Fact sheet Villages of Tuscany

General information

Name of the village	**Caldana** **Hamlet of Gavorrano (GR)**
Province	Grosseto
Tourist information	**IAT GAVORRANO** Piazzale Livello +240, Pozzo Impero (Località Bagnetti), 58023 Gavorrano (GR) **Phone:** +39 0566 844247 infomusei@comune.gavorrano.gr.it **Official website:** Municipality of Gavorrano – IAT https://www.comune.gavorrano.gr.it/amministrazione/unita_organizzativa/ufficio-informazioni-turistiche-iat/
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

Caldana is a medieval village in the Tuscan Maremma, a hamlet of Gavorrano (Grosseto), whose origins date back to Etruscan and Roman times thanks to mineral resources and thermal springs. The name derives from *"acque calidae"* (or calidane), the springs of warm water that once flowed in the locality of **"Il Bagnaccio"** at the foot of the hill, also mentioned by Pliny (*Acque calidae ad Vetuloniam*).

In the medieval period the territory belonged to the diocese of Roselle and the Church of Lucca. Later it passed under the control of the **Aldobrandeschi**, who received the castles of the area from Charlemagne. The castle of Caldana is mentioned in official documents starting from **940 AD.** Over the centuries the village was bitterly disputed due to its position on the border between the dioceses of Roselle and Populonia, then passing under various lordships and feudal powers, including Siena and the Grand Duchy of Tuscany in the sixteenth century. The village experienced a strong period of flowering and architectural renewal after the wars, thanks to the noble **Austini family**, who impressed the historic center with its distinctive character.

Caldana is also known for the extraction of the precious limestone marble known as *Portasanta* (or persichino), extracted from local quarries such as that of Poggio Paganella. This colored marble was used in large monumental works, including the Vatican (Porta Santa), the Vittoriano in Rome and various decorative elements in the domes of Florence and Siena.

How to reach Caldana

By car	**From the North** Take the A1 motorway or the A12 southbound to Livorno, continue on the **SS1 Aurelia** (Rome-Ventimiglia highway) towards Grosseto. Exit at the **Gavorrano Scalo** junction (around km 214). At the exit, follow the signs for Ravi-Caldana and, after about 5 km, turn towards Caldana **From the South** Go up the **SS1 Aurelia** northbound (Rome-Grosseto). After Grosseto, continue towards Livorno and take the **Gavorrano Scalo** exit (km 214), then take the provincial road towards Caldana.
By plane	The nearest airport to reach Scarlino: • Pisa "Galileo Galilei" Airport, located about 135 km from Caldana.
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 most convenient railway stations are **Grosseto** or **Follonica**, served by the Tyrrhenian railway line (Rome-Pisa-Genoa). Once you arrive at the station in Grosseto or Follonica, you must continue by bus.
Assistance service for people with disabilities	The Grosseto and Follonica stations are enabled for the assistance service for people with disabilities and reduced mobility (PRM), while the Talamone station is not enabled. To use the service, it is necessary to contact the Italian Railway Network through the reference 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.
Blue Hall Reference	Florence

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 connections from Grosseto to Scarlino. The bus station in Follonica is located in front of the Piazzale della Stazione. For further details, please refer to the website (www.at-bus.it)
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	Public parking Via Fonte Vecchia. Parking Strada Provinciale Gavorrano. Via del Convento car park.
Type of public parking floor	Asphalt
Presence of parking space reserved for people with disabilities	YES 1 place a few meters from the Church of San Biagio
Type of parking lot reserved for people with disabilities	Asphalt
Eventual notes	Holders of **disabled parking permits** (regular and exposed) have by law the right to access and park in the Limited Traffic Zones (ZTL) and in the reserved parking lots in Caldana (a hamlet of the municipality of Gavorrano). Access to restricted traffic areas is **always allowed without the need for specific permits**, provided that the disabled person is present on board the vehicle (as a driver or passenger) and that the badge is clearly visible on the windshield.

	Even if access is legitimate by law, to avoid the automatic receipt of penalties through the cameras of the electronic gates, it is necessary **to communicate the vehicle's license plate in advance or retrospectively** to the Gavorrano Municipal Police office Tel +39 0566 843231 • **Regular email:** poliziamunicipale@comune.gavorrano.gr.it. • **Certified Electronic Mail (PEC):** comune.gavorrano@postecert.it.



1 Parking Via fonte Vecchia



2 Public parking Strada prov.le Gavorrano with 1 reserved space



3 Reserved parking near Chiesa San Biagio

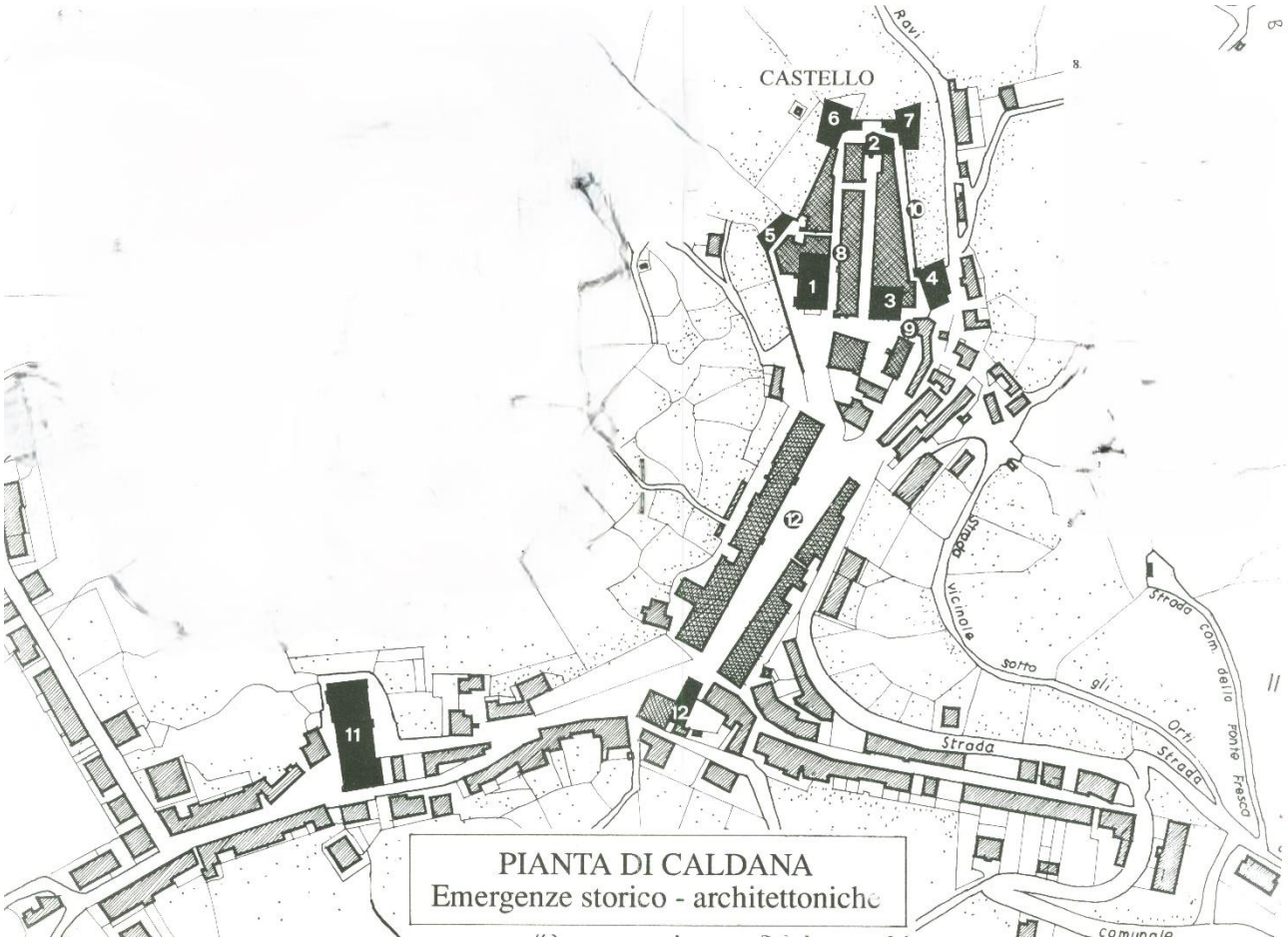


4 Via del Convento Public Parking

Pathway from the car park to the entrance

Pathway from the car park to the starting point	Obstacle-free
Type of trail surface	On asphalt
There are indicators and tactile maps	No

Description of the itinerary



1 PIEVE SAN BIAGIO

2 RECTORY ANCIENT CHURCH OF SAN BIAGIO

3 AUSTINI PALACE

4 5 6 7 10 BARLEYS OF THE SIXTEENTH-CENTURY WALLS

8 VIA DEGLI ARCHI

9 THE DOOR

11 AUGUSTINIAN CONVENT COMPLEX

12 SANTO ANTONIO ORATORY

Length	About 600 meters
Along the itinerary there are maps and tactile signs for the blind	NO

The itinerary starts from Via Fonte Vecchia located a few steps from a stall reserved for people with reduced mobility. From here we head to the **Church of San Biagio** , unfortunately not accessible to people with motor disabilities. Once the initial obstacle of the entrance threshold has been overcome, the interior develops into a single nave, which tends to be spacious and without significant differences in height to move around the liturgical hall. The Church is a real architectural jewel, considered one of the clearest and most fascinating examples of late Renaissance architecture in the whole of the Maremma. The current church was built in the second half of the sixteenth century (around 1575) at the behest of the noble Sienese family of the Austini, who had obtained the fief of Caldana. The structure was erected on the foundations of an ancient thirteenth-century building, of which very few traces remain today. The peculiarity that fascinates historians and art critics lies in its majestic stone façade, characterized by four pilasters, overlapping niches and a tympanum that bears the Austini coat of arms. For a long time the façade was attributed to the school of **Antonio da Sangallo the Elder**, due to the obvious stylistic similarities with the famous Temple of San Biagio in Montepulciano.

Accessibility:

Via della Fonte Vecchia climbs along the perimeter of the village and then enters the historic center and Via Curtatone (where the church is located). The estimated slope in several points of this stretch reaches up to 10%.

The main entrance to the church of San Biagio: It has structural barriers typical of historic buildings of the sixteenth century (7 steps at the entrance without a fixed and permanent ramp in accordance with the law). The steps have a height varying from 10 cm to 19 cm. The access portal has an additional step at the base with an external height of 8 cm and an internal height of 5 cm.



5 ramp towards Chiesa San Biagio



6 façade of the Church of San Biagio

Leaving the church, continue towards Piazza Mario Signori where 3 characteristic streets open on the left.

In the heart of the medieval village of Caldana, **Via Curtatone**, **Via Montanara** and **Via Solferino** form the backbone of the highest and most evocative historical part of the town. They take their name from the famous battles of the Italian Risorgimento and share the

typical urban structure of the Maremma walled centers, but have different characteristics and levels of slope, especially if evaluated from the perspective of accessibility:

Via Curtatone: It is the main and most famous street of the historic center, as it runs along the monumental **Church of San Biagio**, as well as the remains of the ancient castle nucleus and at the end. It acts as a central axis connecting to the highest part of the village.

Via Montanara: It is a historic alley, narrower and more intimate than Via Curtatone, which winds laterally intersecting or flanking the main axis. It is characterized by the exposed stone facades of the ancient houses of the village and small doors. At the end of the street is the **Rectory House of the ancient church of San Biagio** of the thirteenth century. Although the building was renovated and converted for residential and parish purposes in the late sixteenth century, the structure still retains the original layout of the old church.

Via Solferino: This is another characteristic alley of the medieval urban fabric, which cuts across the town. It has a very cozy and residential atmosphere, surrounded by covered passages that connect the village until it overlooks a suggestive panoramic terrace.

In **Piazza Mario Signori** you can also admire the old gate. **The Ancient Gate** is the monument that best tells the isolation and defensive strategy of the town in past centuries: until 1851, this gate literally represented the only entry and exit point for the entire fortified castle of Caldana. Before new road gates and modern squares were opened in the second half of the nineteenth century, the village was a completely closed fortress, isolated from the outside.

Accessibility:

All three streets are part of the original historic core.

From the Church of San Biagio to Piazza Mario Signori there is a ramp of about 15 meters with a slope of up to 15%

Bottom and slope Via Curtanone: The pavement is mainly in stone paving. The slope is very marked and severe especially at the beginning of the street well exceeding 8-10%, the sidewalks are completely absent.

Via Montanara: At the end of the street on the left side there is a round arched door with a covered passage and a ramp of about 8 meters and a slope of 12% that rejoins Via Curtanone.

Via Solferino Bottom and Slope: Like the other two, it is affected by the typical medieval conformation. The slope varies depending on the stretch, but includes a ramp with a slope of 12% running along it from Piazza Mario Signori, while continuing from Via Curtanone you pass a further covered passage through a ramp of about 10 meters and a maximum slope of 12%



7 beginning of via Curtatone



8 ramp Piazza Mario Signori



9 via Montanara



10 passage with ramp from via Montanara to via Curtatone



11 rectory ancient church of San Biagio



12 corner from via Curtatone towards via solferino



13 continuation along via Solferino



14 ramp to via Solferino, from via curtatone



15 via Solferino, panoramic terrace



16 panorama



17 Panoramic terrace – Via Solferino



18 covered walkway



19 ramp, beginning of Via Solferino from Piazza Mario Signori



20 Piazza Mario Signori

Return to Via Fonte Vecchia and go straight along the entire Gavorranese provincial road until you find after about 30 meters on the left **the Oratory of Sant'Antonio**, a pretty subsidiary church, built in 1670 at the behest of Count Annibale Bichi, a member of the noble Sienese family who succeeded the Austini in the control of the fief of Caldana. The current façade shows evident nineteenth-century style alterations.

From here continue on until you take Via del Convento and reach the old **Augustinian Convent** which tells a decidedly shorter and more tormented story. Its construction began in 1629 to house the monks of the Augustinian order. However, it had a very short life: in 1652 Pope Innocent X, with a papal bull, suppressed the small convents throughout Italy. The structure was sold to private individuals and divided up. Today the complex has been almost entirely transformed into a civil residence. Of the original nucleus, only the entrance door and the corridor of the upper cells remain intact.

Accessibility:

The path that connects Via della Fonte Vecchia to these two sites is much more accessible and less steep than the severe climbs of the walled center (such as Via Curtatone or Via Montanara). The surface is asphalted and regular.
Overall, this is the most comfortable and straightforward historical walk to walk in Caldana.
The oratory of Sant'Antonio has 2 steps, the first 14 cm high, the second 17 cm high and an internal threshold of 5 cm.



21 Gavorranese provincial road



22 Oratory of St. Anthony



23 Door of the former Augustinian convent

Events

The main events in Caldana are closely linked to the rural and food and wine traditions of the Maremma:

- **Autumn Festival and Chestnut Festival:** It is the most important and popular event in Caldana, capable of attracting visitors from all over the Maremma. It traditionally takes place on the first two weekends of October
- **Vin in Caldana & Porcini Festival:** This double event is held at the beginning of September (from 4 to 6 September) and is a perfect combination of history and flavors. **Vin in Caldana:** The event opens the doors of the **historic private cellars** dug into the rock foundations of the historic center. Local producers offer a guided tasting tour to discover the wines of the area. The **Porcini Festival sees** food stands entirely dedicated to porcini mushroom specialties, accompanied by evenings of live music.

Accessible public spaces and common toilets



In the village of Caldana, the following public place with accessibility characteristics has been identified:

- **Il Borgo Nuovo (Via Aldo Moro, 28):** located within the village. This restaurant-pizzeria has a convenient reserved parking, wheelchair accessible entrance and a bathroom equipped for the disabled in accordance with the law. The environment is spacious and does not have the typical differences in height of historic places. **Unfortunately, at the time of our visit, the structure was closed and it was not possible to check its accessibility. We strongly recommend contacting the management before traveling.**
  Contacts:
  Via Aldo Moro, 28, 58023 Caldana GR
  Landline**:** +39 0566 81422

Medical practices/healthcare facilities

Hospitals near the property	Misericordia Hospital Via Senese 161 - 58100 Grosseto Tel +39 0564 485111
Dialysis facilities	Dialysis service present. It is activated at the request of the interested party. For organizational reasons, information and requests should preferably be requested well in advance at the following addresses: **Grosseto provincial area** **MISERICORDIA HOSPITAL IN GROSSETO** Nephrology and Dialysis Unit Tel.+39 0564 485.218 from Monday to Friday, hours 09.00-12.00/15.00-19.00 Papi Alberto - Hemodialysis Nursing Coordinator. Tel. +39 0564 485159 - alberto.papi@uslsudest.toscana.it Clinical manager: Dr. Paolo Conti mobile +39 335 7207316 - paolo.conti@uslsudest.toscana.it

	Nursing Manager for Grosseto: Dr. Lorenzo Baragatti - lorenzo.baragatti@uslsudest.toscana.it
Other healthcare facilities	Asl Presidio di Castiglione Della Pescaia 58043 – Via Roma 1- 58043 – Tel +39 0564 483076 Tuesday and Friday from 9.30 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. Red Cross Square Orsini 11 - 58043 Castiglione Della Pescaia Tel +39 0564 933050 Email: castiglionedellapescaia@cri.it Pec cl.castiglionedellapescaia@cert.cri.it
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