

General Information for Visitors

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Directions: Grosseto to Il Poderone

From the Aurelia (SS1) take the Grosseto Est exit onto SS322 or Leave Grosseto on SS322 signed Scansano/Stiacciole. Approx 10 Km turn left signed Arcidosso and Cinigiano on SP17 (also signed Roccalbegna 36 and Arcille).

Turn right signed Roccalbegna 31 at Arcille on SP24.

Drive through Sticcianese on SP24

After 8Km drive through Baccinello on SP24

Into Comune di Roccalbegna (signed Roccalbegna all the time now)

Drive past Cana on left, on SS323 signed Roccalbegna 11 and Santa Caterina

7 Km from Cana, drive through Santa Caterina on SS323, turning sharp left at sign for Scansano/ Roccalbegna 5, and Arcidosso.

Drive into and through Roccalbegna on SS323: church on right, car park on right, over Albegna river and up hill out of Roccalbegna on windy road up into Triana.

In 7km at Triana turn left towards Arcidosso on SS323 – in 1 km Il Poderone appears on left just past the K40 marker on the SS 323 and next to a RAMA bus stop.

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Directions Siena to Il Poderone

Take Grosseto road from Siena ring road (SS223/SP78) for approx 55 Km.

At Paganico turn left onto SP64 signed Monte Amiata and Arcidosso.

Drive through Borgo Santa Rita. Stay on SP64 as roads twist and climbs – then road becomes SP26, still signed Arcidosso.

Drive through Arcidosso and out on the SS3232 Roccalbegna/Santa Fiora road which quickly becomes twisty and climbs again (chains needed in winter). Pass Monte Labro and the Parco Faunistico on the right (only 6 Km to go now). Drive out of Poggi la Bella into Commune di Roccalbegna and as the road starts to drop there is a sharp right turn and Il Poderone appears on the right just by a RAMA bus stop.

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Nespola at Borgo Il Poderone Da Roccalbegna. – getting started.

- 1. Location:** Borgo Il Poderone is situated halfway between Pisa and Rome just after the KM 40 sign on the SS323. Nespola is found on the top path from the car park – the third (and last) house to the right coming from the car park and opposite the pool. The first front door here is Nespola, which is one of three.
- 2. Security:** The front door to Nespola locks with a single Yale type key, usually double locked. Other doors are locked from the inside by pulling the handles downwards. Shutters are kept closed when away from the house and downstairs shutters are also closed at night. Losses or damage to your own personal property whilst staying here are your responsibility and we ask you to look after ours. Any breakages or losses will be charged.
- 3. Utilities:** Gas, Water and Electricity are on permanently as each property is individually metered for usage. On arrival you will need to turn the boiler on for hot water and heating. The boiler is found in the small cupboard on the back terrace. The boiler is on top and has 2 dials. The left hand one controls the heating and should be set in the orange zone when heat is needed – actual temperature is controlled inside the house by the thermostat near the front door. The right hand dial controls the hot water and should also be in the orange zone but note that you will need to run hot taps for a minute or two before the hot water comes through. If the boiler is off, push white button next to dials and hold for a few seconds to start. Boiler is lit when light above “ON” shows green. Turn boiler off when leaving by pushing white button next to dials on boiler itself. Mains Water and Gas taps are found below the boiler but these should be left on.
- 4. Air conditioning:** There are 2 units in the house – in the main bedrooms. These work separately to the heating thermostat so ensure that the heating is off before turning on the air conditioning and also that windows are closed for it to be effective. The air conditioning units work from independent remote controls by setting the required mode (select from :auto/**cool**/heat//dry/fan), and the exact temperature required .
- 5. Fridge:** On arrival set the internal control dial to 2 and close the door. On departure please empty the fridge and defrost (turn dial to 0 and prop door open, – takes about 2 hours - then wipe dry and prop door open with tea towel).
- 6. Oven and grill:** The control panel at the top of the oven has 3 knobs - the selector knob on the left, the timer/programmer knob in the middle and the temperature control knob on the right. To use the main oven you need to select a temperature and choose either the bottom right (convection) or bottom left (ventilated) position from the selector knob. To use the grill set the temperature to max (260) and then either top left (ventilated) or middle left from the selector. Make sure the timer window shows a picture of a “hand”, indicating manual use.

7. Gas Hob: choose burner position from panel on right and then turn, press down and hold the appropriate knob for a few seconds to ignite - burner will stay lit when knob is released.

8. Dishwasher: After loading, so that any glasses are on top shelf and not touching, put the tablet in the door, close tablet compartment and find the controls along the top of the door. Press the on/off button on the far right (green light comes on) and then press the selector button on left to light up the 3 plates symbol from the choices on the left for a normal wash. It takes 80 minutes and will beep when finished. Do not interrupt cycle.

9. Washing/dryer machine: this has many features and it is suggested that the fuller instructions are followed if you wish to use the machine. The water supply tap must be turned on before use and off after use as either washer or dryer. The 3 main dials on the top right control wash temperature (left), drying programmes (middle) and wash timer (furthest right of 3 dials). A quick wash is achieved by putting the powder in the dispenser, setting the temperature to 40 and timer to 29 minutes, ensuring that the dryer is "off" first and then push and hold "avv./pausa" for a few seconds .

10. TV/DVD/Satellite: The TV is set up to work either from the satellite tuner, or via the DVD Player. First switch on the TV on the set itself and then switch on either the Satellite receiver or DVD player from the appropriate remote control. The TV will automatically switch to the chosen device. The Satellite receiver will give nearly all Italian Free channels, a lot of German and some English channels. Few Sky channels are available for the moment. Scroll through the channels to select one using the Sky remote control. The DVD player is very basic, but plays all disc formats and can also be used to play music through the TV; it uses the Philips remote control. The TV uses the Panasonic remote control. If, whilst playing a DVD, the picture is in a letter box format, i.e. with black top and bottom, try the "Aspect" button on the TV remote until you find a satisfactory setting.

11. Fire: Only used when really cold in the winter to supplement the central heating, but ensure that the chimney is open by fixing the chain on the right to the chimney wall screw and locking the chimney open.

12. Barbeque: located on the side terrace. Tools are kept indoors in bottom kitchen drawer when house is not in use, key to BBQ gate is in top drawer. Charcoal can be purchased from supermarkets and other shops.

13. Emergencies: There is no general emergency number as in UK. Each service has its own number. **Carabinieri 112**

Police 113

Fire Brigade 115

Ambulance/Medical Help 118

Please leave Nespola as you found it – switch off all appliances, defrost fridge, empty cupboards and bins, shut doors, shutters and windows and lock front door. Ensure washer/dryer water supply tap is off. Switch off boiler but leave mains water and gas on.

Notes: Detailed **instructions for appliances** are in the bottom kitchen drawer.

Pool is in front of the house – along with changing rooms and bathroom facilities – no life guard is on duty so please supervise non swimmers and use responsibly.

Beaches are found both to the north and south of Grosseto. Resorts include Marina di Grosseto, Castiglione della Pescaia, Punta Ala and Talamone. If the weather is cloudy in the hills at Il Poderone it is often clear at the coast. **Maps** and guides of the area are available in drawer below TV and we also have a list of suggestions for places to see/visit as well as restaurants in the locality.

Closest shops are in Roccalbegna (approx 6 Km towards Grosseto) and this includes a pharmacy, general stores, butchers etc. **Supermarkets and restaurants** can be found in Arcidosso, Santa Fiora, Semproniano and Grosseto but remember that many shops are open from 8 in the morning for 4 or 5 hours and again from 4 or 5 in the evening. There is a big market on Thursday mornings in Grosseto but local smaller markets also exist.

SURVIVAL TIPS”

FLORENCE: If you are interested in art and history, places of importance to visit in Florence are : Palazzo Pitti, Uffizi, Galleria dell'Accademia (where Michelangelo's statue of David is situated), the Duomo (cathedral Santa Maria del fiore) with its famous dome and baptistery, the Museo dell'opera del Duomo, The ponte vecchio (a 600 year old bridge over the river Arno for pedestrian traffic only) and piazzale Michelangelo (a famous viewing point for the whole city).

There are many more galleries, etc. When planning sightseeing, it is not advisable to take your car into Florence because of the difficulty parking. Parking restrictions and tow-away areas exist. The best idea is to take a train or bus in, leaving your car at one of the rural stations that have free parking (Santa Maria novella train station is in the centre of the city) or park your car on the out skirts and call a cab. However, If you would like to park in the city, there is a big pay car park under the station. Open air spaces marked on the road with blue lines are pay at the meter, blue with a red dot or red are residents only, yellow is for handicapped and white is free parking.

OTHER CITIES: Rome and Pisa are about 2 hours drive away and worthy of a book or two by themselves, being home to numerous famous works of art and architecture. Visiting is easier by train but driving close and then taking public transport is more relaxing. The closest mainline railway station is at Grosseto and on street parking near the station is free and relatively easy.

Siena is about an hour's drive away and parking is possible right in the centre in the underground car park for "Piazza del Campo". The Duomo and the Campo are spectacular and not to be missed. Siena is famous for its "contrade" and at Palio time the streets are all dressed in the flags and colours of their particular contrada.

Grosseto is a smaller city and the cultural and administrative centre for the Maremma region. The old mediaeval town is very pretty and pedestrianised, but it is possible to park in one of the car parks around the old walls. There is a big market outside the walls on a Thursday.

TOWNS AND COUNTRYSIDE : Many towns are worth visiting but some stand out because of their known tourist popularity including Lucca, Arezzo, San Gimignano (known for its ancient towers), Cortona (a town possibly older than Troy), Pienza, Montepulciano (with a fortress which has existed since the 8th century), Volterra, Petroio, where you can find the biggest Terracotta producers, and Chianciano Terme famous for its therapeutically healing spa resorts.

Close to Roccalbegna are Santa Fiora, Semproniano, Montalcino, Saturnia and Pitigliano which all have very old quarters and picturesque areas to discover. In addition, Saturnia has its own thermal springs and Montalcino is home to the famous wine, "Brunello di Montalcino".

COASTS AND BEACHES: Monte Argentario and the Isle of Giglio are visible on a clear day from Il Poderone, looking down the mountain and to the south east. The Coastal area around Alberese is beautiful and unspoilt in the Maremma with many acres of land being conserved national park areas. Castiglione della Pescaia is a local seaside resort with a good beach where sunbeds and umbrellas can be hired. It also has numerous good fish restaurants and castle with lovely views. Punta Ala and Porto Ercole are very sophisticated resorts close by and also worth a visit..

Trips to the islands of Giglio, Elba and other islands can be booked on the day but it is better to book Elba in advance as these trips and ferries mostly go from Piombino which is an hour's drive away.

DRIVING: Driving in Italy is pleasant on the country roads but some are quite narrow and some are gravel only (known as "white roads" and shown this way on most maps.) Most areas are well sign posted. Don't try to take your car into the walled medieval villages, often the streets are too narrow. Park out side the wall and walk (it's good for you and works up an appetite for more pasta!).

The autostradas in Italy need care because of the speed which some drivers drive at. It is important to stay in the slow lane unless actively overtaking. If a faster car comes up behind you, move over, let it pass. It is illegal to overtake on the right.

SPEED LIMITS (often ignored by Italians)

50 km/h in urban areas

90 km/h in secondary roads

110 km/h dual carriageways

130 km/h on motorways (autostrade)

You can be penalised by the police for: Speeding. Not having your headlights on at all times whilst the car is in motion out of towns. Not putting on a reflective jacket or vest when not in your car on the Autostrada (your hire car must contain one by law). Not putting out a reflective triangle if stopped on the autostrada (your hire car must contain one by law). Not putting your seatbelt on. Driving in bare feet or shoes with out a back or strap behind the heel such as thongs, flip flops, mules etc.

PARKING: Parking rules vary from city to city. Blue definitely means parking is limited and you either must buy a ticket from a street machine and display it on your dash board or indicate the hour of your arrival on the inside of your wind screen, there will be a sign to tell you the

maximum time allowed. Yellow definitely means handicapped or loading zone, do not park in yellow spaces. Red means resident only parking. White can mean free parking or can mean resident only parking – best to read the accompanying signs carefully.

Be careful entering the centre of cities as they are usually restricted traffic zones and have telecameras. The fine will be put on to your credit card if you have a hire car. Soon it will also be possible for the police to send traffic and parking violation tickets by post or via your local police to any EU resident.

EATING: Italian food varies from region to region. Breakfast is usually continental (juice, fruit, milk, croissant, cold meat, cheese, coffee, tea etc.) B&Bs and Trattorias that serve dinner will usually offer local produce (4 courses are not uncommon). Coffee is never served with dessert, always after.

Cappuccinos or lattes are not drunk by Italians after 12.00 as the milk is thought to interfere with the digestion. If you want a long coffee ask for a “lungo” or “café Americano” In this case the bar tender will make you an espresso and then let the machine run on, adding extra hot water. You can always ask for extra hot or cold milk. Food and drinks at the bar are cheaper than at a table. This is because of the extra work involved for the staff. Some times in quiet country bars this rule does not apply but in the city it is always the case. You should tell the bar tender if you intend to sit down.

RESTAURANTS : Must close one day per week and each owner chooses their own day. Look in the window and you will see a notice “chiuso -----” with the day of the week. In this way there are always restaurants open on any given day. **Trattorias and Osterias** are smaller often family run restaurants usually serve local dishes and somewhat cheaper than Ristoranti (restaurants) some bars also serve panini, salads and pasta dishes for light meals.

SUPERMARKETS : You will need a one Euro coin to liberate your shopping trolley, you get it back when you return the trolley. Plastic shopping bags are usually 5cents each (the same price or slightly less than bought bin liners). Fruit and vegetables need to be weighed before you get to the cashier.

OPENING HOURS : In Italy, most shops, galleries, museums, etc close at 12.30 or 1.00 and reopen at 4.00-5.00 p.m. Banks are some times open in the afternoon but it’s best to go in the morning to be sure. It is not usual for supermarkets to open on Sundays or Monday mornings but some of the bigger ones do and will display a sign indicating that they open continuous hours.

ELECTRICITY is 220 volts, so Americans will fry their razors, hair dryers, etc., without a converter (some times you can get travel models with two settings), Brits, Aussies etc just will need an adapter plug as the prongs are different.

TELEPHONES : You will need a phone card to use most public phones and can buy one in newspaper kiosks or tobacconists. Cell phones: if you use yours or some one calls you on it when you are here it will usually cost you more than you are used to. Short message texting is often a better idea but signal coverage can be poor so take care.

TOURIST INFORMATION : all cities and major towns have tourist offices. They are called "Pro loco" and can be very useful, don't hesitate to go in, look at the brochures and ask questions.

SECURITY : Petty theft is common in the cities, so do not leave belongings vulnerable in cars or on nearby tables. Never leave valuables in a parked car. Watch out for pickpockets (often children) in busy areas, they are competent at their work ! There are several police forces: "la polizia" deal with most crimes, "carabinieri" deal with speeding and security.

MEDICAL TREATMENT : Emergency medical treatment is free of charge to any one presenting them selves at the emergency room. Many countries, including Australia, the U.K. and the E.U. have reciprocal medical plans so bring your healthcare cards. If you do need to pay for health care, it is not as expensive as in the U.S. the E111 card guarantees reciprocity for EU residents.

CURRENCY : the local currency is the Euro, it is a decimal system; 100 cents = 1 Euro. You can change your money at a bank (expect queues) or at a change booth (where it will cost you slightly more) or use your credit card and let your bank worry about the exchange!

OUTLET SHOPPING

1. I PELLETTIERI D'ITALIA (Prada) - Località Levanella, 52025 Montevarchi (AR) - Tel : +39 055 91 901

Opening hours: Normally seven days a week. Call ahead to check opening hours as they are subject to sudden changes. Saturday is the busiest day

How to get there: By train: take the train to Montevarchi station and get a cab (about 15 minutes). **By car:** take the A1 autostrada - Exit 'Valdarno', Out of the toll turn right and follow signs for 'Montevarchi' or 'Centro'. At the big round about that has an IPER - COOP supermarket exit left. Then continue towards Arezzo. Pass through Montevarchi and 'Località levanella' after the village pass a petrol station and then follow signs for I PELLETTIERI D'ITALIA in the 'Zona Industriale' on the left. The sign for the outlet is at a traffic light. On your left is a huge grey factory that is all PRADA and the outlet is in the back of the main factory complex. Prada is the hardest to find but the most worth the effort. It is best to arrive at Prada before it opens at 9.30. At the door take a ticket from the stainless steel dispenser and then retire to the café next door, which has an electronic number counter to let you know when it's your turn. The choicest items are always there first thing and go quickly, later in the day there can be a long wait before getting in to the out let. Keep your ticket. Any thing you think you might want to buy you can give to a sales assistant who will store it for you and at the end you have a chance to re look at every thing and make your final selection. Do not bother going at weekends, public holidays or during the peak sale periods (when the best old stock is sent to the stores)As with all out lets, it can be hit or miss, some times you will be lucky and other times you will not find any thing worth buying.

2. THE MALL: (for Agnona, Alexander McQueen, Armani Jeans, Balenciaga, Bottega Veneta, Burberry, Emanuel Ungaro, Ermenegildo Zegna, Fendi, Giorgio Armani, Gucci, Hogan, I Pinco Pallino, La Perla, Loro Piana, Marni, Pucci, Salvatore Ferragamo, Sergio Rossi, Stella McCartney, Tod's, Valentino, Yohji Yamamoto and Yves Saint Laurent.) The complex also includes a café restaurant. *THE MALL* information desk opening hours are: from 9 to 18 non-stop Monday to Saturday Tel +39 055 8657 775. **THE MALL address:** Via Europa 8, 50060 Leccio, Reggello – Firenze

THE MALL opening hours: 10-19 non-stop Monday-Sunday.(Except holidays). Call ahead to check opening hours as they are subject to sudden changes.

How to get there :by road From Milan: Take the A1 motorway towards Florence/Rome and take the exit marked Incisa. Stay on the right towards Pontassieve until reaching Leccio. Soon after passing the center of Leccio, The Mall will be on the left. **By road from Rome:** Take the A1 motorway towards Florence and take the exit marked Incisa. Stay on the right towards Pontassieve until reaching Leccio. Soon after passing the center of Leccio, The Mall will be on the left.

2. DOLCE AND GABBANA INDUSTRIA S.P.A.- Spaccio Aziendale:
Localita S.Maria Maddalena, 49-Pian Dell'Isola,Incisa in Val A'arno (FI)
Tel: +39 055 833

Opening hours: Monday to Saturday 9.00 to 19.00. Sunday 10.00 to 19.00.

Directions: To get to Fendi, D&G and Gucci, exit the A1 at Incisa and turn right. Follow the SS69. Look for a brown and Yellow sign for Fendi and/or D&G on the Left. The address' are as they appear on the business cards of these out lets. Dolce and Gabbana and Fendi are almost neighbours, on the same street despite the different ways of describing the location. If you don't have a car then go by taxi from THE MALL. To get to Gucci, pass the turn for Fendi and D&G on the SS69 until you see THE MALL signs.

Ristorante
da Michele

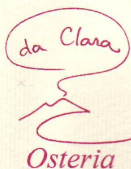
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Specialità carne cotta al camino

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da
Michele



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Favourite Restaurants

Restaurants

[Il Barilotto](#) ☞



via Carolina 24 I - 58037 SANTA FIORA
Distance: 5km ;tel 0564 977089

Family run and family atmosphere, in the historical centre of the village; regional dishes whose strong point is the autumn period.

[Agriturismo Rondinelli](#) 🍷



località I Rondinelli 32 I - 58031
ARCIDOSSO
Distance: 8.5km ;tel 0564 968166

[La Posta](#) ☞



via Verdi 9 I - 58050 CATABBIO
Distance: 10km ;tel 0564 986376

The owner cooks and her children serve in this nice country trattoria. Simple atmosphere in which dishes are rooted in local tradition.

[Le Macinaie](#) 🍷



I - 58033 PRATO DELLE MACINAIE
Distance: 12km ;tel 0564 959001

Restaurant with elegant rustic dining rooms.

[Anna](#) ☞



viale Gramsci 486 I - 53025 PIANCASTAGNAIO
Distance: 13km ;tel 0577 786061

Welcoming, family-run restaurant with genuine, local cuisine.

[I Due Cippi-da Michele](#) ☞☞



piazza Veneto 26/a I - 58050 SATURNIA
Distance: 15km ;tel 0564 601074

Located in the village square, this is a restaurant directly managed by its owners, in which you can enjoy Tuscan specialties. With a wine cellar featuring an excellent list of wines and local products .

[Silene](#) ☞☞ AA



località Pescina Est : 3 km I - 58038 SEGGIANO
Distance: 15km ;tel 0564 950805

[Taverna Etrusca,](#) ☞☞ AA



piazza del Pretorio 16 I - 58010 SOVANA
Distance: 17km ;tel 0564 616183

Il Tufo Allegro



vicolo della Costituzione 5 I - 58017 PITIGLIANO
Distance: 20km ; tel 0564 616192

Antico Casale di Scansano




località Castagneta Sud-Est : 3 km I - 58054
SCANSANO
Distance: 21km ; tel 0564 507219

Castello Banfi



località Sant'Angelo Scalo I - 53024 POGGIO
ALLE MURA
Distance: 24km; tel 0577 816054

This restaurant is in a medieval castle among picturesque vineyards in the heart of Tuscany's winemaking region. The cuisine is prepared imaginatively with select products and ingredients. 

Key :

-  Quite comfortable restaurant
-  Restaurant within a Michelin recommended hotel (or restaurant)
-  Comfortable restaurant
-  Very comfortable restaurant
-  Very comfortable and pleasant restaurant

Ten top things to do at/from Borgo Il Poderone (personal favourites)

1. **Saturnia**:: Bathe in the sulphur springs at Saturnia, visit the old town and have a meal at Nigella Lawson's favourite Restaurant(I due Cippi da Michele).
2. **Castiglione della Pescaia**:: See the amazing panoramas from the old town and castle and visit the town. Have a meal at Pierbacco or one of the other restaurants close to the beach, harbour and town. Stroll along the lovely beaches here and visit neighbouring ones such as the famous ones of Porto Ercole and Punta Ala and then south to Talamone and Monte Argentario.
3. **Local Towns: Roccalbegna, Santa Fiora and Arcidosso** (all under 20 minutes drive away) (a) **Roccalbegna** - climb up to the Senese Cassero or take the climb up il Sasso,; see the Lorenzetti frescos in the small church of Saint Peter and Saint Paul and explore the narrow streets and shops which include the closest pharmacy, butcher and grocery shops. (b) Santa Fiora - noted by Dante as an impregnable castle the town is known for the Peschiera and its park, the Terrecotte Robbiano", the Palazzo Sforza-Cesarini, the Selva half dragon head and the Oratory of the Madonna delle Neve. Good restaurants/pizzerias here too – including Il Barilotto. (c) Arcidosso – explore the old town and its monuments along with the churches of San Leonardo, Sant'Andrea, San Niccolo and Santa Croce; have a coffee in the central Bar Concerto. Arcidosso is home to a large number of shops of all types.
4. **Grosseto** – historically important capital of the Maremma and much underrated and undiscovered by foreign tourists. It has a lovely old Medicean town and busy new town areas. Many places to see and visit.
5. **Monte Amiata** - typical ski resort and surrounding countryside some 1750 meters above sea level with lovely views (half of Tuscany and as far away as Elba and Abruzzo on a clear day) .The "Vetta" is the summit and out of season is a nice walk.
6. **Nature parks and wildlife reserves** - close at hand find the Parco faunistico del Monte Amiata, a natural wildlife reserve of 130 hectares where you can see wolves, wild boar, moufflons, deer, porcupines, some 120 bird species and a rich wild flora. The Maremma Nature Park covers 9000 hectares from Talamone/ Principina on the coast and inland including the Uccellina hills and Ombrone plains – the plains where herds of maremman cattle and horses can be seen and where they still have traditional cowboys ("butterri"), Detailed maps, guides and walks of these areas exist.
7. **Wine** – try the local Morellino di Scansano or follow the Montecucco trail and sample other local red wines or go to Montalcino and try the famous Brunello. A good local white is Pitigliano but many house wines are very drinkable.
8. **Food and local delicacies** – truffles, funghi porcini, wild boar, pecorino cheese, chestnuts and olives are the Tuscan staples widely used locally. There is a general food shop (Alimentari) in Roccalbegna, a Co-op in Santa Fiora and a choice of 3 supermarkets (Co-op, Conad and Spar) in Arcidosso ,
9. **Famous film sets and hilltop towns** - San Gimignano (Tea with Mussolini) and Monte Oliveto (English Patient) but other picturesque areas closeby include Montepulciano, Pienza, Orvieto, Pitigliano and Massa Marittima,
10. **The more familiar towns and cities** – **Siena, Florence, Pisa and Rome** are all easy day trips with Siena closest at about an hour's drive.

ATTRACTIONS from

[Monte Amiata](#) ★

I - 53021 Abbadia San Salvatore

Distance: 11km



The highest Mountain South of the Arno. From Abbadia S. Salvatore, a winding road skirts the old volcano, offering many impressive views. From the summit, you have a particularly impressive view over the surrounding region.

[Abbey Church \(Chiesa abbaziale\)](#)

P.za Michelangelo I - 53021 Abbadia San Salvatore

Distance: 14km



An 11C church, a relic of King Rachis' Abbey

[Cathedral](#)

I - 58010 Sovana

Distance: 17km



A Romanesque-Gothic cathedral whose capitals are worth a look.

[Etruscan necropolis](#)

I - 58010 Sovana

Distance: 17km



A necropolis hollowed out of the cliff.

[Mediaeval town of Pitigliano](#)

I - 58017 Pitigliano

Distance: 20km



A medieval town on a rocky outcrop.

[Cathedral \(Duomo\)](#)

V. S.- Gregorio I - 58017 Pitigliano

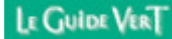
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The bear of Orsini, a powerful belfry and a Baroque facade

[Orcia Valley](#)

I - 53027 San Quirico d'Orcia

Distance: 30km



Characteristic of the region of Tuscany: hillsides dotted with cypress trees, ancient villages and imposing fortresses.

Church of Sant'Agostino

Via Ricasoli I - 53024 Montalcino

Distance: 30km



An elegant Romanesque-Gothic façade and Sienese frescoes.

Church of Sant'Egidio

Piazza Garibaldi I - 53024 Montalcino

Distance: 30km



A wooden tabernacle in a wainscotted church.

Town Hall *

Piazza del Popolo 1 I - 53024 Montalcino

Distance: 30km



A medieval palace flanked by a Renaissance loggia.

Collegiata

Via Dante Alighieri I - 53027 San Quirico d'Orcia

Distance: 30km



A harmonious blend between Romanesque and Gothic architecture, as well as a superb portal.

Palazzo Chigi

Via Dante Alighieri 2 I - 53027 San Quirico d'Orcia

Distance: 30km



The town's majestic past is still apparent in this palace
A peaceful harmony of wilderness and Romanesque ruins.

Ruins of Roselle

I - 58040 Roselle

Distance: 33km

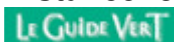


The ruins of an Etruscan city and a Roman town.

Square of Pius II (Piazza Pio II) **

P.za Pio II I - 53026 Pienza

Distance: 33km



One of the first examples of urban planning in the Renaissance.

Piccolomini Palace

P.za Pio II I - 53026 Pienza

Distance: 33km



A major work by Bernardo Rossellino
The mountain and caves prove the existence of prehistoric settlements.

Madonna di San Biaggio (Madonna of San Biagio) **

S 146 I - 53045 Montepulciano

Distance: 37km



The masterpiece of Antonio Sangallo the Elder.

Pozzo (Well) *Montepulciano

P.za Grande I - 53045 Montepulciano

Distance: 38km



A well to the greater glory of the Medicis.

Piazza Grande (Grand Place) **

P.za Grande I - 53045 Montepulciano

Distance: 38km



A square full of charm and harmony.

Kitchen

- Hob and oven containing:
 - Grill Pan x 1, baking trays x 2
 - Bread Board x 1, tray x 1
- Dishwasher
- Fridge (and freezer section: ice tray, bottle chillers x 2, gel blocks)

- Top drawer:
 - Knives, Forks, Spoons x 6, Tea Spoons x 8
 - Steak knives and forks x 4, sugar spoons x 4
 - Bottle Openers x 2, foil cutter x 1
 - Pen x 2
 - Magilite Torch x 1
 - Chef's Knives x 3; potato peeler x 1
 - Bread Knife x 1
 - Pair Scissors x 1
 - Whisk x 1
 - Can Opener x 1
 - Lighter x 1; BBQ key x 1
 - Wine stoppers x 2 ,
 - Mains adaptors x 2 (IT & GB); Nokia phone charger x 1
 - Wooden Spoons x 3
 - Cooking Utensils x 6 (masher, ladle, slice, spoon, pasta fork, tongs),
 - Juicer x 1; Grater x 1; Tea strainer x 1
- Middle drawer:
 - Tea towels x 2
 - Insect "zapper" x 1 and repellent "spirals"
 - Set of Instructions for appliances
 - Kitchen towel and paper napkins
- Bottom Drawer :
 - Table Mats x 6
 - Oven Glove x 1
 - Colander x 1, metal bread/fruit baskets x 2
 - Milk/Water Pan x 1
 - Frying Pan x 1, Pasta Pan x 1, Other Pans x 3, Lids x 4
 - BBQ tools x 4 (outdoor in summer)
- Mugs x 6
- Espresso Cups + saucers x 6
- Espresso Coffee Pot x 1; cafetieres x 2
- Cruet Set x 1
- Tea pot x 1
- Milk Jugs x 2
- Sugar Bowl x 1
- Pasta bowls and plates x 6
- Large Plates, Bowls, Small Plates x 6
- Salad Bowl x 1
- Glass Bowls x 8 (various sizes)
- Glasses: Tumbler x 6, Wine x 6, Juice x 12, Champagne flutes x 4

- Bin x 1; cleaning materials various
- Wine rack x 1
- Kettle x 1

Dining Area

- Table x 1
- Dining Chairs x 4
- Folding Chairs x 2
- Wardrobe x 1

Lounge

- Sofa Bed x 1
- Armchair x 1
- Footstool x 1 (containing blankets and 2 single bed covers)
- Panasonic 26 " LCD TV
- Philips DVD player
- Sky satellite decoder
- TV Bench x 1 (containing DVDs, books, maps, CDs, card games, writing paper, envelopes, picture postcards and general information folder)
- CD-Radio x 1
- Doorstops x 4
- Binoculars x 1
- Grate x 1, candle sticks x 4, candles various
- Wall clock

Under Stairs

- Washer Dryer
- Vacuum cleaner
- Iron and ironing mat
- Drying rack and pegs
- Steps
- Broom x 1, dust pan and brush x1
- Mop and Bucket x 1, cobweb brush
- Cool bag

Downstairs Bathroom

- Tall Storage Cupboard
- Glass x 1
- Towel rail
- 2 Fixed Mirrors
- Glass Shelf x 1
- Toilet Brush x 1
- Bin x 1
- Beach/pool towels x 4 (labelled Nespola)
- First aid kit for emergency use only (please replace anything used)

Downstairs Bedroom

- Single Beds x 2
- Mattress protectors x 2 single
- Bedside Cabinet x 1
- 3-Drawer Chest x 1
- Mirror x 1
- Pillows x 4
- Mattress Protector/converter x 1 king size
- Bed spread x 1 king size;
- Bedside Lamp x 1
- Air conditioning unit and remote control
- Dressing gowns x 2

Upstairs Bathroom

- Glass x 1
- Towel rail
- 2 Fixed Mirrors
- Glass Shelf x 1
- Glass Corner Shelves x 2
- Toilet Brush x 1
- Bin x 1

Upstairs Bedroom

- King Size Bed x 1
- Mattress protector x 1
- Bedside tables x 2; 1 contains torch
- Wardrobe with Mirror x 1
- Mirrors x 2
- Pillows x 4
- Bedspread x 1; dressing gowns x 2
- Air conditioning unit and remote control x1
- Laundry bag x 1, pool ball x 1, beach/pool bag x 1
- 3-Drawer Chest x 2
- Bedside Lamps x 2
- Clock radio x 1
- Tall Storage Unit x 1
- Hairdryer x 1, Hair straighteners x 1.

Top of stairs: mirror and 2 private locked trunks.
10 framed black and white pictures (throughout).

External table and 4 chairs with cushions (table and chairs kept in downstairs bedroom but can remain outside in summer); 2 collapsible, compact external armchairs in bags (kept under bed downstairs). 2 deckchairs.

Outside terrace: BBQ base & integral grill, insect repellent candles.
Fixed terracotta thermometer