic façade with mosaics and bas-reliefs features a marvellous rose window by Orcagna. The interior houses numerous works, including a masterpiece of 15th-16th century Italian painting: the fresco cycle by Fra Angelico and Luca Signorelli in the chapel of S. Brizio. The lively town centre has some nice shops, restaurants and cafés.

## **Civita di Bagnoregio**

A stone's throw from Orvieto to Lazio. Only accessible on foot via a narrow bridge, this place that is dying (La Città che muore) has now been revitalised. Numerous free spirits and artists have renovated the dilapidated walls and created their second homes here.

Travelling further into Lazio, you reach **Lago di Bolsena** with its crystal-clear waters. The towns are mostly sleepy and rather tranquil. The views, on the other hand, are impressive.

**Bolsena** with a lively pedestrianised area in the old town and a more 'sophisticated' district by the lake

**Capodimonte** with the Rocca Farnese (not accessible)

**Montefiascone** numerous churches, some of Gothic origin with impressive Renaissance frescoes, the ruined papal castle and parts of the Roman Via Cassia with its original paving. On a hill with an impressive view over the Lago di Bolsena

## **Perugia**

The capital of the Umbria region, founded by the Etruscans, was a flourishing Roman municipium. After the fall of the Roman Empire and its destruction by the Goths, the Byzantines made it one of the bases of their supremacy against the expansion of the Lombard duchy of Spoleto. From the 8th century onwards, Perugia fell under the rule of the Church and remained loyal to the papacy, although it became a free commune in the year 1000. In the 14th century, the friendship with the Church in Rome deteriorated hopelessly: from then on, the history of Perugia is a succession of internal disputes, conspiracies, betrayals and wars, until under Pope Paul III (1531) the control of the Church became definitive. Perugia lost all freedom and autonomy and all attempts at rebellion against papal power were punished with new massacres and destruction. In 1860, the city was annexed to the Kingdom of Italy.

As a result of its glorious past, Perugia has an immense artistic and cultural heritage, you just have to look a little closer.

The Arch of Augustus, a monumental gate in the old Etruscan city wall restored in Roman times, the Etruscan Fountain and Porta Marzia, the second Etruscan monumental gate, which was incorporated into the Rocca Paolina, a fortress built in 1540 by Pope Paul III. In the main square, one of the most beautiful squares in Italy, stands the Palazzo dei Priori, an elegant Gothic building that now houses the National Gallery, with absolute masterpieces of Italian art from the Middle Ages to the 18th century by Piero della Francesca, Benozzo Gozzoli, Fra Angelico, Pinturicchio and Perugino. Also noteworthy are the Sala dei Notari, the Collegio del Cambio, the ancient stock exchange of Perugia, which houses a valuable cycle of paintings by Perugino and the chapel of S. Giovanni Battista with frescoes from the 16th century, the Collegio della Mercanzia, the Cathedral of San Lorenzo with the adjoining Capitular Museum and the magnificent 13th-century church by Fra Bevignate.

Perugia's Fontana Maggiore with bas-reliefs by Nicola and Giovanni Pisano. The Morlacchi Municipal Theatre (1788) and the Palazzo Antinori-Gallenga-Stuart (1754), the present-day University for Foreigners, the Basilica of San Pietro with its beautiful cloister, the Basilica of San Domenico with the adjoining National Archaeological Museum of Umbria with numerous Umbrian, Etruscan and Roman artefacts, the Chiesa San Angelo on a circular ground plan, the Chiesa di San Angelo on a circular ground plan, the Chiesa dell'Archeologico di Umbria with its numerous Umbrian, Etruscan and Roman artefacts, Etruscan and Roman artefacts, the Chiesa San Angelo with its circular floor plan, the Capella San Severo with the fresco 'Trinity and Saints', painted partly by Raffaello and partly by Perugino, the church of S. Maria Nuova with its wooden choir and oratory, and the Basilica of San Pietro with its beautiful cloister. Maria Nuova with its wooden choir and organ from 1548, the church of S. Ercolano. In the town, it is worth visiting the Botanical Gardens and the Medieval Gardens near the Abbey of S. Pietro; in the surrounding area, the tomb and frescoes by Perugino in Fontignano are well worth seeing.

Away from the tourist crowds, you can:

1. visit the glass museum and the Moretti Castellig workshop near Piazza Partigiani. Both are located in a 15th century building that originally belonged to the patrician Baglioni family. [www.studiomoretticaselli.it](http://www.studiomoretticaselli.it)

2. visit the 'Giuditta Brozzetti' museum atelier in the church of San Francesco alle Donne, which is famous for its handcrafted fabrics. After four generations, the atelier is now one of the last weaving mills in Italy where fabrics are still woven by hand on Jacquard looms. The building dates back to 1212 and is the oldest Franciscan church in Perugia. Here you will find so-called 'Tovaglie Perugine' ('Perugine tablecloths'), which were used as altar cloths in the medieval churches of central Italy until the end of the 12th century. (They are immortalised in paintings by Pietro Lorenzetti, Giotto, Ghirlandaio and Leonardo da Vinci). Thanks to the restoration of an original 17th century loom, an ancient lost weaving technique has been rediscovered: the so-called 'Fiamma di Perugia' ('Flame of Perugia'). Weekdays from 8:30-12:30 <http://www.brozzetti.com>

There is no need to go to the shopping centres outside the city; there are a few nice boutiques in the city, a magazine and book shop for trendy reading and a few chocolate shops, which are not necessarily a must.

An aperitif is nice in summer on the roof terrace of the modern-eclectic Priori Secret Garden hotel, or behind the cathedral in Turreno.

On the outward or return journey from Perugia, it's worth making a detour to CentUmbrie, a farm with a mill, café/bistrot and shop. Everything that is produced on the 'farm' is sold here. Wine, oil, biscotti, self-ground flour, pulses - all organic. The menu includes vegetables from the local Orto and meat from local farmers - a modern Italian interpretation at higher prices.

Right next door is the ideal place for the Cucinelli family, dressed up like the buttons of their cashmere clothing with probably the only Brunello Cucinelli store in the middle of the countryside (note: no outlet). A real highlight are the events in the Teatro Cucinelli below the village with high-calibre artists from all over the world (in loose succession) - admission is free.

### **Assisi**

Located on the slopes of Monte Subasio, it is the birthplace of St Francis, the Umbrian national saint. In the town, built with the typical reddish limestone of the Subasio, the Basilica of St Francis, of course, but also the Basilica of Santa Chiara and the Romanesque Cathedral of San Rufino are worth a visit. A short stroll through the town is worthwhile, but don't expect any culinary highlights or interesting shops. Slow food in the Osteria Paolotta, Via Volta Pinta 2, closed on Tuesdays. In the plain lies the mighty basilica of Santa Maria degli Angeli, to which the Capella del Transito is connected, where St Francis died on 4 October 1226.

Hikers can climb Monte Subasio from Assisi and enjoy the barren landscape with views over Umbria and the Marche.

### **Montone**

The enchanting village of Montone is located in the north of Umbria in the Upper Tiber Valley on the top of a hill. Montone is a member of the association I borghi più belli d'Italia. Church of San Francesco in its unchanged state from 1661, inside an ornate walnut sacristy, carved and gilded coffered ceiling.

At the foot of the hill in a neighbourhood of Umbertide is the Vocabolo Moscatelli, a recently opened boutique hotel with an adjoining restaurant and bar. Mediterranean fusion cuisine, beautiful and stylish ambience.

## **Bettona**

The whole town is surrounded by medieval walls, but also has remains of the older Etruscan walls made of square sandstone blocks. In the historic centre you can visit the church of S. Maria Maggiore with works by Perugino and Nicolò Alunno and a fresco by Gerardo Dottori. The Palazzo del Podestà houses the Museo di Bettona with works by Perugino, Dono Doni, Tiberio d'Assisi, Della Robbia terracotta and an archaeological section.

An Etruscan hypogeum (2nd century BC) is worth seeing in the surrounding area (Colle). On the way to the village of Passaggio di Bettona, you will come across the beautiful Torre del Molinaccio, a watchtower from the 13th century.

## **Bevagna**

Surrounded by a city wall with towers and gates, the town has an intact medieval structure. The remains of a Roman temple, the theatre and a 'frigidarium' with a floor mosaic with sea figures from the 2nd century AD have been preserved in the upper part of the town. The Palazzo dei Consoli, which houses the Torti theatre, the Romanesque churches of San Silvestro and San Michele Arcangelo and the church of S. Domenico e Giacomo are located in the magnificent Piazza Silverstri. Worth seeing is the Palazzo Comunale (late 18th century), which houses the historical archives, the library and the art gallery. The baroque churches of the monastery of S. Margherita and S. Filippo are also very interesting. The church of S. Francesco is located at the highest point of the town. Next to the altar you can see the stone on which St Francis knelt when he preached to the flock of birds at Pian d'Arca. A few years ago, the buildings of a Roman river harbour were discovered, which served as a transshipment point for direct trade with Rome via the Tiber.

## **Deruta**

The Umbrian majolica town. Due to its location on natural clay deposits, a rich ceramic production developed here early on, which continues to this day. In the historic town centre, you first pass through the Porta S. Michele Arcangelo, on the sides of which traces of the ancient walls are still visible. You can then see evidence of some kilns and visit the small Biordo Michelotti square, where the church of S. Michele Arcangelo with its Romanesque-Gothic façade stands. The Pinacoteca in the Palazzo Comunale has an important collection of paintings by Perugino and Alunno. In front of it are the church and monastery of San Francesco in Gothic style and home to the regional ceramics museum.

The Ubaldo Grazia factory museum is also worth a visit.

The museum is located on the main road at the foot of Deruta. With its important collection of ceramics, the small museum is the highlight of a visitor tour that starts directly at the factory. [www.ubaldograzia.com](http://www.ubaldograzia.com)

## **Montefalco**

Dominating the valley between Spoleto and Perugia, this small town has an important Renaissance culture. In the museum, the former church of San Francesco and the neighbouring monastery, you can see a world-famous fresco cycle by Benozzo Gozzoli and Perugino's Nativity. Since 2024, there has also been a Sagrantino museum here, the finest of the Umbrian wines grown in the area around Montefalco. The picturesque main square is framed by stately residences from the 15th century. The Romanesque church of S. Bartolomeo and the Porta di Federico II, which is not far away, are well worth a visit. In the neighbourhood you can visit the monastery of S. Fortunato with a church frescoed by Benozzo Gozzoli.

## **Spello**

Spello lies on a southern slope of Monte Subasio between Assisi and Foligno and is one of the borghi piu belli d'Italia. Here you will find important and impressive evidence of the Roman era in harmony with the appearance of the medieval town. The monumental Porta Consolare on the Via Flaminia (1st century BC) leads to the heart of the city. The blocks of Roman houses on the right form a harmonious whole with the medieval urban development on the left. In the church of Santa Maria Maggiore there are impressive frescoes by Pintoricchio, including a framed signed portrait of the artist himself. Pintoricchio also created the large painting of the Madonna with Saints, which is preserved in the 13th century church of Sant' Andrea.

Passing numerous small shops selling local produce and handicrafts, you reach the Belvedere, the ancient terrace where the Roman Forum once stood. Near the Chiesa di Sant'Anna is the imperial Roman Villa dei Mosaici, discovered in 2005 under a football pitch, with restored mosaic floors from the 3rd-5th century AD.

## **Spoletto**

Located on the hill of Sant'Elia, at the foot of the evergreen Monteluca in the fertile Spoletino valley, it suffered a similar fate to most Umbrian towns. Romans, Visigoths and Byzantines held sceptre in their hands until the Lombards made it their capital. It was finally incorporated into the Papal States until the foundation of the Italian state. As the venue for important cultural events, such as the Spoleto Festival, and thanks to its numerous architectural monuments from many eras, Spoleto is a symbol of international culture. Spoleto's oldest buildings include the Roman Arch of Druze and Germanicus, the entrance to the former forum (today's market square), the Romanesque church of S. Ansano, the Roman theatre and the Basilica of S. Salvatore, an interesting early Christian monument whose origins date back to the 4th-5th century. Close to the 13th century church of S. Gregorio Maggiore, with its charming apse and raised presbytery, is the Roman bridge (or Ponte Sanguinario) with three travertine arches and the 2nd century AD amphitheatre.

The most important monument in the city is the cathedral, built in the 12th century in Romanesque style. During later works, a Renaissance portal and a large Byzantine-style façade mosaic were added (1207). The cathedral houses a fresco of the Madonna and Saints by Pintoricchio, the bronze bust of Urban VIII by Bernini and an extraordinary cycle of frescoes by Filippo Lippi. The church of S. Paolo Inter Vineas (10th century) with an important fresco cycle from 1200 and the church of S. Pietro built in the 5th century with a magnificent Romanesque façade carved out of stone and decorated with extraordinary bas-reliefs are also very beautiful

From the square in front of the church of San Pietro, you have a sweeping view of the whole of Spoleto as far as the mighty 80 metre high "Ponte delle Torri", which served as an aqueduct and was built at the end of the 14th century to connect Castello Alborno.

Also worth seeing: the Municipal Gallery of Modern Art, the Bishop's Palace (Diocesan Museum), the New Theatre (1854-64), built on the site of an ancient Roman thermal bath, the Caio Melisso Theatre (1877-1889), and the Roman house built in the 1st century AD. In the town there are numerous small shops and boutiques and many street food shops.

## **Todi**

Todi is surrounded by three concentric rings of walls. Before entering the historic centre, you come across the imposing church of Santa Maria della Consolazione, one of the most outstanding Renaissance works in Umbria, attributed to Bramante. In the city centre is one of the most beautiful squares in Italy, the magnificent Piazza del Popolo with the cathedral and framed by the monumental buildings of the civil and ecclesiastical palazzi. Somewhat hidden behind the cathedral is the "Sistine Chapel of Umbria", the chiesa della Nunziatina. A richly decorated, largely unknown Baroque gem in a 13th century structure, the Tempio San Fortunato is an artistically valuable work. It stands at the end of an imposing flight of steps and is an impressive example of the Umbrian Gothic style.

Just below the steps of San Fortunato there is a well-stocked and stylish men's fashion shop (Minciarelli). If you follow Corso Cavour from the main square towards Porta Romana, there is a nice bar. Good, simple cuisine can be enjoyed at Pane e Vino.

## **Norcia**

The birthplace of St Benedict is divided into districts and has an urban structure in the style of the 18th and 19th centuries. It was one of the most important cities of art in Umbria due to its large historical art collection. After the severe earthquakes in 1995 and 2016, many houses and churches are still being rebuilt. Norcia's most important buildings are located in the main square: around the statue of St. Benedict are the Castellina, the church and the church of St. Benedict. Surrounding the statue of St Benedict are the Castellina, a monumental fortress that is now home to the town and diocesan museum, the Palazzo Comunale with its double loggia, the Basilica of San Benedetto (due to reopen in 2025) with its Gothic façade, whose crypt contains the remains of an ancient Roman building that, according to tradition, is the birthplace of the holy twins Benedict and Scholastica, and the Portico delle Misure, a former grain market hall. Just off the square is the 16th century Cathedral of St Maria Argentea (which is currently being rebuilt) with an altar by F. Duquesnoy (1640). Also of interest is the Tempietto, the most original and best-preserved historical building in Norcia

Norcia lies in the heart of Monte Sibillini and is surrounded by mountains. Norcia is famous for its salumi and the lentils from the Castelluccio plateau (a sea of flowers in spring, although Castelluccio itself has been destroyed).

## **Arezzo**

With its merchants' palaces, patrician houses and sacred buildings, Arezzo is generally regarded as a "jewel" of medieval architecture and culture.

On the first Sunday of the month and the Saturday before, the famous antiques market takes place, where you can always find something for sale.

However, to explore the city and realise its full beauty, we recommend days without a market.

The various city gates or Corso Italia are a quick walk into the well-organised old town. The Fortezza dei Medici stands at the highest point of the old town centre and the cathedral is just below it, separated by a park. A few metres further down is the Piazza Grande, an unusual, slightly sloping square surrounded by impressive patrician palaces and old shops. In the Middle Ages, Arezzo was a wealthy city, mainly due to its gold processing industry. Most of the buildings have been preserved to this day and contribute to an architecturally coherent cityscape. The

central meeting point is the Palazzo delle Logge at the highest point of the Piazza Grande, an impressive 16th century palace whose wide, elongated loggia houses traditional bars, cafés and restaurants (food and prices a little touristy)

In addition to the palaces, Arezzo is particularly worth a visit for its many religious buildings:

San Donato Cathedral, large-format stained glass by Fra Guillaume de Marcillat  
Badia delle Sante Flora e Lucilla with the remodelling and the high altar by Giorgio Vasari

the church of San Francesco with a cycle of frescoes Piero della Francesca

the church San Domenico with the earliest surviving work Cimabue

the church Santissima Annunziata , the most important High Renaissance church in Arezzo

the church Santa Maria delle Grazie with its famous early Renaissance loggia

Casa del Petrarca - supposedly the birthplace of the poet, humanist and scholar Francesco Petrarca - with an exhibition of his works

Casa di Giorgio Vasari - The Arezzo-born painter and master builder Giorgio Vasari , whose works include the Uffizi Gallery in Florence, acquired the two-storey house in 1540 and painted the rooms with magnificent frescoes

Arezzo has numerous boutiques and designer shops, antique shops and workshops of various (art) craftsmen. Corso Italia and the neighbouring streets and squares are particularly good for shopping.

Even if you don't fancy the most expensive designer clothes, the SUGAR is worth a visit, if only for its marvellous architecture. In an old city palace, you will find a skilful combination of old and modern, baroque stuccoed halls on the upper floor, a garden on the first floor and a Roman floor mosaic in the toilet. The café is fine for a quick drink or coffee, but you shouldn't eat here.

## Gardens and art worth seeing in the neighbourhood

### Tuscany:

**La Foce** - garden designed by Cecil Pinset (Villa Medici Florence) in the 1930s from Chianciano (morbid charm of past grandeur) in the direction of Pienza (Wednesdays and Sundays by appointment) (40 min)

**Horti Leonini** - City garden in San Quirico d'Orcia (60 min)

### Umbria:

**Campo del Sole** - sculpture park in Tuoro sul Trasimeno (40 minutes)

**Colezzione Burri** - Three sculptures by the famous artist are on display in his studio in a former tobacco factory - more works in Palazzo Albizzini - Città di Castello

**Lazio** (1.5-2 hours drive)

**Castello Ruspoli** - impressive Renaissance garden - Vignanello

**Villa Lante** - Renaissance garden famous for its water features - Bagnaia

**Garden of Bomarzo** - Sculpture garden from 1584 of the Orsini, only rediscovered in the 20th century - Bomarzo

**Palazzo Farnese** - impressive garden on the natural slopes behind the monumental palazzo - Caprarola - also worth seeing

### The gardens of Tivoli

The almost 2000-year-old Hadrian's Villa is the most important surviving Roman villa complex with impressive gardens

Not far away are the water features of the Villa d'Este from the early 16th century, an impressive testimony to the art of Renaissance engineering.

The Villa Gregoriana garden is based on Roman temples and was a popular destination for all travellers to Italy, especially during the Romantic period.

**For more information, the library has a comprehensive work on the gardens in Tuscany (including Florence), Umbria and Lazio**