



# CABBIAVOLI



Welcome to Cabbiavoli and we wish you a pleasant stay!

Please treat our Home as your Home

Situated prominently on a Tuscan hilltop amidst the rolling, vine and olive tree strewn hills around the town of Castelfiorentino lies the astonishingly beautiful Cabbiavoli Castle. This typically grand, Florentine-style residential complex comprises of a main building with a Baroque-façade where the living quarters are located, flanked by a tall medieval brick tower on one side and a little chapel dating to the 13th century on the other.

Originally built in 1210 by a certain Count Alberti di Certaldo who was chief of the ruling Longobard family that dominated the nearby Elsa valley, the castle of Cabbiavoli was originally a fortified “borgo” of the Alberti family and in fact it still retained its farm and granary until the renovations in the late 1940s. The only parts remaining of the original fortified castle and the adjacent buildings are the surrounding defensive walls and the tower. This brick tower still stands proudly today (albeit slightly leaning) and, flanked by a huge ancient pine tree, offers dramatic views of the undulating, fertile countryside below, as far as the towered town of San Gimignano which is just visible on the horizon to the south.

The Alberti family owned and lived in the castle until the 17th century, after which it fell into the hands of the patrician Brandini family. In 1900 Alice Brandini married Cesare Puccioni, son of a local entrepreneur Luigi who by 1888 had founded a chemicals factory just north of the town of Castelfiorentino. Cesare was a bright man with great entrepreneurial flair and ran the family business very well, leaving school at the age of nine to do so. He became very wealthy – and yet this was not good enough for the Brandini family who for generations were accustomed to mixing only in aristocratic circles, and disliked the idea of this newly

prosperous class – and they were not overly pleased to hear of Alice’s marriage plans with Cesare, and only grudgingly agreed to it.

Cesare and Alice would later send their son Mario to spend his childhood summer holidays at Cabbiavoli with Alice’s parents Leopoldo Brandini and Ester Gotti Pellegrini, and knew the castle very well. Cabbiavoli was sold shortly thereafter, but just after the war Mario decided to re-purchase the castle, in part due to the fond memories he had of his time there as a child, but possibly also as an act of vengeance to his maternal family who had never fully accepted him as part of the family. He had remained a hard-working town-dweller, but now dreamt of becoming the dapper country gentleman that had been refused him for so long.

In 1947 he undertook an extensive restoration project of the ancient structure, including consolidating the foundations of the castle, and during this time Cabbiavoli attained its present extravagant style and beauty, despite losing some of its ancient buildings. The villa was remodelled and the gardens extended, and many of the now vast trees were planted to form what is now the stunningly beautiful aspect of the whole complex.

Cabbiavoli remained the summer home of the Puccioni family until 1999, when Mario’s son, also called Cesare like his grandfather, decided to upgrade the villa and the tower with modern bedrooms and bathrooms, a large kitchen, the installation of a heating system, a swimming pool for the hot summers, and the entire decoration and renovation of the whole. This he undertook with the help and support of his wife Cecilia, and their daughter Ginevra, in order to make Cabbiavoli comfortable for use even in the cold and damp Tuscan winters.

The extensive renovations were completed in 2003, at which time Ginevra decided to open the doors of Cabbiavoli part of the year as an exclusive “Agriturismo”. The buildings now also include an additional three old farmhouses that have also been renovated across the valley from the castle and the guests can enjoy walks across the beautiful private land which extends to 120 acres of vines and olive trees.

The first guest to the villa was the actress Julia Roberts and her family, and she enjoyed her stay so much that she called her favourite

photographer to take a series of shots of her relaxing on holiday in this wonderful place that was her newly-discovered secret. The house is held in great affection by the Puccioni family, and it is very firmly the centre of their family life.



# EMERGENCY AND USEFUL NUMBERS

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[fezzana.marta@libero.it](mailto:fezzana.marta@libero.it)

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➤ EMERGENCY 112

➤ AMBULANCE 118

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➤ GUARDIA MEDICA +39 0573 454545

## Castelfiorentino Pharmacies

Comunale n.1

Via Ridolfi 11 Tel. +39 0571 64013

Comunale n.2

Piazza Grandi 19 Tel. +39 0571 631167

Venturi

Piazza Kennedy 15 Tel. +39 0571 64117

## Taxi and pick up from Airport

Taxi Castelfiorentino +39 0571 684568

Renieri Bus Tel. +39 0571 697607

<https://www.renieribus.com>

## Train Station

\*\*\*Dear guest for visiting Florence, we strongly recommend you to take the train, it leaves every 30 minutes and it takes 45 minutes

<http://www.trenitalia.com>

## Airports

Pisa

<https://www.pisa-airport.com>

Florence

<https://www.aeroporto.firenze.it>

Bologna

<https://www.bologna-airport.it>

Fiumicino

<https://www.adr.it/fiumicino>

Malpensa

<https://www.milanomalpensa-airport.com/it>

## Tourist Office Castelfiorentino

Via Cosimo Ridolfi 1 Tel. +39 0571 629049

<https://visitcastelfiorentino.it/>

## WHERE TO SHOP & WHAT TO BUY

Castelfiorentino is the nearest town where to find a wide variety of shops. For parking, follow signs to the railway station “Stazione” and try to park in “Piazza Gramsci”. Make sure you check the signs and lines on the ground (white is free with parking disk, blue is pay on display).

### Open groceries on Sunday

For general food shopping COOP

Via L. da Vinci 25

<https://www.e-coop.it/scegli-il-tuo-negozi/negozi-e-promozioni/3261>

### Local Markets:

There are open markets in the mornings (approx. 8.00 -13.00) in the following towns:

Monday - San Casciano

Tuesday - Montespertoli

Wednesday - Certaldo

Thursday - San Gimignano, Cerbaia, Empoli, Tavarnelle

Friday - Montaione

Saturday – Castelfiorentino

# ACTIVITIES

## Bicycle rental

Bicycle rental Ancilotti

Via San Antonio 57, Castelfiorentino

Tel. +39 0571 631007

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

Bicycle rental Gippo (*\*they can deliver the bikes on site*)

Loc. Pian dell'Olmino 77, Colle di Val d'Elsa

Tel. +39 0577 904405

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

Biking Tuscany Bruno

certified guides providing mountain biking and road biking trips

Tel. +39 339 7682984

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

## Cooking classes

Cucina Giuseppina

Via del Castello 34, Certaldo

Tel. +39 348 003486

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

Kitchen chez nous Ginny & Fiamma

Tel. +39 338 5797478

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

Le due cuochine Alessia & Barbara

Tel. + 39 339 1678665 or +39 339 2317991

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

Chef in Tuscany

Tel. +39 0572 33762 or +39 320 7966516

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

## Golf

Golf Club Castelfalfi (27 holes course)

Località Castelfalfi - Montaione

Tel. +39 0571 892000

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

Golf Club Ugolino – (18 holes)

Strada Chiantigiana 3 - Grassina

Tel. +39 055 2301009

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

## Horse Riding

Horse riding Equitania

Tel. +39 327 4592834 or +39 328-3878599

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

Gelsomino Ranch a Montaione

Tel. +39 347 320 0800

<http://www.gelsominoranch.com>

Tours Cocchieri di Chianti

Tours in a horse-drawn wagon

Tel. +39 3358242228

<http://cocchieridichiantien.blogspot.com/>

## Tennis

Tennis il Giglio

Viale Roosevelt, Castelfiorentino

Tel. +39 0571 631966

<https://www.polisportivaigigliocastelfiorentino.it>

## Trekking

Associazione Anthos

Tel. +39 0571 668534

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

## Massage

Shiatsu massage in your apartment

Valentina Capoduri Tel. +39 347 9052455



## Wine tastings

Castello di Sonnino

Via Volterrana Nord 6, Montespertoli

Tel. +39 0571 609198 or +39 0571 657481

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

Castello di Monsanto

Via Monsanto 8, Barberino Val D'Elsa

Tel. +39 055 8059000

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

Castello della Paneretta

Strada della Paneretta 35, Barberino Val d'Elsa, Monsanto

Tel. +39 055 8059003

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

Rocca di Montegrossi

Località Monti in Chianti - San Marcellino Gaiole in Chianti

Tel. +39 0577 747977

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

Fattoria San Giusto a Rentennano

Loc. San Giusto a Rentennano Gaiole in Chianti

Tel. +39 0577 747121

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

La Porta di Vertine

Loc. Casanuova di Paiolo Gaiole in Chianti

Tel. +39 0577 749577

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

Castello di Monsanto

Via Monsanto, 8 50021 Barberino Val d'Elsa

Tel. +39 055 8059000 or +39 366 2390134

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

## Ceramic

Workshop Artesia

Via Boccaccio, 35 Certaldo Alto

Tel. +39 0571 663244 or +39 348 7223431

<https://www.artesiaceramica.it>

## Music

Enzo Carro Tel. +39 339 1918246

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

Art in Chianti Tel. +39 340 2788154

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

## Tuscany for Kids

[www.discovertuscany.com/what-to-do-in-tuscany/fun-with-kids](http://www.discovertuscany.com/what-to-do-in-tuscany/fun-with-kids)

Archaeological open air museum Archeodromo

Fortezza Medicea, Poggibonsi

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

Multifunctional Observatory, Botanical Gardens and Forest

Strada Provinciale 101 per Castellina in Chianti, Barberino Val d'Elsa

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

Fly over Chianti

Our hot air balloon rides from Tavarnelle Val di Pesa, in the Chianti region of Tuscany, Italy. We start in the early morning due to the ideal stable air conditions found at that time.

<https://www.balloonintuscany.com/en/chianti-balloon-flights>

# CASTELFIORENTINO

## HISTORICAL OUTLINE

Far back in 1149 the name of Castelfiorentino was given to a castle erected along "Via Francigena" (the road used by pilgrims and wayfarers, in the Middle Ages, on their way to Rome from the north of Europe), on the site where the Roman settlement of Timignano once stood.

Enclosed within the fortified castle, set upon a hilltop, was the parish church of Sant' Ippolito (the ancient parish of San Biagio); erected within a second ring of the walls were Borgo d'Elsa and Borgo Nuovo.

There were also gateways and towers and two roads which met in a crossroad on the only square present (today's piazza del Popolo). Ruled firstly by the feudal governors, the Cadolingi and then by the Alberti Earls, the centre was subsequently passed on to the Bishop of Florence during the XII century. This caused conflicts between the Church and the Empire and the powers of Siena and Florence, during this period Castelfiorentino became an important military out-post of Florence. It became the headquarters of a podesta' (mayor) and was awarded the privilege of having a red lily on its flag and the title of Castelfiorentino.

Peace was declared between Siena and Florence after the Battle of Montaperti in 1260.

After a brief period of peace, the town became a battlefield full of raids and violent attacks. In fact, in 1521, during a violent attack by the Spanish troops, Castelfiorentino was totally demolished. Therefore, the importance of its strategic position diminished, even though Albert Cosimo I restructured its fortifications. Even its administrative importance became limited due to its dependence on the vicar of Certaldo.

The town blossomed again during the XVIII century, under the leadership of the Grand-duchy of Tuscany, and became the home of the court clerk and the mayor's office, with a municipal guard and a much wider jurisdiction over Certaldo and Montaione.

Following the almost unanimous plebiscite vote, Castelfiorentino happily embraced the Kingdom of Italy becoming the district's chief-town in 1868. It was one of the first counties to elect a socialist administration in 1902.

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Our territory goes proud of its numerous significant masterpieces, probably the best known artistically are the frescoes by Benozzo Gozzoli, please visit the museum dedicated to Benozzo in Castelfiorentino.

Museo Benozzo Gozzoli

Via Testaferrata 31, Castelfiorentino

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

# TOURIST GUIDES

## Florence

*\*\*\*In order to avoid queues please ask staff to book you in advance the tickets for Uffizi, Accademia, Bargello, San Marco, Palazzo Pitti and Cappelle Medicee\*\*\**

Pre-book tickets Tel. + 39 055 294883

Freya Family Tours

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

Mario Gesu'

exceptional guide Tel. +39 329 1693659

PisaTour

Tel. +39 050 550 591

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

Guida in Toscana

Tel. +39 0571 669257 or +39 347 1464195

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

Martina Manfredi

Tel. +39 328 8982927

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

## Something different...

Florence rafting offers guided tours on the Arno and Sieve rivers with the choice of 3 different routes.

Tel. +39 349 0921540

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

Tuscany Bike Tours

Tel.+39 339 116 3495 or +39 055 3860 253

[www.tuscany-biketours.com](http://www.tuscany-biketours.com)

Italy Segway Tours

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

# FLORENCE MARKETS

## San Lorenzo

The market is open every day, the whole day. It's famous for leather jackets and bags, all locally produced. Usually very crowded and full of both locals and tourists.

## Mercato di Sant'Ambrogio

Located in Piazza Ghiberti and Piazza Sant'Ambrogio, the market is both indoor and outdoor. It has fruit and vegetables, flowers, meat and fish, pasta, dairy products. Tired of walking around and feeling hungry? Take a seat in one of the restaurants connected to the market for an inexpensive and tasty lunch. The market is open Monday to Saturday 7am-2pm.

## Mercato Centrale

Completely renewed and in the heart of Florence daily life, Mercato Centrale is the perfect place to buy high quality goods and delicatessen, to stop for lunch while visiting museums, to relax with a generous glass of red wine after a long day out in the crowded city. The market is open Monday to Friday, 7 am - 2pm, Saturday open 7am - 5pm (not during summer months). On the first floor you can find restaurants and bars, open every day from 10am until midnight.

[www.mercatocentrale.it/en/mercato-centrale-firenze](http://www.mercatocentrale.it/en/mercato-centrale-firenze)

# OUTLETS

THE MALL (60 km – about 1 hour)

Via Europa 8, Leccio, Reggello

Tel. +39 055 8657775

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

Opening hours: Monday-Sunday 10.00-19.00

The Mall is the most famous shopping outlet in Tuscany for luxury brands including:

- Alexander Mc Queen
- Aquazzurra
- Balenciaga
- Bottega Veneta
- Burberry
- Celine
- Chloe
- Dolce & Gabbana
- Emporio Armani
- Emilio Pucci
- Ermenegildo Zegna
- Fay
- Gucci
- Hogan
- Loro Piana
- Roberto Cavalli
- Salvatore Ferragamo
- Tom Ford
- Tod's
- Valentino
- Versace

Prada Outlet (80 km – about 1 hour and 15 mins)

Località Levanella S.S.69, Montevarchi - Arezzo

Tel. +39 055 91901

## RESTAURANTS NEAR CABBIAVOLI

### Castelfiorentino

Chiosco ai Renai

Agri-risto/bar for lunch and appetizer walking distance from us

Via del Vallone 34 – Renai

Tel. +39 329 893 8692

Rosmarino, ££ Italian

Viale Roosvelt 1 Castelfiorentino

Tel. +39 0571 629606

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

Pizzolando by Simone £ Takeaway pizza

Piazza Ulivelli 5, Castelfiorentino

Tel.+39 0571 684904

Il Gusto & il Tatto £££ Italian

Via Orazio Bacci, 2, 50051 Castelfiorentino

Tel.+39 0571 629203

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

### Certaldo

Enoteca La Saletta £££ Italian

Small restaurant in Certaldo Basso, good selection of wine and delicious food.

Via Roma 3, Certaldo

Tel. +39 0571 668188

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

Osteria da Chichibio ££ Italian

Via Boccaccio, 4, Certaldo

Tel. +39 0571 652504

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

Osteria di Casa Chianti £££ Italian and steakhouse

Via Lucardese 82 – Certaldo

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



Ristorante Osteria del Vicario £££ Italian

Via Rivellino 3, Certaldo Alto

Tel. +39 0571 668228

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

Ristorante Il Castello £££ Italian

Via G. della Rena 6, Certaldo Alto

Tel. +39 0571-668250

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

## In and around Montespertoli

Ristorante Il Focolare £££ Italian and steakhouse

Via Volterrana Nord 145, Localita' Montagnana (Montespertoli)

Tel. +39 0571 671132

<https://www.ilfocolaremontespertoli.com>

l'Licchio ££ Vegetarian and wine bar

Via Roma 5, 50025, Montespertoli

Tel.+39 0571 608099

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

Osteria del Tempo Perso ££ Italian and pizza

Via S. Piero in Mercato 164, loc. Gigliola, Montespertoli

Tel. +39 0571 674277

<https://osteriadelttempopersodiceleste.metro.rest>

La Lombricaia £££ Italian

Via Colle a Montalbino 10, Montespertoli

Tel. +39 0571 669141

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

## San Gimignano

Cum Quibus ££££ Italian

Via San Martino 17, San Gimignano

Tel. +39 0577 943199

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

Il Trovatore £££ Grill, Pizza

Viale Dei Fossi 17, San Gimignano

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

Le Vecchie Mura £ Italian  
Via Piandornella 15, San Gimignano  
[www.vecchiemura.it](http://www.vecchiemura.it)

Gelateria Dondoli £ Icecream  
Piazza della Cisterna, 4, San Gimignano  
[www.gelateriadondoli.com](http://www.gelateriadondoli.com)

# RESTAURANTS IN FLORENCE

## Street Food

Mercato Centrale £

If you really want to get a taste of Florence you must visit the Mercato Centrale. Stop at **Nerbone** this place is a gem to taste authentic Florentine food, pastas, meats and sides, and of course their bollito di manzo (boiled beef) and lampredotto (Florentine tripe) sandwiches

Panini Toscani £ Sandwich

Piazza Del Duomo 34/R Tel. +39 348 743 9969

All'Antico Vinaino £ (near Uffizi)

Via De' Neri 65, Tel. +39 055 238 2723

## Budget

Trattoria Borgo Antico ££ Italian, Pizza

Piazza Santo Spirito 6r, Tel. +39 055 210 437.

Situated opposite Santo Spirito church, this restaurant is consistently busy. In summer, you can sit outside.

Buca dell'Orafo ££ Italian

Volta dei Girolami 28, +39 055 213 619

This intimate restaurant is helmed by Giordano Monni, who selects ingredients at the nearby San Lorenzo market. Try the chittarini, angel-hair pasta with porcini mushrooms.

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

Sostanza detto il Troia ££ Italian

Via del Porcellana 25/r Tel. +39 055 21 26 91

Since opening its doors in 1869, this trattoria has been serving top-notch, unpretentious food to Florentines who like their *bistecca fiorentina* very large and very rare. A single room with white tiles on the wall and paper mats on the tables provides the setting for delicious meals. Along with fine Tuscan classics, they have two signature dishes: the *tortino di carciofi* (artichoke tart) and the *pollo al burro* (chicken with butter). The latter is an amazing surprise, a succulent chicken breast cooked very quickly and served as soon as it leaves the grill. Leave room

for dessert, as their *torta alla Meringa* (a semi-frozen dessert flecked with chocolate and topped with meringue) is scrumptious.

### Il Latini ££

Via dei Palchetti 6/r Tel. +39 055 289794

Il Latini is a Florence institution and they have a virtual guidebook filled with many love letters about the food. It has loyal foreign clientele that visit every time they are in Florence and for that reason you will hear a lot of buzz about this place.

<http://www.illatini.com>

### Ice cream

Gelateria La Carraia

Piazza Nazario Sauro, 25/r, Florence (cross the Old Bridge towards the Duomo, the ice cream shop is on the right-hand side)

### Vivoli

Via dell'isola delle Stinche, +39 055 292334

### Gastronomic

Enoteca Pinchiorri £££££

Via Ghibellina 87, Tel.+39 055 242 757

Housed in a grand Renaissance palazzo near Santa Croce, this is one of the city's most exceptional restaurants and boasts 3 Michelin stars. It is suitably formal, and diners are expected to dress accordingly. Dishes include monkfish risotto, sautéed rabbit, and dark chocolate and banana tart.

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

### Il Cibreo ££££

Via a. Del Verrocchio, Tel. +39 055 234 1100.

Cibreo is one of Florence's best restaurants, serving food, and particularly good fresh fish, cooked with real flair. Menus change daily, and include a lengthy selection of appetizers, first courses (soups and polenta) and main dishes (fish, meat). Desserts are delectable: chocolate cake, cheesecake, and Bavarian cream feature. For half the price, eat at the less formal *Cibreo Trattoria*, right next door, which serves a limited version of the same menu at communal dining tables, what's more, you don't have to book

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

## Sesto on Arno ££££

Hotel Excelsior - Piazza Ognissanti 3, +39 055 27151

Designed by notable architects Antonio Sullo and Stefania Galanti, SE·STO on Arno offers diners astonishing 360-degree vistas and contemporary Italian cuisine. The dining room is composed almost entirely out of glass with a colourful, retro design that gives a nod to the 1960s. A glass wine cellar with hundreds of regional and international varietals provides an eye-catching divider between the bar and restaurant area. Relax on a sofa, or cozy up to the wood and alabaster bar for an expertly prepared cocktail. Your meal at SE·STO features bold spins on traditional Italian food, from cuttlefish ink lasagne with Zolfini beans ragout to crispy sweetbreads with cream of chestnuts and thyme sauce.

For unforgettable al fresco dining, step out onto one of two large terraces and enjoy gentle breezes and views over Florentine rooftops as you sip wine, or share an Italian merengue. Smoking is permitted on the terraces.

<https://www.sestonarno.com/it>