



Fontelunga

Pienza, Montepulciano, Montalcino, Bagno Vignoni

This could be a full days itinerary visiting some of the prettiest walled towns in Tuscany all no more than 1 hours drive from the Villa!

Leave the Villa car park turning right down the lane at the end of the lane turn right again and go down the hill passed the chapel to the end of the road. At the T junction turn right and follow this road for approx.4/5 km when you will come to a small roundabout, take the second exit and then straight across the next set of traffic lights which you will come to after approx 200 meters. Shortly afterwards there are another set of traffic lights go straight across and stay on this road for another 5mins. You will come to a small round about with the forum hotel on your right, take the second exit (straight on). At the next large round about take the second exit signed A1, pass through the under pass and then over the autostrada to the next large roundabout (out side the entrance to the autostrada). Take the second exit (straight on) towards BETTOLLE (500meters up the road) and TORRITA DI SIENA. Pass Bettolle and follow signs to Torrita di Siena, you will be on this road for another 5 mins. When you get to Torrita, follows the signs to which ever town you would like to visit first, Montepulciano or Pienza.

Pienza - Estimated driving time 30 mins:

Gorgeous little walled town owing its appearance to Pope Pius II , well known for the local pecorino cheese. There is an un pretentious little trattoria in Piazza di Spagna called "Sette di Vino" (they will not serve food after 1.45 pm) for lunch.

Montepulciano - Estimated driving time 25 mins:

Incredibly elegant walled town, spectacular views and a wonderful renaissance and medieval main square. Well know for its "Vino Nobile". Great Deco Café called "Caffe Poliziano" which holds many memories for us of past visits with friends. Take a coffee, snack lunch or tea. Enotecas just inside the gates are great for purchasing local wines if you don't have time to visit the winery itself. Avignonesi our favourite is just 100 metre on the right hand side, alternatively we can book a tour of the winery with lunch near Cortona, a treat not to be missed! At the top of town a beautiful square and the S. Biagio church outside the city wall both worth a visit.

Restaurant: Le Logge del Vignola, Via delle Erbe 6 – Tel. 0578 717290.

Enoteca: La Dolce Vita, Via di Voltaia nel Corso 80/82 – Tel 0578 758760 eat inside and out. Has a cantina.

Montalcino – Estimated driving time 1 hour:

For Montalcino, follow signs to Pienza, then San Quirico D'Orcia then Montalcino.

Another very elegant walled town, spectacular views and well know for its Brunello Wine. The environs of Montalcino contain many well know wineries, tours must be booked in advance. (Let us know and we can make a reservation). 1 Km outside the town there is a lovely restaurant called "Boccon Divino". 0577 84 82 33 (closed on Tue) Loc Colombaio Tozzi

Bagno Vignoni – Estimated driving time 45 mins:

For Bagno Vignoni, follow signs to Pienza, then San Quirico D'Orca then Bagno Vignoni South of Montepulciano. Amazing little town with its main square being one large SPA.

San Giovanni d'Asso – Estimated driving time 40 mins:

For San Giovanni D'Asso follow signs from Pienza.

Restaurant:

Ristorante del Castello (closed on tue) Great Restaurant, eating outside in the summer. Tel. 0577 802939.