



Villages Sheet

Village name	SOVANA hamlet SORANO
Province	GROSSETO
Address	Locality. Sovana - Sorano (GR)
City	Locality. Sovana - Sorano (GR)
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Description

Sovana, a hamlet in the municipality of Sorano, has its roots in the seventh century BC but its importance is evidenced in the sixth century thanks to its relationship with Vulci. In Roman times it became a *Municipium*, acquiring rights and preserving its autonomy. Going forward in the years, its center developed near the pre-existing Etruscan necropolis, under the control of the powerful Aldobrandeschi family. In medieval times it was the birthplace of Hildebrand of Soana, who later became Pope Gregory VII. Important families such as the Orsini, the Medici and the Lorraine have alternated in its territory, unfortunately almost completely abandoned due to a plague epidemic. The Piazza del Pretorio is the fulcrum of Sovana, surrounded by the most important medieval buildings. The pavement, like all the rest of the central street, is in herringbone terracotta bricks. In some parts of the square, the pavement still remains the original ancient road system. There are numerous buildings to visit including:

At Palazzo Pretorio

Romanesque building XII-XIII century. Inside it is now housed the Documentation Center of the Archaeological Park of the Tufo in the territory of Sovana.

B The Palazzo dell'Archivio or Palazzo Comunale

Historic building located in the central square of Sovana. Dating back to the end of the twelfth century, built to house the seat of the municipality of Sovana. It remained intact until 1433, the year in which Sovana was besieged by the troops of the county of Pitigliano. The damage suffered made it necessary to renovate it. In 1588 the clock was added and in the seventeenth century the bell tower was added. In 1600 the palace was used to house the archive of Sovana, from which it took its name. From the Middle Ages, with a slightly shoe-shaped base, a clock on the façade and a bell gable.

C Bourbon del Monte Palace and San Mamiliano Museum

The name derives from popularity, but the sixteenth-century palace is prior to belonging to that family. It is joined to the Church of Santa Maria and the Museum of San Mamiliano which houses archaeological finds from the Roman period and a small vase containing 498 coins

D Church of Santa Maria

Dating back to the twelfth-thirteenth century, it was restored in 2003 resuming its former glory. Inside there is a rare Pre-Romanesque Ciborium, the only one in Tuscany.





And Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul

Walking along an avenue shaded by cypresses, there is the building considered the main monument of Sovana, a historical example of the transition from the Romanesque to the Gothic style. Built on the remains of an older church, probably around the eleventh-twelfth century. finally, on the opposite side of the city it is possible to admire the Rocca Aldobrandesca, built in the eleventh century. It has a tower and is inserted in the circuit of medieval walls placed to defend the most accessible side. It underwent major restorations by the Medici but in the following years, having lost its original defensive function, it turned into ruins.

Length of the route 500/600 meters

How to reach Sovana

<p>By car</p>	<p>FROM THE NORTHWEST: A12 southbound, then SS1 -Aurelia to Albinia, Km150.5; continue towards Manciano and follow the signs for Sovana. FROM ROME Aurelia and Fiumicino area: A12 northbound, then SS1 – Aurelia until the Vulci exit Km111, follow the signs for Manciano then for Sovana. FROM ORVIETO: SR71 towards Montefiascone/Viterbo until the junction for S. Lorenzo Nuovo (Km17), then SP74 follow the signs for Pitigliano then for Sovana. FROM FLORENCE (motorway route): A1 southbound, exit Chiusi; then follow the signs for Chianciano; follow the signs for the SS2 Cassi; continue on the SS2 Cassia state road towards Rome until reaching Km146.5, follow the signs for Sorano and then for Sovana.</p>
<p>By train</p>	<p>Grosseto station 78 km or Orbetello station 58 km. From both stations continue by bus</p>







By bus	Consult the website autolinee toscna at the following link www.at-bus.it
Pet access	Not detected
Eventual notes	For info and for a direct update of the autumn and winter opening hours of the museums, please contact the following contact details. Tel +39 0564-614074 +39 0564-633099 or send an email to info@leviecave.it .
Opening and closing period of Church Santa Maria	Always open
Times	From 10.00 to 19.00
Ticket cost	Free admission
Pet access	Not detected
Opening and closing period Cathedral	Always open
Times	10.00 13.00 - 14.30 19.00
Ticket cost	full price Euro 2.50, reduced Euro 1.00, Children 6-17 years old. Free: Children up to 5 years old, Residents in the municipalities of Pitigliano and Sorano, Parish groups of the Diocese (minimum 10 people)
Pet access	Not detected
Eventual notes	+39 0564 616532 telephone number for autumn and winter timetable updates
Opening and closing period Rocca Aldobrandesca	Always open
Times	24 hours
Ticket cost	Free admission
Pet access	YES





Arrival at the village

Private/public parking

Public parking nearby YES	
Type of flooring in the public car park	Asphalt
Presence of parking space reserved for people with disabilities	SI num. 1
	


Pathway from the car park to the entrance

The property can be reached from the car park	flat
Distance from parking to entrance	2 meters
There are indicators and tactile maps	NO
Useful width of door/entrance gate	Above 90 cm





Itinerary description

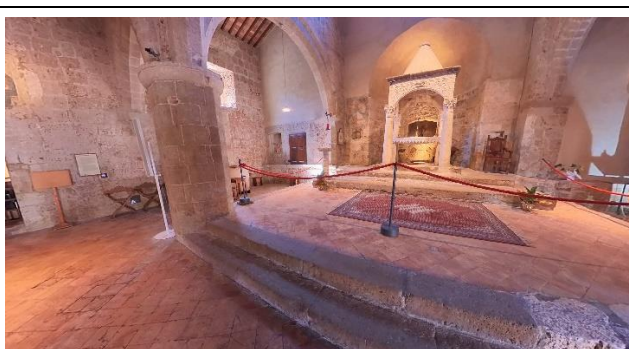
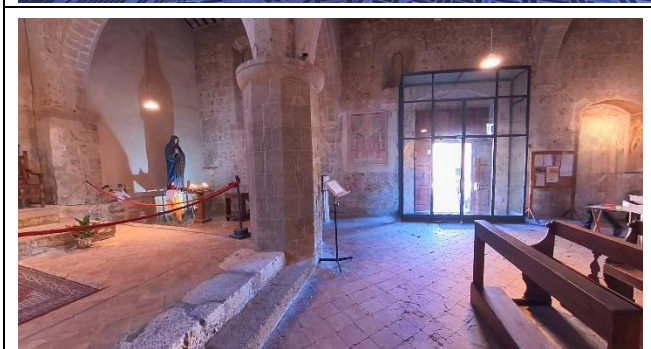
Presence of maps	YES
Touch indicators and visual-touch maps	NO
Presence of didactic panels	YES
Audio guide	NO
Stopping points	YES
	<p>From the parking lot you arrive directly in Piazza del Pretorio. The flooring, like all the rest of the central street, is in herringbone terracotta bricks</p> <p>On the left Palazzo Pretorio: Entrance through N. 3 steps, height 20 cm.</p> <p>Under Palazzo dell'Archivio or Comunale</p>





Entrance to the Church of Santa Maria through 2 steps, the first 20 cm high, the second 11 cm high.

Entrance door 2 leaves of 60 cm, internal threshold step of about 5 cm





On the left Palazzo Bourbon del Monte

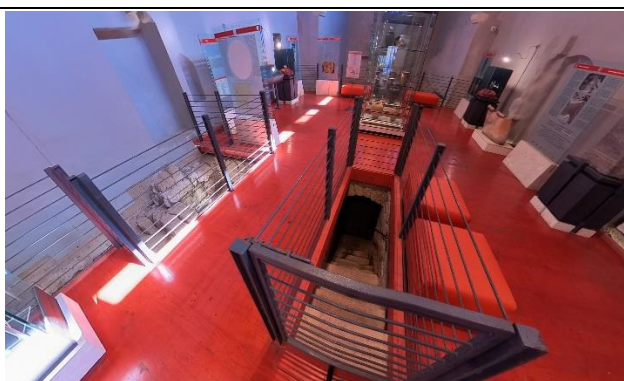
Entrance to the San Mamiliano Museum: Via 4 steps. The first one is 13 to 18 cm tall, the next ones are 12 cm tall.
Ramp length 260 cm slope 12.5%



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From Piazza del Pretorio continue along Via del Duomo. The flat and obstacle-free pavement, like the rest of the central street, is made of herringbone terracotta bricks



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On the left, the birthplace of Pope Gregory VII

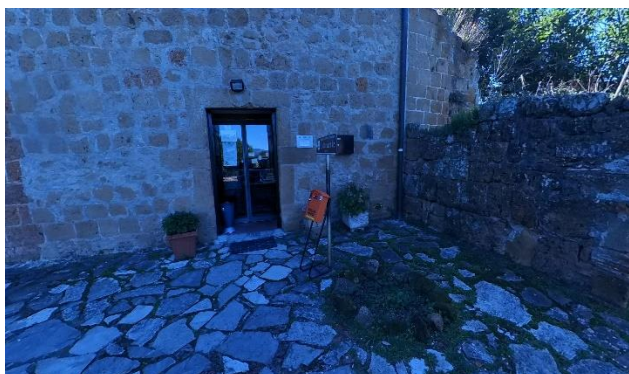
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At the end of the street we find ourselves in front of the Co-cathedral. To access the religious building there is a ramp of about 20 meters with a maximum slope of 25%. The pavement is slightly uneven on stone blocks. The co-cathedral is accessed through the side door.





Inside, we find a ramp about 120 meters long, 90 wide, 8.5% slope. From the entrance ramp, turn left towards the open passage until you enter another room with an 18 cm high step



From the hall, to enter the cathedral, on the right we find another door with 4 steps of 12 cm high each



Inside, the door has a threshold of about 2/3 cm.
After the visit to the Co-cathedral, return to Piazza del Pretorio, continuing the route towards the opposite side of the street, towards Rocca.



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Bars restaurants




Eventual notes	The restaurants in Sovana have steps of varying heights at the entrance. Most of them have outdoor spaces set up with tables and chairs where table service is guaranteed.
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Toilets for guests with reduced mobility

Number of accessible toilets for guests with reduced mobility	1 located at the end of the Via dell'Oratorio
	
	
Eventual notes	The toilets can be reached from Via dell'Oratorio where there are parking lots or from the side street located on Via del Duomo near the Pizzeria il Sileno (Via Piazzola del Sileno)





	Route of about 150 meters on asphalt and gravel. The gravel section of about 20 meters is located on a maximum gradient of about 20%
Entrance door width	88 cm
Toilet height	50
Free space available for the toilet	On the left over 90 cm Right 65 cm Front 120 cm
Handles	Both sides
Flexible shower next to the toilet	NO
Alarm bell	NO
Free space under the washbasin	Above 70 cm
Free space under bathroom sink	68 cm
	
	



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Medical practices/healthcare facilities

Hospitals near the property	Misericordia Grosseto Hospital Via Senese 161, phone +39 0564485111 Petruccioli Hospital, Via N.Ciacci 340, Pitigliano (GR) 10 km away. Tel +39 0564 618111
Other healthcare facilities	Nephrology and Dialysis Unit c/o Grosseto Hospital telephone +39 0564 485159 email alberto.papi@uslsudest.toscana.it

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