Fact sheet Villages of Tuscany

General information

Name of the village	**MONTEGUIDI (hamlet of Casole d'Elsa)**
Province	Siena
Tourist information	**Tourist Information and Reception Office** Piazza della Libertà, 5 c/o Museo Civico Archeologico e della Collegiata 53031 Casole d'Elsa (SI) tel. +39 0577 948705 ufficioturistico@casole.it Website: http://mycasole.it/
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



Monteguidi is a frazione of the comune of Casole d'Elsa in the province of Siena, Italy. The territory is remembered in the will that Count Ildebrandino VIII Aldobrandeschi signed in Sovana on 22 October 1208, as a castle to be bequeathed to Ildebrandino il Rosso together with other possessions. In the thirteenth century the village passed from the jurisdiction of Volterra to that of Siena, in fact on April 17, 1300 Monteguidi appointed its own podestà who submitted to the Sienese Republic. Today the town still maintains its original structure, elongated in a north-south direction, for one hundred and thirty meters in length and forty in width. The two gates, located at the end of the major axis, have been preserved. Monteguidi is remembered by literature and cinema in fact in the famous novel *La ragazza di Bube*, by Carlo Cassola, set in Val d'Elsa, the protagonist,

Mara, lives in Monteguidi with her father, a militant communist, her mother and a brother. According to the story, it was in Monteguidi that he met Arturo Cappellini, known as Bube. A sympathy is immediately born between the two and Mara, flattered by the boy's interest, begins to exchange letters with him until she falls in love with him.
The novel ends with a chapter in which Mara, seven years later, is described in the serene wait for the release of Bube, a partisan, for which she will have to wait another seven years before being able to embrace him again. The meaning of the literary work revolves around love and the constancy of the protagonist's feelings in the face of life's adversities. The painter Augusto Bastianini, born in the family home in Via Cavour, in 1875, is also linked to Monteguidi. During the years of artistic production, the artist focused on the study of nudes, portraits commissioned by the Sienese and Florentine upper middle class, and painting of the fields, linked to the rediscovery and love for the territory around Monteguidi. When he died in 1938, shortly before the outbreak of the Second World War, his wife Lina Batacchi closed the studio in Florence and his grandchildren brought all the works to the Monteguidi palace.

How to reach Monteguidi

By car	From the North
	To reach Monteguidi (Milan/Bologna/Florence), take the A1 motorway, exit at Firenze Impruneta, continue on the Firenze-Siena highway (Raccordo), exit at Colle Val d'Elsa Nord, and then follow the signs for Casole d'Elsa

	- Monteguidi on the provincial road (SP 27) for about 7 km **From the South** Take the A1 motorway and exit at Valdichiana, taking the junction for Siena. Follow the Siena-Florence junction towards Florence, exiting at Colle Val d'Elsa sud. After the exit, follow the SP541 and then the SP27, following the signs for Volterra and San Gimignano, until you find the signs for Casole d'Elsa - Monteguidi

By plane	The reference airports to reach Monteguidi are: • Florence "Amerigo Vespucci" Airport, located about 75 km from Monteguidi; • Pisa "Galileo Galilei" Airport, located about 85 km from Monteguidi.
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	Siena FS Train Station
Assistance service for people with disabilities	The station is enabled for the assistance service for people with disabilities and reduced mobility (PRM). 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.
Blue Hall Reference	Reference RFI Blue Room: FlorenceThe 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, consult the page https://www.rfi.it/it/stazioni/pagine-stazioni/accessibilita/le-stazioni-con-servizi-di-assistenza-regione-per-regione.html
There is a toilet room in the station accessible with grab handles	Yes
By public and private transport	
Nearest bus stop	From Siena FS continue by bus to Colle di Val d'Elsa- Casole d'Elsa- Monteguidi.

Presence of adapted buses with ramp	it is advisable to check the availability of the service in advance by contacting Autolinee Toscane. Consult the official website of autolinee Toscana www.at-bus.it 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 1 stall at the parking lot in Via Garibaldi and 1 stall at the parking lot in Via dell'Amore
Eventual notes	In front of the parking lot there is a staircase with numerous steps that allow you to get to the southern gate. People with reduced mobility can overcome the obstacle by continuing along Via Garibaldi.



1 Staircase from the Via Garibaldi car park



2 Stall in Via Garibaldi



3 Stall in Via dell'Amore



4 Route from Via Garibaldi



5 Route from Via Dell'Amore

Pathway from the car park to the entrance

Pathway 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	From 18 meters to 40 meters
Type of trail surface	On asphalt
There are indicators and tactile maps	No
Eventual notes	• Path of about 40 meters from the parking lot in via Garibaldi, with a maximum gradient of 12%

	• Parking instead on the stall of Via dell'Amore, the path is reduced to about 18 meters, half of which is flat and a small stretch of about 9 meters that rejoins the previous ramp

Description of the itinerary



Length	150 meters

Along the itinerary there are maps and tactile signs for the blind	No

The route inside the village is mainly flat with a small stretch that has slopes. The itinerary starts from Via dell'Amore. The first attraction of the itinerary is the **celebratory bust dedicated to the painter Augusto Bastianini**. The work was commissioned to the sculptor Morandi, who has his art studio right in the center of Casole d'Elsa. The work was born from the three-dimensional transposition of the painter's self-portrait, kept at the Uffizi Gallery and exhibited in Casole d'Elsa in 2013 and 2023. Morandi managed to "give life" to Augusto with a work that stands out for its naturalness. From here, continuing for about 9/10 meters, turn left until you find a ramp that directs you towards the **Church of the Visitation or former church of Sant'Andrea.** In this street you can see the stone houses with a typical medieval architecture. After a few meters we find the former church of Sant'Andrea in front. The church has a gabled and stone façade. It was probably the former church of Sant'Andrea, later reduced after various restorations, to an oratory for a centuries-old company. The church is currently closed. The north gate adjacent to the church is well preserved. It consists of an external stone arch and a deeper vaulted one, in brick from the inside with a round arch.

Accessibility:

From the celebratory bust dedicated to the painter Augusto Bastianini, continuing for about 9/10 meters, turn left until you find a ramp about 18 meters long and a slope of 12% that directs you towards the Church of the Visitation or the former church of Sant'Andrea.
The first section of the pavement is asphalt and then continues in stone blocks.



6 Celebratory bust



7 first sloping section, on asphalt .



8 second sloping section, in stone blocks



9 Church of the Visitation, former Church of Sant'Andrea

From here continue towards Via Cavour on obstacle-free pavement. Via Cavour represents the central street of the village. Characterized by medieval structures, it has on the right side the **Palace where the painter Augusto Bastianini was born in 1875**. The building is now plastered with a commemorative plaque dedicated to the painter. The plaque was created and affixed to the wall in 2013 by the Municipality of Casole d'Elsa and commemorates the birth in this building of the artist, professor at the Academy of

Fine Arts in Florence, masterful portraitist and appreciated interpreter of the Tuscan landscape. The artist was born in Monteguidi in 1875, dying in Florence in 1938.

The itinerary continues in the direction of the **Church of Saints Andrea and Lorenzo** located on the right, right at the end of the street.

From here, turning right, the religious building appears. Very little remains of the original Romanesque building. A stone and brick arch framed by a terracotta decoration.

Accessibility:

Via Cavour has a flat pavement made up of stone blocks without obstacles.

The Church of Saints Andrea and Lorenzo has a door with two leaves that can be opened inwards. It has an external step of 5 cm and an internal step of 7 cm.

The net door opening is more than 90 cm.

The central interior door has a net clearance of more than 90 cm and 2 side doors with a net clearance of less than 90 cm.



10 Via San Pietro



11 Torrione San Pietro



12 Church of San Pietro

The interior of the church is very simple, it has a single nave that ends with a semicircular apse that has a crucifix hanging in the center. In the second half of the 60s of the last century the church saw an adaptation of the presbytery area. On that occasion, unfortunately, the seventeenth/eighteenth century stucco altar was demolished. With this intervention, the main altar facing the people, the seat, two ambos and two side altars in

the nave were built. All these elements were made of travertine. The church was consecrated on May 10, 1969.

Inside there are some valuable works from Siena, including the painter Casolani, a native of Casole d'Elsa. During 2013 the restoration work began which involved the entire building and a consolidation intervention with the use of micropiles that allowed the foundations of the church to be restored.

Leaving the church and turning right, the south door is located at the end of the major axis. Unfortunately, unlike the southern one, only a round stone arch remains of this gate.

Accessibility:

he altar area has 2 steps, the first of 15 cm, the second of 20 cm.



13 Terminus of Via Cavour



14 Façade of the church of Saints Andrea and Lorenzo



15 Entrance Portal



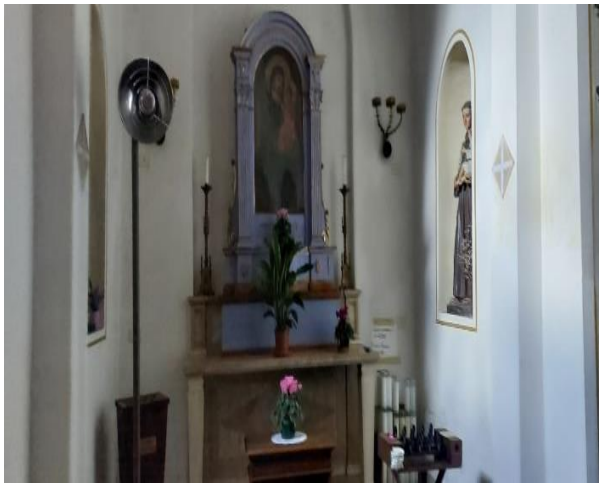
16 Church alley



17 Altar



18 Church interior



19 interior artwork



20 Route from church to South Gate



21 South Gate



22 South Gate

Events

In Monteguidi, the main events are linked to civic initiatives and local historical traditions of the nearby Casole d'Elsa, where the village actively participates in the Palio di Sant'Isidoro and, in the past, has hosted district dinners and celebrations related to the victories of the district.

Accessible public places

In the village of Monteguidi at the time of the visit, no public places with accessibility characteristics were detected.
The **Il Carato Restaurant** in Mensano is about 7 km away, with accessibility features.

See tabs with details below.

LOCAL	
Room type and name	**Il Carato Restaurant**
Location	Via Ricasoli 25, Mensano (SI)
Phone	Tel +39 0577 963911
Website	https://il-carato.com/
Online booking	YES
Local access mode	Flat, with an external step about 10 cm
Useful width of door/entrance gate	90 cm
Type of door	1 door that can be opened inwards
Types of tables	4 legs

The restaurant has an outdoor veranda	Yes, in the summer
How to access	Flat
Table service	YES
Braille menu	NO
TOILETS	
There is an accessible toilet	Yes
Toilet room location	Back of the counter
How to access the room	Port
Usable width of the entrance door	87 cm
Type of door	1 leaf, external opening
Toilet height	50 cm
Toilet seat with open front tooth	NO
Support handles	Yes to both sides
Flexible shower on the side of the toilet	NO
Free space on the toilet sides	Left over 90 cm Right 37 cm Front over 90 cm
Electric doorbell/telephone on the side of the toilet	You string bell
Washbasin with wheelchair space	Yes, 70 cm
Height from the ground lower edge mirror	Fixed wall
Baby changing table	NO



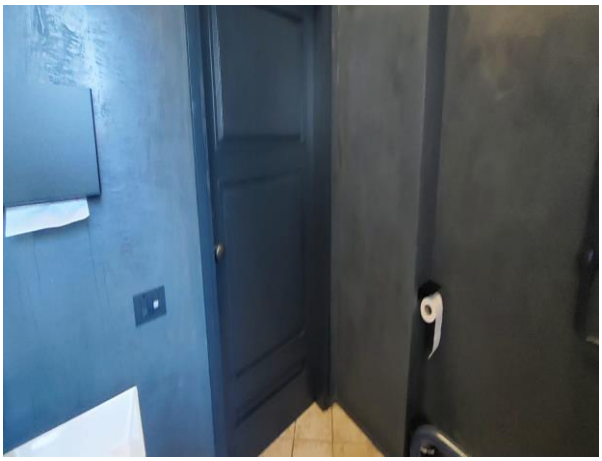
23 Input



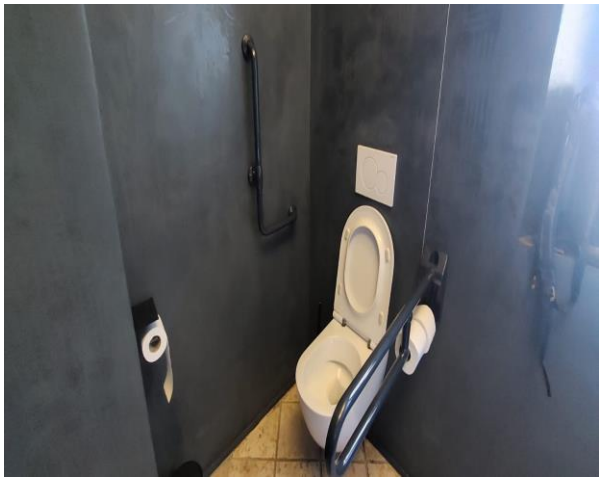
24 local interior



25 External door at the back of the bench



26 Interior Port



27 Toilets and grab bars



Figure 28 Toilet and washbasin

Medical practices/healthcare facilities

Hospitals near the property	Santa Maria delle Scotte Hospital Viale Mario Bracci 11 - 53100 Siena Phone +39 0577 585111 Website: https://www.ao-siena.toscana.it/

	CAMPOSTAGGIA DELL'ALTA VALD'ELSA HOSPITAL IN POGGIBONSI Nephrology and Dialysis Clinical Coordinator: dr. Antonino Sidoti - tel. + 39 0577 994219 - antonino.sidoti@uslsudest.toscana.it Nursing Coordinator: Maria Accardo - tel. + 39 0577 994812 - maria.accardo@uslsudest.toscana.it Website: https://www.uslsudest.toscana.it/ospedali/valdelsa-campostaggia/nefrologia-e-dialisi
Other healthcare facilities	Nursing clinic in the Alta Val d'Elsa area Presidio Via Salceto, 91 - Poggibonsi Monday, Friday and Saturday 11am-1pmTuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 2pm-4pmTel. + 39 0577 994087

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