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San Gimignano

San Gimignano is for sure the more famous and visited citizen of the territory. The city has a world-wide importance for its rare beauty. Today it is cultural and natural patrimony of the Unesco. San Gimignano rose from a small Etruscan village. The village developed during the Middle Ages thanks to the Francigena trail that crossed it and in this period it knew an extraordinary growth demonstrated from the construction of the famous *towers*. The tower higher today is the tower of



“*Gran Podestà*” (1311), from the top you can enjoy a marvellous view. Other important sites are: the *church of Saint Augustine* where inside there are frescoes by Benozzo Gozzoli. At last, many you can find many others tourist attractions in this town.

<http://www.sangimignano.com/>

<http://www.comune.sangimignano.si.it/>

Certaldo

The origins of *Certaldo* go back to age Etruscan-Roman. On 1415 it became the centre of the Vicariato, and it was the political and judicial centre more important of the Valdelsa also. The ancient village, perfectly conserved in the high part of the city, with walls and towers ,it conserves still today the magic atmosphere of the middle



ages period. The village is developed around to *Pretorio Palace* whose facade brings the various standards of the Vicari. In the ancient village you can visit the *house-museum of Boccaccio* (the famous author who lived in Certaldo), the *church of Saint Jacopo and Filippo* erected in the XII century. and the museum of contemporary art. Many other s tourist sites are presented in this town as the park of the

Canonica, splendid area for excursions and picnic. At last, the main event that attracts several tourists is "*Mercantia*" during the third week of July: international manifestation of road shows in the historical village.

<http://www.comune.certaldo.fi.it/oldindex.htm>

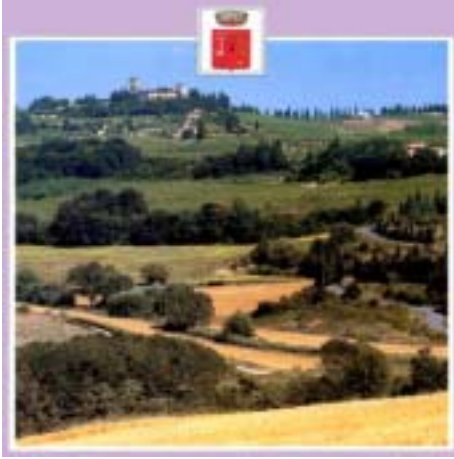


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Montespertoli



Situated in the characteristic zone on the hills of the Chianti, *Montespertoli* has had an important role for its vicinity with Florence. It was a point of transit of the travellers who covered the Volterrana trail and the Francigena trail. Famous for its production of *Chianti wine*, the territory is rich of historical and architectonic sites as the *village of Lucardo*, the *castles of Poppiano and Montegufoni*, the *convent of Botinaccio* and many others interesting churches from the middle ages period. The main event is the *wine feast* in May and October.

<http://www.comune.montespertoli.fi.it/>

Gambassi Terme

Gambassi Terme is born in the Middle Ages thanks to its strategic position on the



Francigena and Volterrana trail and to the production of the glass. Today the historical centre conserve still numerous traces of the Middle Ages period. One of the main artistic attractions it's the "*Pieve of Santa Maria a Chianni*", built on the end of XII the century; it is a classic example of church from the Romanic period, to the appearance similar to the dome of Volterra. Another

important attraction are the *hot springs*; they are situated in the *Communal Park* (real naturalistic jewel), offered natural cures for several diseases.

<http://www.comune.gambassi-terme.fi.it/>

Montaione



Montaione is an mediaeval town situated between the Valdelsa and the Egola valley. *Montaione* is still encircled from the ancient walls and the centre has the typical plant of the mediaeval cities with the larger street in the middle and others two parallels ways. In the centre you find the "*Pretorio Palace*" (XIV century), today museum of natural history. In the main public square it is



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situated the church of Saint Regolo (XIV century), inside of it there is the marvellous “*Madonna del buon consiglio*” by the school of Cimabue and the crucifix makes with wood painting on the XIII century. Surroundings to the mediaeval resort there is the village of *Castelfalfi* where you can find in a green forest 25 chapels which represent the 34 places in Jerusalem concerned Christ’s life. An interesting historical site in Muraccio locality is the rests of a *roman cistern* from the II century b.c. At last, the tourists can discover many others attractions in the surrounding of this beautiful town.

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