



Fontelunga

Touring to the North of Villa Fontelunga

Arezzo, Civitella, Monte San Savino and the Outlets!

Arezzo

Described in the lonely planet guide book as "Tuscany's hidden gem", Arezzo has a wealth of elegant renaissance and medieval architecture, art, shopping and restaurants. Ostensibly a commercial city, the capital of the province and one of the biggest gold manufacturing centres in the world, seems on its outskirts to be less than beautiful, but its historic walled centre is definitely worth a visit. On the first weekend of every month this historic centre plays host to Italy's largest antique fair where literally all the town's streets are clogged with clutter and more! The Piero della Francesca frescoes in the church of San Francesco are world famous for the development of fresco painting in Italy, whilst the pizza outside the church was made famous by the Benigni film "life is beautiful". Now you even enjoy a café in the bar of the same name! The annual jousting tournament is quite an event taking over the whole main square and allowing a lot of grown men to run around in stockings and funny hats, very colourful! Parking is advised in the station car park just outside the city walls and a leisurely stroll around the centre can take in the Duomo and castle, Piazza Grande (antique shops) Basilica di San Francesco and the Piero della Francesca frescoes (booking advised ask Paolo). Arezzo is a good shopping centre and Corso Italia is the main shopping Street(see Retail Therapy on the web page)

Monte San Savino

One of the more beautiful hill top towns of the Val di Chiana region, a town well known in Italy for its antique dealers and shops, it also has several good restaurants and a stunning town hall, which if open should be explored along the way through to its garden beyond. The town is worth a visit if only to sample the delights of its ice cream parlour "Chocolato di carlo" !

Civitella in Val di Chiana

Beautiful little hill top town just the other side of the autostrada from Arezzo. There are a couple of bars/restaurants one of which commands an amazing view from its terrace over the northern part of the Val di Chiana. The views from the other side of the town are over pristine, protected chestnut woods, all the way into Chianti.

Outlets

Well the outlets have taken Villa Fontelunga by storm as have the post shopping impromptu cat walk shows in the living area by our guests, always best to shop before one of the dinner parties and then wear your wares!!

The outlets are three separate locations;

Prada Nr Montevarchi, which is a glorified warehouse on an industrial estate hosting the companies other brands as well like Miu Miu & Jill Sanders –

You can never be entirely sure what may be in at the time of your visit but a trip rarely comes back empty handed. Tips; good for suits, shoes and accessories.

The Mall Nr Incisa, now developed into a shopping centre hosting Gucci, Armani, Sergio Rossi, Ermenegildo Zegna, Todds & Hogan around a lovely bar – " my favourite spot"!!

D&G near to the above.

*One of the best reasons to go to the outlets is the need to have lunch in one of the best restaurants in the area, if there's nothing in your size then this saves the day every time!

Osteria di Rendola Tel. 055 9707491 Loc. Rendola From Montevarchi follow the directions to Mercatale until you will see the sign for Rendola.