Fact sheet Villages of Tuscany

General information

Name of the village	**BAGNO VIGNONI**
Province	Siena
Tourist information	**Tourist Office** **Via Dante Alighieri, 33Tel.** +39 0577 899728 San Quirico d'Orcia (SI) E-mail: info@visitsanquirico.it https://www.visitsanquirico.it/ **PRO LOCO Bagno Vignoni** Piazza della Libertà 2, Bagno Vignoni 53027 - San Quirico d'Orcia (SI) Email prolocobv@gmail.com
Eventual notes	For people with reduced mobility, it is recommended to visit the village with an electric drive or with the help of a companion. The roads can in fact be bumpy and not always easily accessible, as it is a medieval village.

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Description



Bagno Vignoni is an ancient and famous spa village, located within the Val d'Orcia Natural Artistic Park. Its thermal waters have been used since Roman times thanks to the proximity of the Via Francigena, the road for pilgrims heading to Rome. The main attraction of the village is the Piazza delle Sorgenti, the place where the first houses began to rise, later accompanied by inns and the church dedicated to St. John the Baptist.

The square takes its name from the large pool in the center which, with its colored waters and vapors, creates an evocative and surprising scenario, further embellished by the Renaissance buildings that surround it. Walking in this square, immersed in its fairytale atmosphere, is like taking a leap into the past. Bagno Vignoni is in fact rich in history: it was a famous destination among noble families, such as the Medici, but also

among the popes: the most important was Pope Pius II, who owned a summer residence right in the square.
To be remembered in particular the stay of Catherine of Siena, who bathed where the water was warmer as a sign of penance and to whom the loggia that runs along one side of the main pool is dedicated. Caterina was in Bagno from 1362 to 1367 and probably returned there in 1377.
From the square flows the water that flows into the river of the Parco dei Mulini, an area characterized by rivulets and waterfalls but above all by the four mills built around the twelfth century. They are very unique as they were usable even in summer thanks to the constant flow of water from the thermal spring. The Park is free to access but a recent ordinance of the mayor prohibits bathing in the pools in the area.

In the Middle Ages Bagno Vignoni enjoyed great fame and illustrious personalities came to be cured with its waters. In addition to Catherine of Siena, Lorenzo the Magnificent and Pope Pius II Piccolomini also wrote about it in their notebooks, while the travelers of the Grand Tour wrote about it frequently in their notebooks. The suggestion of the vapors and fumes of its waters were the inspiration for the scene of the masterpiece film by Andrej Tarkosvskij who shot here at the end of the 70s the film entitled "Nostalghia".

How to reach Bagno Vignoni

By car	From the North
	Bagno Vignoni is about two hours from Florence: it can be reached by first reaching Siena via the Florence-Siena motorway junction, and then continuing

	southwards, along the SR2 regional road that arrives in San Quirico d'Orcia and continues to the entrance of the town, then continuing to Castiglione d'Orcia. From Siena the distance is just over 50 kilometers, which can be covered in about an hour. **From the South** Bagno Vignoni can also be reached in 2 hours and 20 minutes from the center of Rome, along the A1 motorway northbound to the Chiusi-Chianciano Terme exit and continuing along the provincial roads SP146, SP40 and SP53.
By plane	The preferred airports for reaching Bagno Vignoni are: • Florence "Amerigo Vespucci" Airport, located about 127 km from Bagno Vignoni. • Pisa "Galileo Galilei" Airport, located about 165 km from Bagno Vignoni.
Assistance service for people with disabilities	Yes

Embarkation/disembarkation of passengers with reduced mobility	With courtesy chair and ambulift/finger
Tactile paths for the blind and visually impaired	Yes
There is a toilet room accessible with grab handles	Yes
By train	
Nearest station	The nearest railway stations are Buonconvento to the north, where trains to and from Siena pass, and Chiusi to the east, on the line to and from Rome. In both cases, once you arrive at the station you will have to proceed to Bagno Vignoni by taxi or regional transport buses.
Assistance service for people with disabilities	**Bonconvento station** without assistance service for people with disabilities and reduced mobility. **Chiusi station** with assistance service for people with disabilities and reduced mobility.
Blue Hall Reference	RFI Blue Room of reference: **Florence** The services to be carried out can be requested in person at the RFI Blue Rooms or by telephone up to **12 hours before** the departure/arrival time of the train in the opening time slot of the Blue Rooms. For all

	detailed information also on services to be requested at other times or in other ways https://www.rfi.it/it/stazioni/pagine-stazioni/accessibilita/le-informazioni-sull-assistenza-delle-sale-blu-in-un-click.html To use the service, it is necessary to contact the Italian Railway Network through the relevant Blue Room, at the following addresses: • toll-free number: 800 90 60 60 (from a landline) • National number: 02 32 32 32 (from a landline or mobile) The service provides information on the nearest enabled station and allows assistance to be booked.
There is a toilet room in the station accessible with grab handles	Yes
By public and private transport	
Nearest bus stop	The public transport service is operated by Autolinee Toscane, which offers some connections from the Bonconvento and Chiusi railway stations. In front of the railway stations there are bus stations operated by autolinee toscane www.at-bus.it, where you can take a bus.

Presence of adapted buses with ramp	It is advisable to check the availability of the service in advance by contacting Autolinee Toscane. Contact details: toll-free number: +39 800142424 or +39 05551351

Parking

Public parking nearby	Yes
Type of public parking floor	Asphalt
Presence of parking space reserved for people with disabilities	Yes, N 3 stalls in Via Marconi
Eventual notes	The parking lot mentioned above is the main parking lot, it is located a short distance from the entrance to the village. Those in possession of the special permit can continue with their own car, through via G. Marconi (ZTL)



1 Main parking entrance

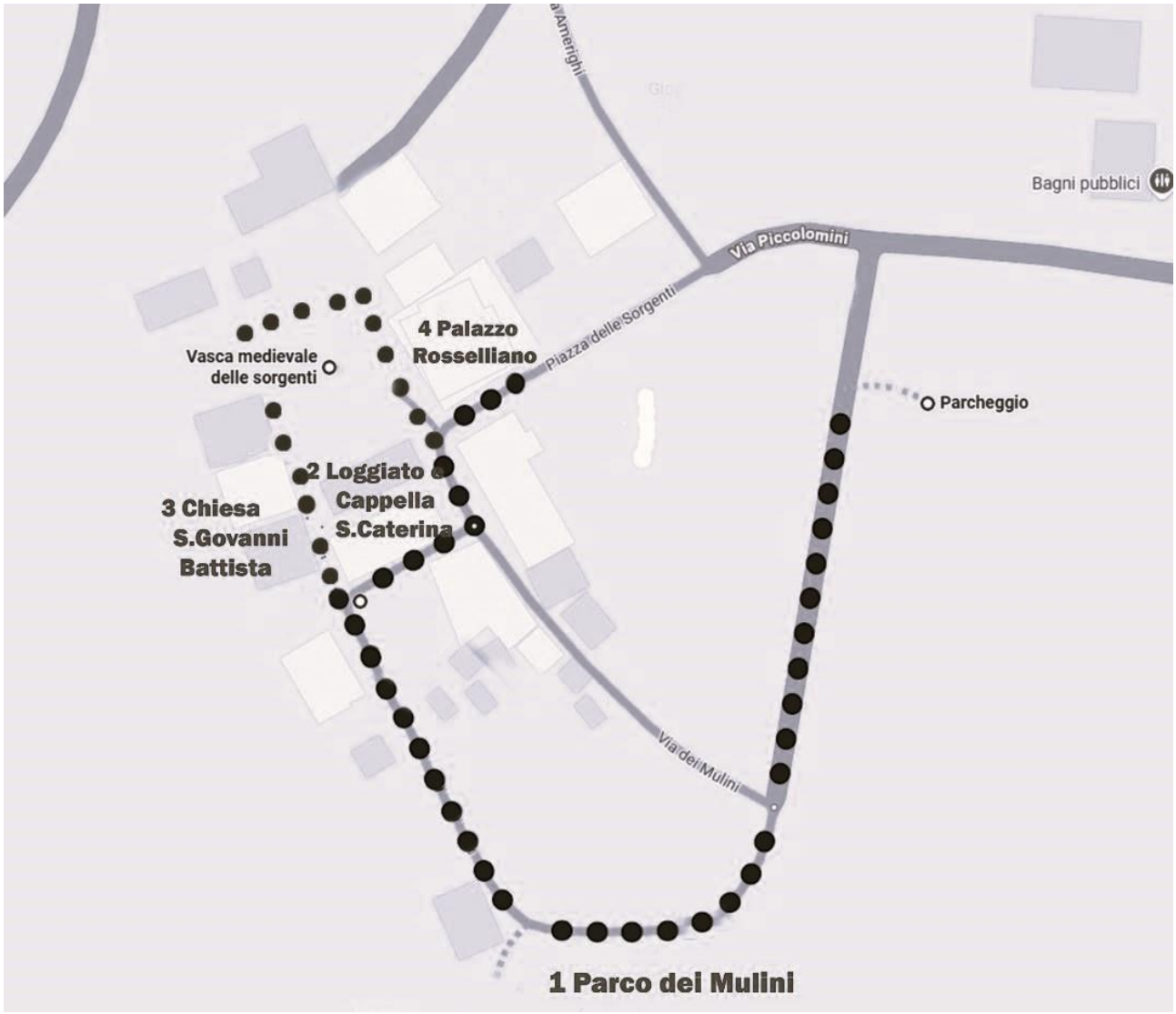


2 Reserved seats

Pathway from the car park to the entrance

Route from the car park to the starting point	On an asphalt road with a gradient varying between 6% and 12%
Distance from parking to entrance	About 180 meters
Type of trail surface	On asphalt
There are indicators and tactile maps	No

Description of the itinerary



Length	500 meters, approx.
Along the itinerary there are maps and tactile signs for the blind	No

Along the route there are information panels with QRCODE	NO, but there are signs to reach the buildings to visit with information panels of the historical attractions to visit in English and Italian.

The itinerary starts from the main car park, located a short distance from the entrance to the village. From the parking lot, proceed on foot in the direction **of Parco dei Mulini.**

You walk along a small raised square from street level, until you meet the entrance to the "Hotel Posta Marcucci" accommodation facility. From here, an up and down of the sidewalk allows you to reach the square from where it is possible to observe some areas of the Parco dei Mulini, an important archaeological and natural area since 1997.

Bagno Vignoni was one of the most productive centers in the area, abandoned with the whole system of mills in the 50s of the twentieth century. These infrastructures, thanks to the supply of thermal waters, worked 12 months a year. The construction of a milling center with 4 mills placed in sequence along the cliff stood out for the use of thermal water captured by a canalization system directly at the spring basin and for the largely underground morphology with rooms dug into the travertine cliff. Formed by the carbonate deposits of the thermal water, the exploitation of the thermal spring, with its abundant and constant flow, allowed grinding even in summer when most of the mills were inactive due to the low flow of the rivers.

From the square it is quite visible how it was organized in the past, the ancient complex characterized by gore, mills and the ancient tower.

Accessibility:

The stretch of road from the parking lot to the entrance of the village has a regular and flat pavement.

The path runs along a small raised square, with respect to the road surface, about 21 cm high.

A little further on, in front of the entrance to the accommodation "Hotel Posta Marcucci", a small ramp allows us to enter the square. The ramp has a width of 140 cm, a length of 230 cm and a slope of 7%. The ramp has no handrails on the sides.



3 Parking path to Parco dei Mulini



4 Entrance to Hotel Posta Marcucci



5 Sidewalk ups and downs



6 Piazza del Parco dei Mulini

The two large basins entirely dug into the travertine and communicating with each other through a slit fed the mill by means of an inverted cone-shaped conduit that narrowed to obtain a high-pressure jet directed at the driving wheels of the mill. A gravel path, not recommended for people with disabilities, allows you to see the pools more closely, which are also clearly visible from the terrace

From the entrance to the path, on the left side there is a small beaten gravel path that leads to a ramp not recommended for people with disabilities. The ramp directs us towards a gravel path that allows us to see the pools more closely, which are also clearly visible from the terrace.

Accessibility:

The beaten gravel path has an external entrance step of 3 cm and an internal entrance step of 7 cm that leads us to a ramp that has irregularities and pebbles and therefore not recommended for people with disabilities.



Figure 7 Gravel course



Figure 9 Uneven and pebbly ramp



8 Continue gravel path, adjacent to the pools



10 Tanks communicating with each other through slits



11 Park of the Mills

On the side of the hotel there is another ramp that allows us to see the area from the side. From here starts a partly irregular beaten gravel path that leads us to the back of the park from where you can admire the view and part of the buildings that formed the complex including the tower.

Accessibility:

On the side of the hotel there is another asphalt ramp 5 meters long with a slope of 5% and on asphalt pavement that allows us to see the area from the side.

From here starts a partly irregular beaten gravel path that leads us to the back of the park from where you can admire the view and part of the buildings that formed the complex including the tower.

The area, inside, is not accessible to people with motor disabilities due to the presence of obstacles (stones, stones, steps, depressions).



12 Ramp on gravel pavement



13 Panorama



14 Stone steps and depressions



15 Tower Interior

From the Park, continue towards Via del Gorello until you reach **Piazza del Moretto** where the old building of the **thermal establishment is located**. Beyondthe building, after a few meters on our right, we find the entrance **to the ancient loggia, with the thermal bath** and symbol of the place. Inside the pool flows the natural spring of thermal water which, after traveling a stretch underground, re-emerges in the gorelli of the Parco dei Mulini. The pool is characterized by a loggia and is rectangular in shape. It measures 49 meters long and 29 meters wide, and has a jet of thermal water, which once gushed

out at a temperature of 52 degrees. The basin is of sixteenth-century origin and is characteristic for its hot and steaming waters that come out of the underground aquifer of volcanic origin. Since 1170, the waters with healing properties have also been used for balneo, mud and therapeutic treatments, as they are rich in precious minerals such as carbonates, sulphates, calcium and magnesium.

Inside the loggia there is a **chapel**, worthy of interest and dedicated to Santa Caterina who stayed here between 1362 and 1367 like many other illustrious guests: Lorenzo the Magnificent and Pope Pius II Piccolomini. Right inside this small and simple place of worship, the Sienese saint prayed every day, during her stays. Today the Chapel, closed by a wrought iron door, is still clearly visible from the outside. A building of limited area, it has a small altar and an image of the Saint, affixed to the center of the wall.

Accessibility:

From the Mulino park to the entrance of the loggia, the pavement in stone blocks is free of obstacles.

The entrance to the loggia has a passage 116 cm wide and 1 small step about 4 cm high.



16 Ancient bathing establishment



17 Obstacle-free course



18 Entrance gate of the loggia



19 Interior loggia and thermal bath



20 Façade of the small Chapel



21 Chapel Interior

To continue the route, go back towards the entrance to the loggia where a few meters on the left side you will find the **Church of San Giovani Battista**. The church was built between the twelfth and thirteenth centuries in the Romanesque era. The façade is gabled, plastered with a portal and brick windows. Inside , a large central corridor on smooth pavement allows you to visit the simple church with a single nave.

On the right wall a sacred image is framed by a Della Robbia, it is a work in polychrome glazed terracotta and with plant elements. Frames of this kind are one of the typical products of the Della Robbia workshop, since the time of the mature activity of the progenitor Luca. Further on a painting of the Sienese school of the eighteenth century representing Santa Caterina da Siena with the village in the background and a fresco of the '600 of the Risen Christ which in the beginning was located in the small chapel overlooking the basin. The interior has a raised presbytery and a Baroque altar. The presbytery is separated from the rest of the hall by a round arch.
At the exit of the church, skirting the pool, there is a straight path. Continuing straight along the avenue, turn right around the pool and then right again. In this stretch of the

route, there are the houses of the village, for the most part built in the '500 by Rossellino, the same who following the admirable idea of Pius II built Pienza. The houses are mostly made of travertine, a local sedimentary limestone rock, which gives the village its characteristic appearance.

In this stretch the Palaces are reflected in the waters. Rossellino was a great architect and sculptor who continued the interpretation of Alberti, very active in these places and a key figure of the Florentine Renaissance tangible in sculpture but also in design architectural urban architecture characterized by order, harmony, proportion and beauty, typical themes of classical antiquity but reworked in a Renaissance key

Once you arrive at **Palazzo del Rossellino**, now home to the spa hotel, you can continue walking along the craft shops or turn left to return to the parking lot. The Rossellino Palace was originally the summer residence of Pope Pius II, it was the home of his descendants until 1968. The first and second floors are in travertine while the last is a recent elevation from the last post-war period.

From this side it is also possible to admire the façade of the Church and the ancient houses on the opposite side.

Accessibility:

The entrance to the Church has 2 steps 16 cm high. Beyond the entrance portal with two leaves of 43 cm width each and an external threshold step of about 4 cm and an internal one of about 2 cm, there is an internal door with two central leaves, with a width of more than 90 cm and 2 other side doors with a net opening of 70 cm.

At the exit of the church, skirting the pool, there is a straight path 15 meters long with a slope of 5%. On the other side of the square, however, the path is flat.



22 Church of St. John the Baptist



23 Entrance portal with steps



24 Church entrance door threshold step



25 Robbiana



26 Altar



27 Straight with 5% gradient



28 Path along the pool



29 Palazzo Rossellino

Events

Among the most important events are:

- **Orcia Wine Festival** – April.

The event celebrates the wines of the DOC ORCIA. The festival officially opens in the iconic Piazza delle Sorgenti with tasting stalls and market exhibitions.

- **Tuscan musical landscapes –** August.

International Festival of Classical Music . Concerts with world-famous artists in the most evocative places of art, including the squares and gardens of Bagno Vignone.

- **Cinema under the stars** - June/ August.

Open-air film festival.

- **Val d'Orcia gravel** - October

Non-competitive cycling event for lovers of vintage bikes, gravel bikes and e-bikes. It takes place in the Piazza delle Sorgenti as a starting point for cyclists.

- **Book colors**

Literary review and book market exhibition that regularly hosts meetings with authors and cultural presentations between San Quirico and Bagno Vignoni

- To find out the exact dates, consult the detailed and updated programs on the official channels of the Municipality of San Quirico www.comunesanquirico.it



30 Typical poster of an event

Accessible public places

In Bagno Vignone it is possible to have meals in many restaurants and taverns in the village in the outdoor spaces, equipped with tables and chairs.
At the time of the visit, most of the restaurants were closed to the public, so it was possible to visit only one restaurant that has some accessibility features:

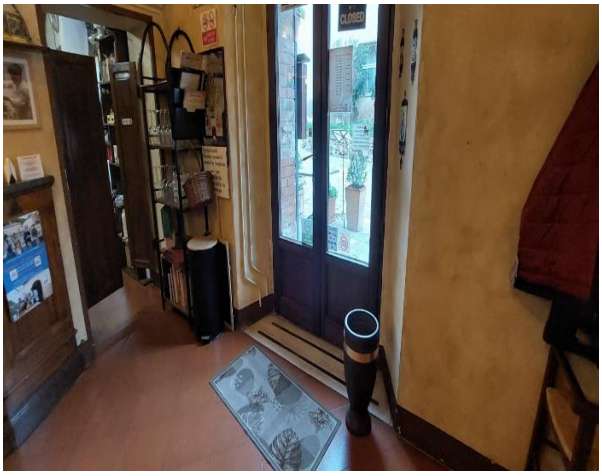
- **La Madonna Restaurant – not equipped with accessible toilets, but with an entrance that has a small ramp and a small entrance step.**
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See tabs with details below.

LOCAL	
Room type and name	**Restaurant la Madonna**
Location	Via Dei Mulini 17
Phone	+39 346 4946015
Local access mode	Via a 30 cm long ramp with a 14% slope. Height of external and internal entrance step 3 cm
Useful width of door/entrance gate	90 cm (both unfolded)
Type of door	Double door in wood, internal opening
Types of tables	4-leg
Braile menu	No
Eventual notes	The business also has a second dining room, which can be reached via an adjacent stone-paved road with a slope of 16%, located about 15 meters from the main entrance.
TOILETS	
There is an accessible toilet	NO



31 Restaurant entrance



32 Ramp and step



33 interior Restaurant



34 tables and chairs

Communal toilets

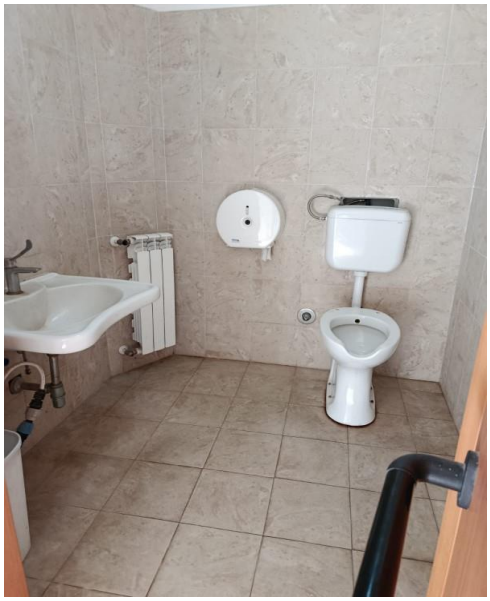
There is an accessible toilet	Yes
Location of the toilet room	Strada di Bagno Vignoni 1A, next to the car parks
How to access the premises	Flat
Usable width of external entrance door	104 cm
Usable width of internal entrance door	90 cm
Type of door	Single-leaf, external opening with horizontal handle at a height of 90 cm
Toilet height	45 cm
Support handles	absent
Flexible shower on the side of the toilet	NO
Free space on the sides of the toilet	Left 30 cm, front 110 cm, right top 90 cm
Electric doorbell/telephone on the side of the toilet	No
Washbasin with space underneath for wheelchair approach	YES, 65 cm
Height from the ground lower edge mirror	No mirror
Baby changing table	No



35 External door



36 Interior Door



37 Toilet and washbasin

Medical practices/healthcare facilities

Hospitals near the property	Le Scotte Hospital Siena Viale Mario Bracci 11 53100 SienaTel. +39 0577 585111- distance 53 km Amiata Vald'Orcia Hospital 53021 Abbadia San Salvatore (SI) Tel +39 0577 7821 - Distance 27 km Riuniti Hospital of the Val di Chiana Locality Nottola 53045 southeast Siena Tel +39 0578 713111 – distance 31 km
Dialysis facilities	Le Scotte Hospital Siena Viale Mario Bracci 11 53100 SienaTel. +39 0577 585111- distance 53 km Department +39 0577 586328 www.ao-siena.toscana.it

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