



Fact sheet Villages of Tuscany

General information

Name of the village	RAPOLANO TERME
Province	Siena
Tourist information	TOURIST INFORMATION Office Via Subborgo Garibaldi, 153040 - Rapolano Terme (Siena) Tel. +39 0577 723210 info@visitrapolanoterme.it https://www.visitrapolanoterme.it
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



Rapolano is a village with ancient origins. The oldest finds attest to the presence of the first human settlements, referring to the Upper Paleolithic (about 30,000 BC) and Middle Paleolithic. We do not have significant findings from the Etruscan period, while for the Roman period recent studies have examined the possibility that, in the plain of the Sentino, bathed by the stream of the same name, the so-called "Battle of the Sentino" (295 BC) between the Romans and a coalition of Gauls, Samnites, Etruscans may have taken place. the *Cassia Adrianea*, which connected Chiusi with Siena. The barbarian invasions that began from the third century A.D. caused the abandonment of the scattered

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settlements and the establishment of new ones, located on heights often called "Castellari".

From the end of the ninth century, in the post-Carolingian age, until the twelfth and thirteenth centuries there was a proliferation of fortresses that represented a movement of self-defense of the landlords and the rural populations linked to them. In the thirteenth century the castles of Rapolano and the surrounding area were used, enlarged and modified until the war between Siena and Florence in 1554, when they were devastated by the armies of Emperor Charles V and Cosimo de' Medici.

These castles were separate administrative units from the time they were built. During the reign of Grand Duke Pietro Leopoldo Asburgo-Lorena, with a motu proprio of 2 June 1777, they were united with that of Rapolano, giving rise to the current municipality of Rapolano Terme.

How to reach Rapolano Terme

By car	From the North (Florence): Take the A1 motorway to the Firenze Impruneta exit. Take the Firenze-Siena highway, follow the signs for Arezzo/Perugia and take the Siena-Bettolle junction with the exit at Serre di Rapolano. From the South (Rome): Take the A1 motorway to the Val di Chiana (Valdichiana) exit. Follow the signs for Siena on the Bettolle-Siena junction and exit at Serre di Rapolano.
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By plane	The preferred airport for Rapolano Terme is: • Florence Airport, located 65 km from the village. • Perugia Airport located about 76 km from the village. • Pisa Airport, located about 107 km from the village. Florence airport is generally the most convenient airport to reach the area while Perugia airport can be a good alternative especially for low cost flights.
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	Rapolano Terme
Assistance service for people with disabilities	There is no assistance at this station.

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	Contact the service through the Blue Room of reference (RFI) at the toll-free number 800906060 (from a landline) or to the national number +39 02323232 (from a landline or mobile) for information on any nearest railway station that offers this service
Blue Hall Reference	Florence
Carriage access	With forklift/ramp
There is a toilet room in the station accessible with grab handles	Yes
By public and private transport	
Nearest bus stop	Republic Square
Eventual notes	From Grosseto to Rapolano: You can take a bus or train to Siena, then continue with Autolinee Toscane Line 138 or Line 107 towards Rapolano Terme. From Siena to Rapolano: The direct route from Siena (Via Tozzi or Stazione) to Rapolano Terme (Piazza della Repubblica) with the suburban line takes about 45-50 minutes





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: +39 800142424 or +39 05551351 Link: www.at-bus.it
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Parking

Public parking nearby	YES,
Type of public parking floor	asphalt
Presence of parking space reserved for people with disabilities	YES, N. 4 stalls at the Porta Nuova car park, N. 1 stall in Via Mazzini
Eventual notes	The historic center of Rapolano is largely a limited traffic zone (ZTL) . Authorized access for those in possession of the CUDE permit.



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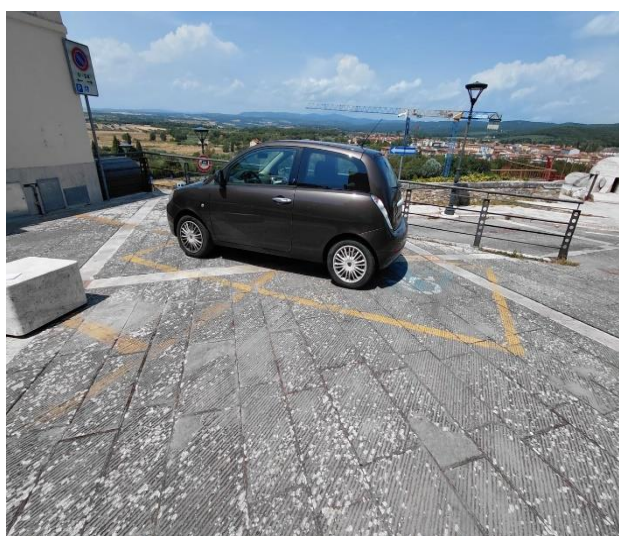
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1 Reserved parking Porta Nuova



2 Reserved parking Porta Nuova



3 Reserved parking Via Mazzini

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Pathway from the car park to the entrance

Pathway from the car park to the starting point	The route from the Porta Nuova car park to the beginning of the itinerary includes a double ramp: the 1st is 20 metres long, the 2nd is 7 metres long, both with a slope of 7%. The ramps lead to the lift with door width 90 cm, internal width 110, depth 140 cm. H external keys 108/120 cm, H internal keys 132/140 cm. Exiting the elevator there is a connecting ramp 170 cm long and 8% slope. Continue towards the Porta Nuova through a sidewalk with paving in rough square blocks and 1.5 meters wide, 15 meters long and 5% slope The stall in Via Mazzini is located right in front of the Porta Nuova
Distance from parking to entrance	Variable from 5 to 100 meters
Type of trail surface	asphalt
There are indicators and tactile maps	No

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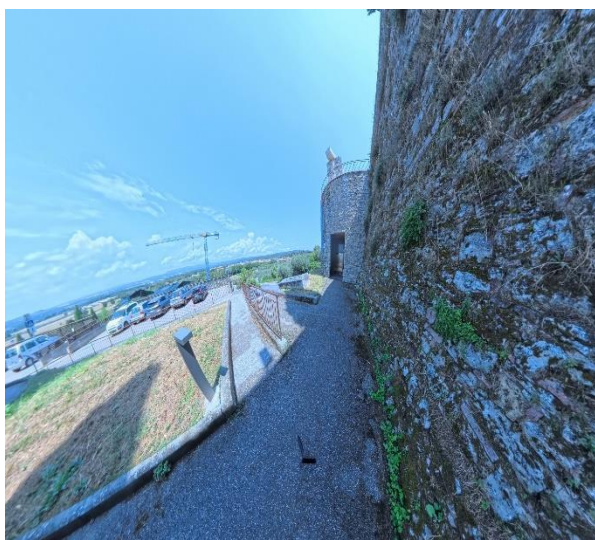
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4 Path from the parking lot to the elevator



5 First ramp



6 Second ramp



7 Elevator

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8 from the lift to the village entrance



9 Porta Nuova

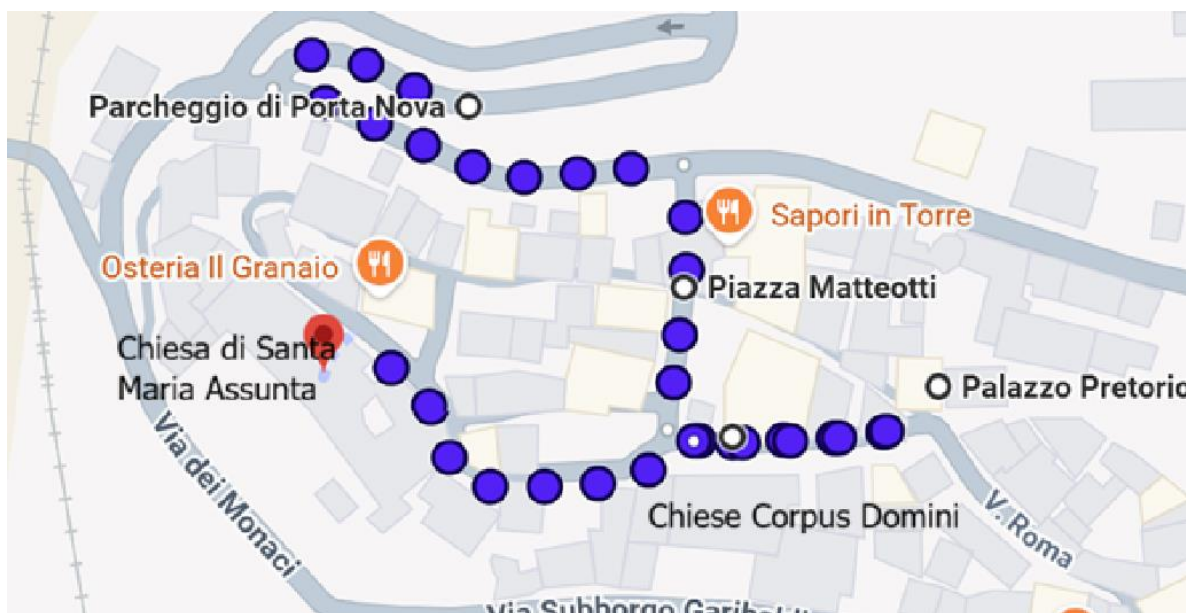
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Description of the itinerary



Length	About 450 meters
Along the itinerary there are maps and tactile signs for the blind	No
Along the route there are information panels with QR CODE	YES
Eventual notes	Due to the nature of the historic center, many sections of the itinerary have significant ramps that require the help of a companion or the use of an electric engine.





The itinerary begins in front **of Porta Nuova**, one of the main and most convenient access gates to enter the historic center. Past the access gate through a ramp, there is Piazza **Matteotti**, the most important central space of the village, which is a reference point for the social and urban life of the town, thanks to its strategic position and the presence of commercial activities, services and meeting places. In the square on the right side we find the **Church of the Misericordia**. The church is closely linked to the history of the Pious Confraternity of Mercy of Rapolano, one of the oldest institutions of volunteering and assistance of the local community, officially founded in December 1864.: The church houses the historical archive and the precious "Chapters" (the statutes) that regulated the spiritual and welfare life of the village since the eighteenth century. The building is not only a place of worship, but represents the beating heart of the rescue activities of the Misericordia, which since the 50s has modernized by introducing the first ambulances for the medical transport of citizens. The interior is not accessible to people with motor disabilities due to the presence of steps. Continuing towards Largo Fratelli Cervi on the left we find the **Church of Corpus Christi**, which is also not accessible due to the presence of external and internal steps. The Church of Corpus Christi is the oldest nucleus of the town and its strategic location suggests a very ancient origin; this hypothesis is confirmed by important archival documents that attest with sufficient certainty to its existence as early as the beginning of the fifteenth century. The church has a simple appearance compared to the oldest religious buildings in the area. It is characterized by essential lines and a functional structure, designed to accommodate liturgical activities and initiatives of the parish community. The façade, flat and sober, is embellished with a simple travertine portal and a lunette window. Inside, on the right wall, there is a sixteenth-century fresco attributable to the workshop of Girolamo di Benvenuto, depicting the Madonna and Child with Saints John the Baptist and Jerome.





From the church, turn left, proceed along Via Roma until you reach the **Praetorian Palace**, located in the "Castellare" area, in Piazza del Mercato, the oldest part of Rapolano. The Praetorian Palace stands where the palaces of power once overlooked; It was the historic seat of the Podestà, the Gonfalonieri and the Mayors until 1862 who used the palace to administer justice. Recently the subject of a redevelopment intervention, inaugurated in August 2024, becoming an active place for events, history and culture, enriching the cultural offer of the town. Next to it is the **Church of San Bartolomeo**, of Romanesque origin, without a façade and incorporated between two buildings. The building was in ancient times connected to a hospice for pilgrims and the sick called the Hospital of the Saint, suppressed in 1752.

From here, continuing on Via Roma, it is possible to reach Porta Sant'Antonio by following a rather significant downhill path, which leads to the lower part of the town, near the Town Hall and the Via della Pieve Path. the path leads to the Parish Church of San Vittore, and is characterized by a first paved section with significant slopes, and a second stretch in asphalt and then in gravel and beaten earth. After about 220 meters, the paved path ends with a road crossing. From here continue straight towards reaching the gravel track, passing a further obstacle represented by a railway level crossing, therefore, it is advisable to reach the Pieve by car.

Accessibility:

Entrance from Porta Nuova towards Piazza Matteotti: ramp length 50 meters and slope 12%

Piazza Matteotti: with differences in height of 9%





Entrance to Piazza del Mercato, towards the Town Hall and the Church of San Bartolomeo: ramp length 15 meters, slope 13%. There is 1 reserved parking space.

From Piazza del Mercato to Porta di Sant'Antonio about 130 meters with gradients of up to 24%.

Via della Pieve route: first paved section with alternating maximum gradients of 27%. Second stretch in asphalt and gravel, uneven route with gradients of 25%.

Pieve San Vittore: Side door threshold 3 cm, door with 2 leaves, both open with a net opening of about 100 cm. Front door 3 steps.



10 Piazza Matteotti



11 Church of Mercy

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12 Corpus Christi Church



13 route to Palazzo Comunale and Church of S. Bartolomeo



14 Town Hall



15 Church of St. Bartholomew

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16 start of the route from Via Roma to Porta s. Antonio



17 Porta S. Antonio



18 beginning of the Via Della Pieve trail

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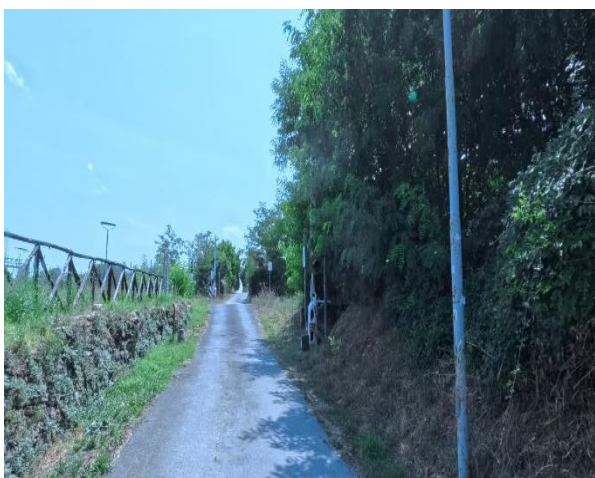
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19 First section of the path



20 End of paved path and road crossing



21 asphalt path and railway toll booth



22 Pieve S. Vittore and gravel path



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23 entrance to the main parish church



24 inside Pieve



25 Altar

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Returning to Piazza Matteotti, turn left into Via dei Monaci until you reach the **church of Santa Maria Assunta**, which is worth a visit to discover an authentic jewel of art and history of the town, whose origins date back to ancient times.

Over time it has undergone several restoration and modifications. The structure has a traditional appearance, typical of Tuscan religious architecture, and is characterized by a simple but harmonious layout. Inside it preserves artistic and religious elements of great interest, which enhance its historical and cultural significance. The altar retains a very high architectural value thanks to its twin columns in faux porphyry, dating back to the original consecration of the church in **1646**. The church represents a historical and spiritual point of reference for the local community and fits harmoniously into the context of the center of Rapolano Terme. Near the church we also find the **Porta dei Tintori** which can be admired from the inside directly at the exit of the church and from the outside by overcoming a fairly significant ramp.

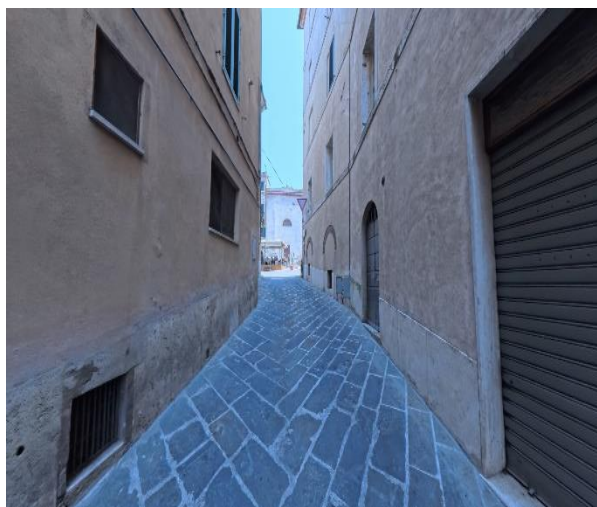
Accessibility:

Via dei Monaci has slopes from 9 to 12%.

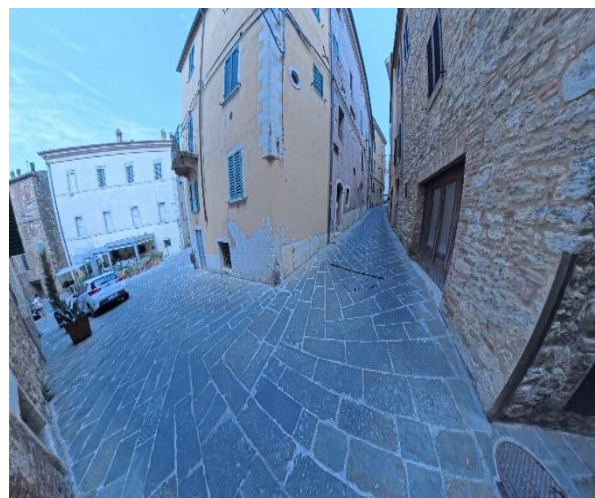
Church of Santa Maria Assunta: external threshold 4/5 cm, internal 2/4 cm. Entrance portal net opening 105 cm, internal glass door 2 leaves with net opening greater than 100 cm.

Ramp from Church of Santa Maria Assunta to Porta Tintori: length about 15 meters with a slope of 15%





26 Via dei Monaci



27 continuation to the church of Santa Maria Assunta



28 entrance portal



29 inside the church





30 Interior Door



31 Porta dei Tintori, view from outside the church



32 Porta dei Tintori, façade





In the lower part of the village, precisely in Via della Libertà, which also has a large parking lot, a ring path begins completely in beaten earth, accessible by electric vehicles. From the car park, we head left along the Strada della Nociarella until we take a second path on the right.

Following it in its entirety and crossing a bridge you will come across a crossroads. Continuing to the right we arrive at the intersection with the Sentiero della Pieve, exactly where the paved section previously described ends. From this point, turn right, pass the level crossing and reach the sacred building.

This route has significant gradients already mentioned above.

Continuing to the left, a tiled path begins that leads to the village near the Porta dei Tintori. **At the time of the check, the path was closed due to the danger of landslides, landslides due to heavy rain.**

Continuing along the circular route, continue straight until you come to another crossroads; taking a right, a path marked as Saltalbero allows you to continue the loop. Follow the entire path to another crossroads where, taking a right again, a path takes us back to the starting point.



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33 Parking Via della Libertà



34 via della Nociarella, start of the circular route



35 route on beaten road



36 Second path on the left, towards the bridge crossing

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37 Arrival at the bridge



38 path to the right towards the Pieve path



39 Continue left towards Borgo



40 intersection with the Sentiero della Pieve, turn right

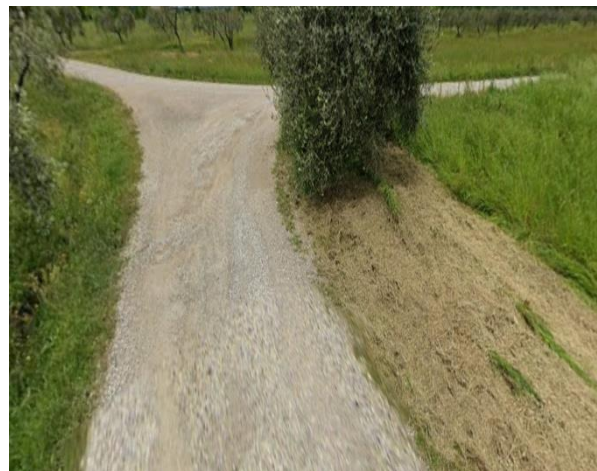
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41 path to the right towards Saltalbero



42 Continue to the right towards the beginning of the route



43 Route on beaten road



44 end of ring and arrival near the Via della Libertà car park





Events

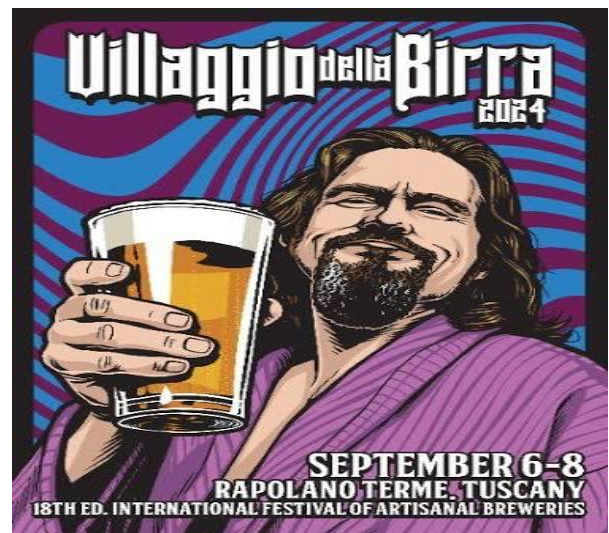
Main Events

Settembre Rapolanese: Traditional event with festivals, market exhibitions and live music.

Beer Village this year scheduled from 4 to 6 September 2026 at the Parco dell'Acqua. Twentieth edition of the famous international festival dedicated to craft beer, with breweries from all over the world.



45 September Rapolano



46 Beer village poster





Accessible public places

In Rapolano Terme, the main points of reference with accessible services are the two large thermal parks in the area with access also allowed to outsiders:

San Giovanni Terme Rapolano: It has two distinct choices managed internally. You will find the elegant **L'Olivo Restaurant**, which offers local dishes for lunch and dinner with zero-kilometer ingredients. For a faster and more informal solution, there is the **Bistrot**, ideal for salads, light lunches or a drink by the pool.

It has barrier-free paths, dedicated parking and **wheelchair-accessible public toilets/toilets within the structure.**

Terme Antica Querciolaia: Inside the historic courtyard and near the pools is the **Ancient Querciolaia Bistro** (also known as *Foyer La Fontana*). It offers coffee from the morning, gourmet sandwiches and hot or cold dishes for lunch. On Saturday evenings, in conjunction with the night opening, it offers a full restaurant service. **It also offers gluten-free and vegan options.** Equipped with **toilets equipped in accordance with the law for users with reduced mobility or motor disabilities.**

See the sheet with details below:

LOCAL	
Room type and name	L'Olivo Restaurant
Location	Via Terme San Giovanni 52. Rapolano Terme (SI) https://www.termesangiovanni.it/it/ristoranti/l-

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	olivo
Local access mode	Flat
Types of tables	4 legs
TOILETS	
There is an accessible toilet	YES. toilets equipped in accordance with the law for users with reduced mobility or motor disabilities. Presence of support handles and maneuvering spaces compliant with wheelchair regulations.



47 L'Olivo Restaurant



48 Typical dish

LOCAL	
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Room type and name	Bistro
Location	Via Terme San Giovanni 52. Rapolano Terme (SI) https://www.termesangiovanni.it/it/ristoranti/l-olivo
Local access mode	Flat
Types of tables	Center support
TOILETS	
There is an accessible toilet	YES



49 bistros



50 buffets



LOCAL	
Room type and name	Bistrot antica Querciolaia
Location	Terme Antica Querciolaia, Via Trieste, 22 – 53040 Rapolano Terme (Siena) Tel. +39 0577 724091 https://www.termeaq.it/it/bistro/0/bistro-antica-querciolaia
Local access mode	Flat
Types of tables	Center support
TOILETS	
There is an accessible toilet	YES. toilets equipped in accordance with the law for users with reduced mobility or motor disabilities. Presence of support handles and maneuvering spaces compliant with wheelchair regulations.





51 Bistrot antica Querciolaia

Medical practices/healthcare facilities

Hospitals near the property	Località Le Scotte in Siena (Azienda ospedaliero-universitaria Senese) is the main hospital in the area, the closest to the village and is often the best choice for important emergencies thanks to the presence of all the main specialties. Emergency Room: open 24 hours a day. It is about 23 km from the village of Rapolano Tel. + 39 0577 585111.
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	Address: Viale Mario Bracci 11-16 Nottola, Montepulciano (Ospedali Riuniti della Valdichiana) has an Emergency Room active 24 hours a day. It is located about 35 km, Tel. +39 0578 713111 Address Via Provinciale 5, Nottola, Montepulciano.
Other healthcare facilities	Porta Nuova Medical Center Medical Offices For specialist medical examinations (neurology, endocrinology, ultrasounds, etc.) and sampling and diagnostic point Tel: +39 393 212 0855 Address Via di Porta Nuova Chellini Pharmacy: It is the main pharmacy in Rapolano Terme located in the central area (Via Porta Nuova / Piazza della Repubblica). Medications, quick advice, Testing, basic health services Immediate point of reference in case of small problems Tel +39 0577 724018

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