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Marchesi Cerrina Feroni

In the past in summer aristocrats and academics from the ancient University of Pisa as well as naval officers from the nearby port of Leghorn retreated to their patrician country residences built on the gentle hillsides shouldering Pisa. Villa Gioli, one of them, was built in the 1700's. Originally a hunting lodge, the villa acquired its actual dimensions in the second half of the 1800's, when the Gioli brothers, descendants of a wealthy aristocratic family from Pisa, whose life was dedicated to the arts, added the tower which was to become their atelier.

This was the era of the impressionists, who in Italy were given the name „Macchiaioli“, derived from „macchia“ which means as much as „spot“ or „stain“. This forceful and at the time contradicted artistic movement embraced some of the best painters of the day. Artists were leaving their studios, venturing out into nature, breaking with academic traditions, seeking new shores. There was a need to meet, to exchange ideas, to find strength in one another. Mathilde Gioli, wife of one of the two painting brothers, gave them a haven. Intelligent, well read and refined, she opened the doors of Villa Gioli to the most avant-garde artists, intellectuals and writers of the time. Artists such as Fattori, Lega, Signorini, Kienerk and Cecconi came and stayed for many a long summer.

The spirit has remained. Villa Gioli, with its many french windows, light colourings and abundant gardens is still a place to be happy. The house and garden, as well as the surroundings will give you a taste of some of the best Tuscany has to offer: leisurly elegance, art, gentle hilly countryside, and on a more mundane angle.... fruit and vegetables from the own garden and excellent restaurants specialised either in fishfood or Tuscan cuisine. There is a small trattoria just down the road, while all around are other country villages.

The actual owners, the marquess Cerrina Feroni, are direct descendants of the Gioli brothers. They treasure their inheritance and one their most fervent wishes is to safeguard and upkeep this house which has such an important past. The Italian State has acknowledged the relevance of the location by classifying Villa Gioli as National Heritage.

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Shopping in Cenaia

The village of Cenaia is just a few kilometres away from the house. At the end of the private road turn right and keep going until you hit the main road. Turn right again and then straight on until you reach Cenaia. On the left side of the main road, just before the village you will find a **petrol station and a pharmacy** (open from Monday to Friday 9-13, 16-20, closed on Thursday, Saturday 9-13, Phone 050 543754). Only for emergency during the night Phone 050 642005.

You will find the **butcher Enzo**, Phone 050 643856, open Monday-Friday 8-13 and 17-20, closed on Wednesday, on the right hand of the road, opposite to the newsagent.

A **small supermarket** is on the right hand corner opposite to the church, Phone 050 643363, open Monday-Saturday 7-13, 16.30-20, closed on Sunday.

You will find **vegetables and fruits** on the right hand of the main road after the church, Phone 050 542005, open Monday-Friday 8-13, 16-20, closed on Wednesday afternoon.

There is also a very good **ice cream maker**, after the church on the left side of the road. It is open only after 4.00 p.m. to 10.30 - 11.00 p.m.

The newsagent, Stefania Scrolli, phone 0587 685008, Monday-Saturday 7-13, 16-20, may be able to provide **foreign newspapers** if booked in advance.

Following the main road beyond Cenaia you will find on the right side a **large winery called Cantina sociale** with a good selection of local wines and spirits. In the village of Quattro Strade, following the main road after the light on the right side, there is a **good ice cream maker and Lido Restaurant**.

Not far, 1 km on the right after Cenaia, there is a **Ekom food discount store** open on **Sunday morning**.

Shopping in Fauglia

Half way to Fauglia there is a **small supermarket** on the right hand side of the road, Francesca, Phone 050 650744, open Monday-Saturday, closed Wednesday afternoon. It is possible to ask for home delivery.

In the village of Fauglia, opposite to the main church you will find a **good ice cream maker**.

There are two **cash dispensers** in both Fauglia and Cenaia, you can use **Visa** card there.

Not far from Fauglia (2 kms towards Acciaiole) you find, at the end of the road, the **Katia store** (Phone 050 650441) -katia.donati@virgilio.it). She has beautiful **bed sheets, tablecloths also custom made, bath linens**. On the right side, Busti sells very good cheese, ham and salami.

A very good **olive oil** you find in Frantoio De Laurentis- via San Regolo, 54-Luciana (Fauglia).

Phone:050 656038 - Mobile 349 7512871. After Acciaiole follow Luciana signs.

Very good **country taste** in Fauglia is L'Agreste - il rifugio degli erranti, Strada Statale 206, località Vallicella-phone: 050 65604 (www.rifugiodeglierranti.it)

A large **supermarket, Conad**, is in the area, please ask the housekeeper Laura to take you there the first time.

Rent a Car - (with or without driver) and minibus for sightseeing tours at Multiservice in Pontedera, via Giordano Bruno 18. Tel. 0587 730634, Mobil 3385764500. Please book 24 hours ahead.

In Pisa lives a very nice **taxi driver** (he knows the place well): Mr. Barzanti mob. 347 8910019 (say Forattini)

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Beauty Center

Eudora - Centro Benessere Pandolfi, Via V. Veneto 103/B Cenaia (PI), phone: 050 642136 (closed in August from 10th to 20th).

Spa Treatments

Massage, 60 minutes: Relaxing, Cardio-circulatory, Soothing, Tribe relaxing, Anti-cellulite

You can call for your massage at home.

Others: Manicure, French manicure, Pedicure, Healing pedicure, Nail extensions, Hydrating Lifting Facial

For further informations, please contact: 050 644224(phone)

In Fauglia there is a very good **doctor**: Dr Filippo Casarosa (you say you live in Villa) 050 650263
mob. 347 2115123

If you need a **dentist**, ask Laura. Otherwise call 800016105 (toll-free-number): they will advise you about the closet dentist available.

The **Ospedale Santa Chiara** in Pisa is a very good general **hospital**. Turn right at the end of the parth, then left when you reach the big road, at the end turn right towards Pisa. Go straight on until a traffic- light, immediately after turn right towards Navacchio. After approximately 2 kms turn right and enter into the highway for Pisa, then take the Aurelia exit (just after airport exit). Then follow sign "H".

Useful Telephone Numbers

Fireman	115
Sanitary Assistance	118
Police	113
Carabineer	112
Fauglia's Carabineer	050 650525
Medical Center	050 662630
Service to put out a fire and red cross in Fauglia	050 659191
Fauglia Town Hall	050 662630
International Airport Galileo Galilei in Pisa	050 849111
Information for flights	050 849300
Train Station in Pisa	050 28117

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Tenuta Dell'Ornellaia

Tenuta dell'Ornellaia is amongst the most famous to date of all of Maremma's vineyards and wineries. Founded in 1981 it comprises of 192 hectares (at Ornellaia and the adjacent property of Bellaria) producing internationally renowned and extensively written about wines.

Their wines

Vino rosso: red wine

* Ornellaia Bolgheri DOC Superiore . 60% Cabernet Sauvignon 22% Merlot 14% cabernet Franc 4% Petit Verdot. First produced in 1985, this was the flagship wine.

* Le Serre Nuove dell'Ornellaia Bolgheri DOC Rosso 50% Merlot 35% Cabernet Sauvignon 9% cabernet Franc 6% Petit Verdot

* Le Volte Toscana IGT 52% Sangiovese 36% Merlot 12% Cabernet Sauvignon

* Masseto Toscana IGT 100% Merlot

Wine tasting and tours

tours of the estate and cellars with wine tasting - with or without dining at the estate - can be arranged.

Reservations in advance are required. Please contact :

Tenuta dell'Ornellaia

Via Bolgherese, 191

57022 Castagneto Carducci (LI)

Tel: +39 0565 718 242 or +39 056571811

Fax: +39 0565 718240

www.ornellaia.com

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Restaurants in the surroundings

Tenuta Giustiniani - via Puntoni, 1. Just before Fauglia, turn left to Crespina; the restaurant (you may buy good wine, too) is midway on the left side of the road. - Phone 050 659262 / 00393483101974

Da Castero - via Galilei 2, Lavaiano - Phone 0587 616121

Da Lido - (closed on Monday evening and all Tuesday) Quattro Strade di Perignano (after Cenaia), Phone 0587 616020

Ristorante La Gattaiola - (closed in August) Vicolo di San Lorenzo 2 - Phone 050 650852 (in front of the church in the main square).

Ristorante Antica farmacia - (closed on Wednesday) Via del Popolo 39, Località Palaia - Phone 0587 622149

Osteria al canto del maggio - (opened from Thursday to Sunday only at dinner time) Via Pignano, 10 (from Villa Gioli left side of the street, on the way to Valtriano) - Phone 050 642263

Ristorante Pizzeria Le Muse - via La Marca 1, Tripalle-Crespina, Phone (+39)050634259. Closed on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Ristorante Da Bruno - via XXI Aprile, 44 56040 Crespina, Phone (+39)050634330. Closed on Monday.

In Vico Pisano

Osteria Vecchia Noce - Località Noce, 39 - Phone 050 788229

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In Marina Di Pisa

Da Toto - (closed on Monday) Via Litoranea (along the beach) - Phone 050 36605

L'Arsella - (closed on Tuesday evening and Wednesday all day) Via Litoranea - Phone 050 36615

Da Foresta - (closed on Thursday and Friday at lunch time) Via Litoranea - Phone 050 35082

In Forte Dei Marmi

Da Lorenzo - phone +39 0584874030 . A very well known seaside place. Expensive.

Bistrot - Viale Franceschi 14 , phone +39 058489879. Closed every day at lunch. Expensive.

Osteria de Mare - Viale Franceschi 4, phone +39 058483661.

In Lucca

Buca di Sant'Antonio - (closed on Monday) Via della Cervia 1/5, Lucca - Phone 0583 55881

Antica Locanda dell'Angelo - (closed on Sunday evening and Monday) Via Pescheria 21,

Lucca - Phone 0583 467711

Antico caffè delle mura - (closed on Tuesday) Piazza Vittorio Emanuele 2, Lucca - Phone 0583 467962

In Firenze

Enoteca Pinchiorri - (two Michelin stars) - (closed on Sunday and Monday) Via Ghibellina 87, Firenze, Phone 055 242777

Cibreo - (closed on Sunday and Monday) Via dei Macci 18, Firenze - Phone 055 2341100

Taverna del Bronzino - (closed on Sunday) Via delle Ruote 25, Firenze - Phone 055 695220

Caffè Concerto Targa - (closed on Sunday) Lungarno Colombo 7, Firenze - Phone 055 677377

45 minutes from Fauglia in San Vincenzo there is a good restaurant in the harbour, not so expensive, is **Zanzibar** - Phone 0565 702927.

Cooking courses at Villa Gioli !

Learn how to cook in a painter kitchen... with Mascia Tani from Sapori Rotondi.
Please contact Trust&Travel for arrangements.

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The surroundings of Villa Gioli

Pisa and Livorno within 20 minutes by car. Volterra and San Gimignano within 45 minutes by car. Lucca and Firenze 45 minutes by car. Siena within 60 minutes by car.

Sightseeing in the area

Crespina - beautiful landscape and nice XIX century villas (15 minutes by car).

Lari's castle - you can also buy hand-made Martelli's pasta there (20 minutes by car).

San Miniato - small village on the highway to Florence (30 minutes by car).

The **city centre of Pistoia** is wonderful (40 minutes by car).

The **Calci's** - Certosa (15 minutes by car).

Medieval village of **Vicopisano** (25 minutes by car).

antique shops in Bientina (20 minutes by car).

Carrara - a visit to the nearby marble caves, still active since the times of Michelangelo, jagged white slopes high up in the surrounding hills is a fascinating experience, while artists can still be seen working in the marble workshops below.

For the children

Pinocchio theme park - Il Parco di Pinocchio

In Collodi, 17km northeast of Lucca. The park tells Collodi's version of the story of Pinocchio through sculpture, mosaics and puppet shows. It features a museum with Pinocchio related items. Open daily from 08.30 to sunset. There are spaces in the park to have bag lunches, and there's also a restaurant, the Osteria del Gambero Rosso, inside the park.

Collodi's other great attraction is 17th century Villa Garzoni, which is located across the street from Pinocchio Park. The steeply sloped land around the Villa offers a cascading garden merging the geometric symmetry of the Renaissance with the spectacular effects of the Baroque. The garden contains the last remaining labyrinth among Lucchese villas as well. A combination ticket is available to visit both places.

Florence children museum - Musei dei Ragazzi

Florence's "Children's Museum" may be the best-kept public-access secret in Florence. It receives visitors from 3 years old, in order to make discover to the smallest, the art without getting bored (also the parents). Special tours and workshops are geared inside the prestigious historical Palazzo Vecchio. Kids will dress up as dukes and duchesses, visit the palace's most secret places, look through Galileo's binoculars, find out how Florence's monuments were constructed and how the city's history has developed over the ages, all in a fun, original way. Tours are in English and must absolutely be booked in advance.

Information and reservations: Museo dei Ragazzi Association P.zza della Signoria, Tel.055 2768465,

Weekdays: 9am-7pm, Thursday: 9am-2pm. Holidays: 9am-7pm Email: staff@museoragazzi.it

Football museum - Museo del Calcio

Florence. Open Monday to Friday from 09,00 to 13.00 and from 16.00 to 18.00. On Saturday it is open only in the morning, Sunday is closed.

Address: 50135 - Viale Aldo Palazzeschi, 20 - Coverciano (FI)

Leonardo da Vinci hands-on museum

In the pretty village of Vinci, north from Empoli. Open daily from 10.00 to 18.30.

Many of its discoveries are displayed with English explanations. It is also amazing for adults!

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Peccioli prehistoric park

South-east from Empoli. One of the most exiting theme parks for young visitors, the Peccioli Prehistoric Park allows you to plunge into the distant past, amidst a series of life-size prehistoric giants: from the tyrannosaurus to the tarbosaurus, from the mammoth to the cave bear, from the iguanadon to the brontosaurus, about twenty monsters, more fascinating than frightening, stimulate children's imagination and invite visitors to start reflecting on the enormous distance in time that separates us from those days. In addition to a large picnic area, the centre is equipped with a bar and amusements for smaller children. Prehistoric Park: via dei Cappuccini, 20, 56037 Peccioli (Pisa); tel. and fax 0587/636030.

Open: every day, from 9am-12 noon and from 2pm to sunset.

Empoli palaeontology museum

In the historical centre of Empoli. Open on Mon/Sat from 09.00 to 12.00 and Tue/Thurs/Sat/Sun from 17.00 to 19.00. Display of a fine collection of fossils presented with a method of teaching the role of palaeontology applied, in order to understand the functioning of our planet and its main energetic resources.

Spa - Thermal Resorts

In Casciana - **Casciana Terme**

Piazza Garibaldi 9 - Phone 0587 644608

In Tirrenia - **SPA Green Park Resort**

Via delle Magnolie, 4. Phone 050 3135711 (www.greenparkresort.com)

In San Giuliano (Pisa) - **Bagni di Pisa Terme e Hotel**

Largo P. Shelley 18. Phone 050 88501 (info@bagnidipisa.com)

Where to go to the seaside

In Forte die Marmi (40 minutes from Villa Gioli)

Bagno America - Via della Repubblica - Ph. +39 0584 483996, (Mrs Marcella. Recommended by Mr. and Mrs. Forattini)

Bagno Twiga - Viale Roma 2 - Marina di Pietrasanta, Ph. Santa +39 39356127 or 3473021769

Bagno Piero - Via della Repubblica 1, Ph. +39 058481647 or 058480368. Public Beach - with low price beach umbrella and sun beds and chairs. Beautiful place. Located between Bagno Piero and Bagno America.

In Tirrenia (20 minutes from Villa Gioli)

Bagno Lido - Viale del Tirreno 2, Ph. +39 05037143. Very good restaurant

Bagno Cosmopolitan - Viale del Tirreno (shuttle bus every 20 minutes), Ph. +39050 30023

Manager: Carlo Mencacci ph. +39 3460857884

Sunset Café - Recommended for cocktail at sunset (not during the week-end), Via del Tirreno 4 Ph. +39 050384135

All mentioned Bagno's above rent beach umbrellas and bathing huts, as well have a restaurant.

Other suggestion

The **Maremma** (30 minutes by car) with long sand beaches and old villages on the hills.

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Puccini Festival

July - August

The Puccini Festival and its history

Torre del Lago, home of the Puccini Festival, lies between the Lake of Massaciuccoli and the Tyrrhenian Sea, 4 kilometres far from the magnificent beaches of Viareggio on the Tuscan Riviera, 18 kilometres from Lucca and Pisa. The Festival welcomes about 40.000 spectators every year to its open-air theatre, just a few steps from the Villa Mausoleum where Giacomo Puccini lived and worked. His mortal remains are now in a small chapel inside the Villa. Torre del Lago is a favourite destination of opera lovers and tourists who wish to visit the places where the most beloved composer of the 20th century lived.

The Puccini Festival was born in 1930 following Puccini's wishes. "... I always come out here and take a boat to go and shoot snipes ... but once I would like to come here and listen to one of my operas in the open air...". (Puccini in a letter to Giovacchino Forzano in November 1924, before he left to the clinic of Brussels where he died shortly after). The author of *La Bohème* and *Madama Butterfly*, "the last great poet of the Italian opera, the best composer of operas Italy and the whole world had in our century" (Roman Vlad), expressed his wish to see his creatures come to life in the extraordinary natural stage offered by the Massaciuccoli Lake.

Forzano (placwright and librettist of *Suor Angelica* and *Gianni Schicchi*, also director of *Turandot's* first night at La Scala Theatre, Milan, on April 25th 1926) was so impressed by those words that, after Puccini's death, he decided to realise his dream. In 1930, together with Pietro Mascagni, who had been fellow-student and room-mate to Puccini, Forzano began to carry out the first performances of Puccini's operas on the lakeshore, in front of the Maestro's house.

In 1966 the Festival moved to the reclaimed land just near the small lake harbour. Here the present theatre was built, a large structure enjoying the charming background of Massaciuccoli Lake with the small villages on the opposite shore, whose flickering lights at night assure an unforgettable natural scenery to the performances taking place on the wide stage.

During summer several collateral events connected to Puccini's music and contemporary art, both distinctive features of Torre del Lago Festival, will be implemented in the most charming sites of Tuscany.

Contact:

Festival Puccini

Information

info@puccinifestival.it

www.puccinifestival.it/eng

NOTICE: Tickets must be booked as soon as possible!

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Driving instructions to the most important places**To Lucca**

At Vicarello take the motorway A12 for Genova then follow direction Lucca - Firenze (motorway A11). Take the exit Lucca. To come back take the same way in the opposite direction, the motorway A11 following Livorno-Rome, signs , take the Collesalveti exit and then follow the driving instructions to Villa Gioli.

To Firenze

At the end of the path turn right and at the crossroads, turn right again. When you reach the roundabout turn left to Lavoria. After 1,5km take the Superstrada for Firenze (FI-PI-LI) and exit at FIRENZE CENTRO. To come back take the same way in the opposite direction : take the Superstrada (FI-PI-LI) in direction of Pisa and Livorno. When the road divides, follow the indications for LIVORNO. Leave the highway at the first exit thereafter called LAVORIA. Turn right. At the large roundabout, turn right again. Soon thereafter you will reach VALTRIANO. As you reach a large white furniture shop called „Elite“, turn left, then follow the instrucion to Villa Gioli.

To Forte die Marmi

At Vicarello take the motorway A12 for GENOVA, take the exit Versilia and follow the indications for FORTE DIE MARMI. To come back take the same way in the opposite direction, following Livorno signs, take the Collesalveti exit and then follow the driving instructions to Villa Gioli.

To Tirrenia

Enter the superstrada at Vicarello and go along up to the end (don't take the motorway!). Follow then the indications for TIRRENIA. To come bacj take the same way in the opposite direction towards Firenze and leave the superstrada at Vicarello. Then follow the instructions to Villa Gioli.

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Horse Riding

On the road from Fauglia to Crespina (via Puntoni) after having crossed the main road, go straight on for Crespina, there is a group of houses after a narrow bridge, turn right at Campocosimo and after 500 - 600 mtrs you will see a sign with Fattoria Bellavista (www.fattoriabellavista.it/) where you have a horse riding range (and a sheperd dogs training area). Call Emanuele (Phone 392 880 1340). English spoken.

Centro Ippico „La Farinia“, via Poggio alla Farnia 29. Lessons from 4 years old age. For informations please contact Sonia, phone: 380 5053136

Football

In the village of Valtriano you will find one soccer court. Turn right at the end of the path and carry on until you hit the main road. Cross it and straight on you will find Valtriano. To book the soccer court please phone 328 0866462 or 050 6438166 (lunchtime). There is also a tennis court.

Tennis

In the village of Perignano there are three tennis courts. Phone 0587 617533. Perignano is the next larger village after Cenaia.

Golf

Tirrenia Golf Club (9 holes): <http://www.golftirrenia.it>

Cosmopolitan Golf Club (18 holes) with a tennis court: <http://www.cosmopolitangolf.it>

Bike Rentals

Eco-Rent - is a young dynamic company which offers tourist's rentals of motor scooters, road bikes, mountain bikes and touring bikes. The company offers delivery and pick-up service.

Via Tosco Romagnola, 1321 - 56023 S. Casciano (PI) - Tel. +39.050.777461 Fax +39.050.6140064

Cell. +39.348.8716221. web: www.ecorent.net/?q=node/30

Pilare Cocchi - Cicli Moto Accessori, via Roma 293 Collesalveti, Tel 0039 0586 962394