



La Casa di Giovanni





Instructions



Dear guest,

- ❖ Please respect the peaceful character of the place and don't cause any act likely to interfere with the privacy of the other neighbours.
- ❖ **GARBAGE:** In order to dispose of the garbage you can find **waste bins** (recycle options also) in the parking lot of La Speranza: down the road to the right.
- ❖ **SWIMMING POOL:** please never leave minors alone in the swimming pool
- ❖ **CHECK-OUT:** Usually the check out time is at 10:30 am



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Breakfast



- ❖ Bar La Speranza, Strada Provinciale 541, Località la Speranza, Colle di Val d'Elsa, tel: 0577 929696 (simple breakfast, coffee, pastries and sandwiches)
- ❖ Ristorante Il Tosca at Castello di Casole, Località Querceto, 53031 Casole d'Elsa, tel: 0577 961508 (5 star hotel)
- ❖ Barone e Chiucchiara, Via Armando Diaz 47, 53034 Colle di Val d'Elsa (traditional italian breakfast with coffee and a numerous choice of delicious **pastries**)
- ❖ Bar il Barroccio, Piazza della Libertà, 53031, Casole d'Elsa (good **cappuccino**)



Restaurants

Remember to check opening hours and it is advisable to book beforehand.

Restaurants



Nearby

- *Castello di Casole*, Casole d'Elsa, 0577 961508 (5 star hotel, we recommend going even just for an “**aperitivo**” to enjoy the stunning **view** and location)
- *Osteria del Caffè Casolani*, Casole d'Elsa, tel: 0577 948733 (they have a set menu for the evenings)
- *Bistrot Art & Wine*, Via Alessandro Casolani 56 (nice for an **aperitivo**)
- *Ristorante/Pizzeria Locanda Il Molino 17*, Casole d'Elsa, tel: 0577960314 (we recommend getting a **pizza take-out** from here and enjoying it at “home”)

Our Favourites

- *Ristorante La Speranza*, Colle di Val d'Elsa, 0577 929696. (Specialized in **fiorentina beef-steak**)
Closed on Mondays and Tuesdays.
- *Ristorante Pizzeria La Bona Osteria*, Via Giotto, 6 Loc. Campiglia. Tel. 0577 959558 (**amazing pizza you can choose the type of dough: mais, kamut..**)
- *La Pergola*, Radicondoli, 0577 790717 (amazing pizza and **atmosphere**)
- *Il Frantoio*, Colle di Val d'Elsa, 0577923652 (a bit more pricey but worth it for the **excellent cuisine** and friendly staff)

Restaurants



Colle di Val d'Elsa

- *Officina della cucina popolare* , Via Gracco del Secco, 86. Tel 0577 921796
- *Ristorante Taverna di Bibbiano* (on the way to San Gimignano), Loc. Bibbiano - La Taverna 35 . Tel . 0577959164
- *Il Casato*, Via Piemonte, 21, 53034 Colle di Val d'Elsa, tel: 0577 921106 **neapolitan pizza**
- *Ristorante Biosteria Sbarbacipolla* Via Bartolomeo Scala 11. Tel. 0577 926701 **vegan/vegetarian**
- *Le Grazie*, Colle di Val d'Elsa, 0577 958065 (pizzeria with interesting **pizza** toppings)

Poggibonsi

- *I Boceri*, 0577381426, nice food and atmosphere
- *La Sosta di Pio VII*, 05778075923, typical **Tuscan** simple food, reasonable prices
- *I'Covo*, 0577601867, classy restaurant serving **authentic** food
- *La Galleria*, 0577982356, **fish** based dishes

Siena



- *Taverna San Giuseppe*, 0577 42286 (call to **book in advance!** Small and very requested)
- *Antica Trattoria Papei*, 0577 280894 (**amazing seasonal food** to choose from in the beautiful Piazza del Mercato hidden behind the Piazza del Campo)
- *Osteria Le Logge*, 057748013
- *Te Ke Voi*, 057740139 (cheap and tasty food, cosy, **casual** place)

Pizzerie

- ◆ *Pomodorino*, 0577 286811 (an amazing **view** and so many choices of pizza!)
- ◆ *Pizzeria Poppi*, Banchi di Sotto, 25, 53100 Siena, tel: 0577 40207 (**take-away** delicious pizza)

Ice-Cream

- *Gelateria La Vecchia Latteria*, (taste the traditional **bacio di siena** ice-cream with nougat or croccante dipped in chocolate and frozen)
- *Grom* (our favourite ice-cream in Siena)

Firenze



- ◆ *Trattoria Il Sostanza* (Il Troia), Via del Porcellana, 25/r, Florence. Tel 055212691 (try the chicken with butter, **artichoke tortino** and the delicious meringue with wild strawberries)
- ◆ *Ristorante Buca Dell'Orafo*, via dei Girolami, 28, tel 055 213619
- ◆ *Trattoria Zà Zà*, 055215411 (highly recommended, incredible food and interior decor)
- ◆ Mercato Centrale, Via dell'Ariento, 50123 Firenze (during the day: downstairs market and upstairs, in the evening: only upstairs. Upstairs is quite expensive, downstairs our favourite **panino** place is “*Da Nerbone*”)
- ◆ *I Due Fratellini*, Via dei Cimatori, 38/red, 50122 Firenze, 055 2396096 (tiny panino and wine place standing up)
- ◆ *All'Antico Vinaio*, most famous panino place in Florence, worth the queue

Coffee

Caffe Gilli: **beautiful** shop, amazing cappuccino. Just remember to take the coffee standing like italians do to avoid paying a fortune.

An aerial photograph of the city of Siena, Italy. The image shows a dense cluster of buildings with terracotta roofs. In the foreground, the Duomo di Siena is visible, characterized by its black and white marble exterior. To the right, the tall, brick Torre del Mangia stands prominently. The background features rolling green hills under a clear sky.

SIENA

You absolutely must visit the Piazza del Campo and see the towering Torre del Mangia while enjoying an ice-cream from “Grom” (our favourite place). You should also see the Duomo di Siena with its wonderful black and white marble exterior.

Every Wednesday morning you can find “Il Mercato”, small local market stalls. Free parking in Siena can be tricky to find, we recommend checking on internet to see which one is convenient for you.

Wine Tastings



CANTINA ANTINORI (There is a nice village nearby: Badia di Passignano)

FATTORIA VITICCIO (Greve in Chianti)

CASTELLO DI BROLIO (Gaiole in Chianti)

- Take a look here for a good list : www.italyandwine.info/chianticlassico.htm
- There are also many organized tours for example take a look here funintuscany.com



San Gimignano



It's impossible not to visit the “Manhattan of the Middle Ages” if you're this nearby, even though in high-season it's full of people! The towers and surrounding countryside are absolutely gorgeous and we recommend an ice-cream from “Dondoli” that offers quite unique flavours.



Val d'Orcia



Wonderful for driving around and enjoying the Tuscan countryside.

- Pienza (nice village known for good cheese and PICI, a special hand made pasta)
- Montalcino (you can have a glass of wine in the castle)
- Montepulciano (wonderful village to visit)
- San quirico d'Orcia (very nice village)
- Bagni Vignoni (thermal area)



THERMAL BATHS

Terme Antica Querciolaia di Rapolano

San Giovanni Terme Rapolano

Terme di Monticiano

Terme Bagno Vignoni

Terme di Saturnia (pictured) is a free thermal baths facility
that is about 2 hours from here.

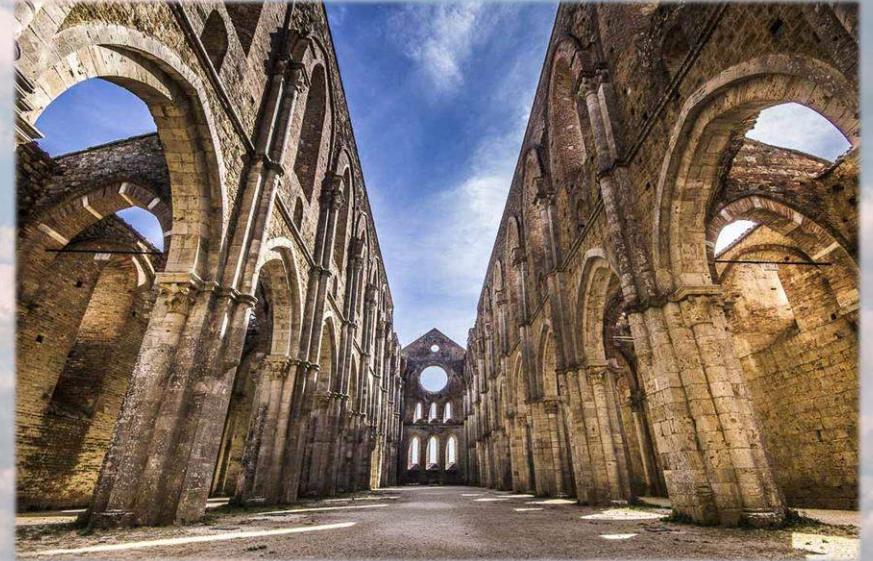
Bagni S. Filippo (also free)



Just 10 minutes from here you can find this lovely spot in Gracciano, where you can have picnics and enjoy walks along the river Elsa! There are also some small hot thermal waters nearby, ask us for info!

“Parco Fluviale dell’Elsa” on google maps, you can park your car at “Parrocchia S. Marziale” and cross the bridge to get here.

Abbey of San Galgano: Wonderful open air abbey to visit, 30 minutes from our house.





Via Francigena

Colle di val d'Elsa is a stop-over town of the famous route “**Via Francigena**”, a medieval road that goes from Canterbury in England to Rome and was used for pilgrimages. You can go on foot or by bike (a **bike rental** five minutes from here is “Gippo Bike” and it’s also close to where the route passes so you can go with your bikes directly from there). You can easily leave your car in Colle di Val d’Elsa and tackle this route.

www.viefrancigene.org/it/resource/statictrack/tappa-32-da-san-gimignano-monteriggioni/

The town pictured is «Monteriggioni» and every year in July it holds an outstanding medieval festival. Check this website or ask us for info on dates: <http://www.monteriggionimedievale.com/?lang=en>



Services



SUPERMARKETS

- ◆ There are 3 big Supermarket in Colle di Val d'Elsa but we recommend **COOP**, Via Armando Diaz 31, open all day from 7.30 am to 8.30 pm, just remember to check the hours for Sunday as it may be closed.
- ◆ The other two options are **SIMPLY** or **EUROSPIN** (the cheapest).

GASOLINE/PETROL

- ◆ The stations are generally open Monday through Friday from 7:30 am to 12:30 am, and then 2:30 pm to 7:30 pm. On Saturdays they are open only in the morning.
- ◆ There are a number of 24 hour, self-service stations that take Euro bills and credit cards.



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