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WELCOME !

Dear Guests,
welcome to the heart of Tuscany and thanks for choosing us for your holidays.

The Management and Staff wish you a quiet and relaxing holiday, rich in cultural and entertaining activities.

We are pleased to provide you with some useful information to help you make the most of your stay at Toscana Village.

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1. TOSCANA VILLAGE SERVICES AND FACILITIES

Sport and Relaxation

- Outdoor swimming pool with deck-chairs and beach-umbrellas (limited availability);
- Meeting room
- Multi-purpose sport field for volley-ball and 5 a side soccer
- Table-tennis

Children's playground

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Bar-Pizzeria- Minimarket

The campsite provides a BAR/PIZZERIA including take away, and a MINIMARKET with various groceries.

Quality and prices of the minimarket controlled.

Opening hours are on display on the notice boards.

You can **order** bread, croissants and newspapers at the BAR. We can organise the delivery of the main national and international newspapers for the duration of your stay.

During peak season the bar organises occasional **live music** and theme parties, but you will also be able to enjoy quiet and peaceful evenings.

Entertainment

During peak season, we organise activities for children (3 to 12 years old). We also cater for older children and adults with aquagym classes and sport competitions (see program on the notice boards).

Day trips and tours

We can help you organise guided day trips around the Tuscan countryside, to appreciate the treasures of the Tuscan culture and/or discover the local cuisine and wines. For more info, enquire at the reception.

Classes

We can help you find various courses, including Italian classes, pottery, engraving, Tuscan cuisine... N.B.: The classes are held outside and independently of the campsite and need to be paid for separately. For more info, enquire at the reception.

Other services

- The amenities block provides free hot water and a toilet for disabled people. We provide camper service and chemical WC

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- In the amenities block you can find washing machines and dryers. Tokens and washing powder are on sale at the reception. Ask at the reception for iron and ironing board.
- You can request for a Doctor to see you in the campsite if needed, the Doctor's fees are payable by the client. There is no fee for first aid, immediate medical emergency, or ambulance.

2.WHERE WE ARE... & USEFULL ADDRESSES

The campsite is located less than 1 km from the historical centre of Montopoli, between Pisa and Florence. The nearby villages of Capanne and San Romano also belong to the Council of Montopoli. Montopoli shows traces of its ancient past, such as the Tower of St Matteo, the Rocca (fortress) and the Arch of Castruccio. The village provides all the basic facilities, such as banks, various food shops, pharmacy, Tourist Office, restaurant. A supermarket (CONAD) in locality S.Romano, close to the main road n. 67, about 1 km from the camping.

EMERGENCY ADDRESSES:

Pharmacy (Farmacia)– Via dell'Unità d'Italia 1 (200 m. towards the village centre) Tel.0571/466912
(if close, see on the spot the pharmacies operating at the time: "farmacie di turno")

Pronto soccorso: 1) Hospital **Pontedera** – tel. 0587/273111
2) Hospital **Fucecchio** – 0571/2481

Ambulance tel. **118**
Fire brigade in S.CROCE, tel. 0571-30044

3. WHERE TO EAT

A nice pizzeria, snack bar, and grill is very very close.....just in the camping: you will find genuine food at a fair price! Roxana and Claudio are waiting for you!

Following are some other restaurants, listed by locality, where you can enjoy typical Tuscan and Italian cuisine.

(Best and most typical restaurants: * Cheaper restaurants: °) These restaurants allow generally a 10% discount to the clients of Toscana Village

MONTOPOLI	*Ristorante 4 Gigli - Osteria dell'Orcio interrato - P.zza Michele (also medieval cuisine) ph.0571466878 1 km. (closed Mon) °Ristorante Agritur. Montevecchio - Via Pineta-ph. 0571466366 -3 km - (closed Mon)
MARTI	°Trattoria La Tagliola, via di Musciano ph. 0571-461010 - km 4 -(Closed Tue)
SAN ROMANO	° Il Fico D'India, Via Tosco -Romagnola ph 0571-450908 - 1 km - (closed Tue - no discount on the pizzas)
SAN MINIATO	* Ristorante Il Convio - Via S.Maiano -ph. 0571408114 - . km 12 - closed Wed
Road to PALAIA	°Ristorante Pizzeria Il Caminetto - Loc. Chiecinella, - ph. 0587622108 - 6 km -

4. WHERE TO GO FROM HERE

DISTANCES

Distances to the main Tuscan cities from Toscana Village:

FLORENCE: 45 km - PISA: 30 km - LIVORNO: 40 km - LUCCA: 38 km - SIENA: 73 km - VOLTERRA: 51 km - SAN GIMIGNANO: 40 km - MONTECATINI T.: 35 km - PISTOIA: 45 km - VINCI (birthplace of Leonard) 23 km - SAN MINIATO: 10 km - CERTALDO 25 km.

Toscana Village is also not far from the sea. Here are some of the nearest beaches:

TIRRENIA and MARINA DI PISA (sand, both free and fee paying beaches): 38 km - CASTIGLIONCELLO (rocks) 55 km - VIAREGGIO/VERSILIA (sand, free and fee paying beaches): 60 km -

To Florence and Pisa

We suggest to **take the train**, so avoiding any traffic and parking problem.

The railway station of Montopoli-S.Romano.S.Croce is 2.4 km far.

A shuttle service can be asked at the reception (Not always available).

Tickets can be bought at the newspaper kiosk opposite the station, and must be validate before taking the train.

The train timetable is available at the Reception: ask the sheet.

If you want to go there by car, we suggest the following ways:

driving to PISA:

- ◆ Take the free highway FI-PI-LI towards Pisa.
- ◆ Leave the FI-PI-LI at the first exit **after** the airport (which is the end of the motorway) turning right on the **Aurelia Road**.
- ◆ Follow the Aurelia to a big intersection, where on the left you go to San Rossore and on the right to “Pisa centro”. Go towards **Pisa centro** on the **Viale delle Cascine**. At the end of

- ◆ the street, follow the signs towards the parking site (“parcheggio”).
- ◆ On the right you will find a small paying parking site.
- ◆ On the left you will find a big parking site, free for cars only.

driving to FIRENZE

- ◆ Take the free highway FI-PI-LI towards **Firenze**. When you reach the end of the FI-PI-LI, there is a straight road that goes towards the centre. Follow the signs for **Firenze centro**.
- ◆ You will cross the river Arno on the bridge “Ponte della Vittoria” and then take the ring road around Firenze. Stay on the right, and turn right when you see the sign **Parcheggio Stazione**. You will reach **via Alamanni**, beside the station, where you will find the underground car park. Cost: Euro 1.55 per hour.
- ◆ Even if it is full, enter and wait for a while as there is a high turnover.

RECOMMENDED DAY TRIPS AND ITINERARIES

Other important towns worth to be visited are: **LUCCA, PRATO, VOLTERRA, S.GIMIGNANO, SIENA.....**

We are pleased to suggest some day trip itineraries, apart from the well-known art cities, that can be done from Montopoli. This form of “minor sightseeing” can be very enjoyable as you will discover interesting places, generally not found in the usual guide books.

If you are interested in the itineraries 1 to 5, please ask at the reception for the detailed info-sheet.

ITINERARY 1 (70 km)

S.MINIATO - EMPOLI - MOUNTLUPO FIORENTINO - CERRETO GUIDI - FUCECCHIO

ITINERARY 2 (km 110)

VINCI - CARMIGNANO - POGGIO A CAIANO - COMEANA - ARTIMINO - LASTRA A SIGNA

ITINERARY 3 (km 90)

MONTAIONE - S.VIVALDO - S.MARIA A CHIANI - CERTALDO - CASTEL FIORENTINO

ITINERARY 4 (km 125)

CASCINA - CALCI E CERTOSA DI PISA - MOUNTSERRA -VICO PISANO

ITINERARY 5 (km 95)

THE VALDERA: PALAIA, PECCIOLI, CAPANNOLI, CASCIANA, LARI, FAUGLIA

PARKS AND NATURAL RESERVES

REGIONAL PARK MIGLIARINO, SAN ROSSORE E MASSACIUCCOLI (LUCCA)

We recommend the beautiful park SAN ROSSORE, where you can see various birds, deer and wild boar.

To get there, follow the FI-PI-LI until the exit for the road SS1 Aurelia (north of Pisa), follow the Aurelia and turn left in Viale delle Cascine. Follow it until you reach the Park entrance.

Opening times: Saturday, Sunday and public holidays.

You can enjoy the park with guided visits on foot, by bike, by carriage, by bus or on horse back.

For information and booking: 050-530101

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RISERVA NATURALE DEL CHIARONE (MASSACIUCCOLI)

it is possible to walk in the Lipu reserve. Kayaks and boats are also available.

TENUTA DI MIGLIARINO

guided tours in sommer.

For info or booking: Ente Parco regionale , via Aurelia Nord 4, Pisa, phone. 050525500.

ONE DAY GUIDED TOURS AND/ORWINE/FOOD TASTING

For more info ask at the Reception..

Minimum number of participants: 6, max. 12;

Under 12 discount 50%

WALKS ON MONTE PISANO

If you would like to walk in the local mountains, ask at the reception for the info-sheet detailing 4 walks on Monte Pisano, where you can enjoy a beautiful view.

We suggest to combine this short walk with the visit of the surprising Certosa di Calci

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5. CALENDAR OF EVENTS, FAIRS AND MARKETS IN THE AREA

There are many traditional, religious, cultural and gastronomic events in the area throughout the year. Here are some of them:

Weekly markets	Day	Time
Castelfranco di Sotto	Monday	7am-1.00pm
Montopoli.	Saturday	7am-1.00pm
San Romano	Wednesday	7am-1.00pm
Capanne S. Miniato Alto	Tuesday	7am-1.00pm
Marti	Thursday	7am-1.00pm
Palaia, fruit market	Sunday from 1 st June to 30 th September	
Pontedera,	Friday	7am-1.00pm

Antiques Markets

Pisa, P.zza dei Cavalieri-Via dei Mille	2 nd Saturday and Sunday of every month
Lucca	3 rd Saturday and Sunday of every month
Fiesole, yard of the Seminario vescovile	2 nd Sunday from 10am to 10pm

Fairs and Festivals

Various food fairs throughout the year.

Montopoli	Medieval Festival
2 nd Sunday of September	
Pisa, Lungarni (June)	Light festival and regatta of S.Ranieri
Siena	Palio (August)
Versilia (region of Viareggio) (July/August):	Festival della Versiliana: theatre, ballet, operetta, exhibitions
Lucca	Sagra ed estate musicale (music festival)
Torre del Lago Puccini (July/Aug)	Festival Pucciniano: Puccini's operas
- Livorno regattas	(August) "Effetto Venezia" : cultural events; p. 9

1. Pistoia (July) Blues Festival and 25/7: Giostra dell'Orso,

6. ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS

THE CAMPSITE TOSCANA VILLAGE SUPPORTS THE ENVIRONMENT CARE BY:

- Providing separate garbage containers for: paper - glass- plastic- cans - compost
- Recycling the swimming pool water for the fire fighting system
- Taking care of the vegetation and planting new trees, including natives.
- Avoiding chemical herbicides
- Using natural and non polluting materials whenever possible.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Water is precious, do not waste it. Please be especially careful not to waste hot water, thus saving electricity as well.
- Take care of plants and trees
- Put all garbage in closed bags. Separate recyclable garbage in the recycling containers just outside the campsite: BLUE = glass, cans and plastic, BROWN = compost, WHITE = paper
- Do not throw litter on the ground; use the green bins provided.
- Do not put out or throw cigarette butts on the ground, use the ashtrays provided.
- Supervise your pets at all times to make sure they do not dirty the campsite, injure other guests or damage any property.
- Use the car within the campsite as little as possible.

7. CAMPSITE REGULATIONS

We ask you to respect the following camp regulations to allow for a peaceful and enjoyable stay for all our guests.

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1. **Cars and motorbikes:** all vehicles must drive at **walking pace** at all times. Pedestrians have right of way in the campsite. Please avoid raising dust.
2. **Day guests:** are required to pay the daily guest fee if they stay within the campsite for more than 1 hour
3. **Dogs:** dogs and cats are allowed in the campsite providing the following rules are followed. Dogs must be kept on leash at all times, and their owners must clean up after them. If other guests complain about a dog, the dog and owners may be asked to leave. Dogs cannot enter the mobile dogs.
4. **Fires:** it is forbidden to light any fires, except in the BBQs and away from the trees. Fires must be kept under supervision at all times as there is always a risk of fire. In the BBQs, do not use wood but the suitable charcoal.
5. **Electricity:** The availability for caravans is 3.5 A, which is equal to about 770 W. Electricity is supplied with UE standard approved sockets and may be used only with tripolar (earthed) cables. When you leave the site or mobile home, switch off the mains switch.
6. **Liability:** The campsite is insured against any damages incurred where the management is at fault (**Civil liability**). It is also insured against **theft** of caravans and tents and their accessories, but not of their contents. It is also insured against damage to caravans and mobile homes due to **fire**.
7. **Quiet time:** in June, July and August from 11pm to 7.30am and from 1.30pm to 3pm. Other months: from 10pm to 7.30am and from 1.30pm to 3pm.
8. **Car Gate:** Open from 7.30 to 23
9. **Reception hours:** Usually from 8.30 am to 12.30 pm and from 2.30 p to 18.30 pm. The hours can be changed depending on

the season and will be displayed on the notice board.

10. Payment: Clients who stay for long periods are requested to settle their account every 2 weeks. Credit cards are accepted.

11. Registration card: The registration card must be completed on arrival and if there are any changes in the number of people present in a family/group. This is a legal requirement.

12. Swimming pool: Opening hours are seasonal. The Management accepts no responsibility for the use of the swimming pool. Children under 10 must always be accompanied by a responsible adult. Before entering the swimming pool, you must wear a swimming cap, have a shower and wash your feet.

13. Gas: Camping gas is sold at the mini-market

14. Bikes: Cyclists must maintain walking pace within the campsite: speed is dangerous!! The Management accepts no responsibility in case of non compliance.

**For more information on: Detailed Itineraries; Trekking on Monte Pisano; Train timetable; Campsite brochure and price list:
ask at the reception for the detailed info-sheets.**

THANKYOU FOR YOUR STAYING AT TOSCANA VILLAGE

If you have some suggestion, or complaint, please tell us.

If you were happy.... Tell your friends, and give them our brochure!

THE END