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Greve in Chianti

The medieval town at the heart of life and trade in Chianti,
between sweeping woods and vineyards.

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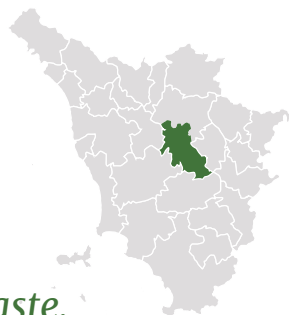
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History, sustainability and taste. Naturally Chianti.

Six towns dot the landscape between Florence and Siena. The geography is marked by the **Hills of Chianti**, a smaller mountainous range where the valleys and hills are constellated by villages and towns. This land has always played a key role in history, with its landscape forged by hundreds of years of synergy between humans and nature: Chianti culture has birthed a thousand traditions which are still alive and well. This fertile land boasts great biodiversity and a sustainable, innovative lifestyle.

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Chianti

**'Famous for its wines,
for the salubrious climate
and even more well-known
for its geographical position,
which can be said to be in
the centre of the Grand Duchy
of Tuscany'**

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Greve in Chianti, characterised by the famous vineyards that make its views so poetic and dreamy, can be considered a big outdoor museum, where every part of its territory is a picture that triggers beautiful emotions in the beholder. A thousand colours that, season by season, run after each other on the leaves of the vineyards, the silvery green of the olive trees and the beauty of the flourishing irises, are the absolute protagonists of a symphony which embraces every corner and frames the many medieval small towns, the true jewels of this land. The main city, with a lively and characteristic atmosphere, is full of restaurants and shops with the typical flavours, culture and traditional festivals.

In numbers

From historical towns to the wine country of Chianti: a land of a thousand flavours and traditions.

13,529

Population

236 m

Altitude

169.4 km²

Surface

81.2 ab/km²

Density

Beata Vergine Maria

Patron Saint - 8 settembre



Paths for exploring Greve in Chianti

The great natural beauty of Chianti can be explored on foot, deep in the landscape and its world-famous views. Greve in Chianti is the ideal place to dive into fascinating history and countryside, pervaded by Tuscan charm. In these small towns and villages, traditions are safeguarded and culinary excellence is brought to the table by numerous local restaurants, offering visitors unforgettable flavours.

6 Trails Exploring Chianti at a slow pace!

Scan the QR code to view and download the official Visit Chianti trails.



The House on the Mount Trail

A trail that insists on white roads and woodland paths, a ring between the villages of Lamole and Panzano that retraces the ancient road system that linked the two centers in the past. The itinerary begins on a white road and gradually climbs to provide a significant angle of view from the top to admire the Val di Pesa on the Panzano side and the Val di Greve on the Lamole side.

Duration: 4 h
Length: 10 km
Ascent: 210 m

Following the path of Niccolò da Uzzano

This trail starts from the old market square in Greve and leads to an ancient part of the road that connected Greve to the Cintoia Valley, which was particularly important in medieval times. Along this trail walkers can admire the high-medieval castle owned by the family of renowned humanist Niccolò da Uzzano, and the interesting hamlet of the Convertioie.

Duration: 3 h
Length: 6.5 km
Ascent: 200 m

Ruffoli ring

From the centre of Greve, this trail leads to the delightful viewpoint of the Melazzano hill, through a wooded area, and reaches the ancient mediaeval outpost of Ruffoli. The path then continues on towards Masso Tondo before reaching the public road of San Michele at Il Tiglio. From here, hikers can reach Monte San Michele or return to Greve along this public road.

Duration: 6 ore
Length: 14 km
Ascent: 500 m

Ring of Montefioralle and Montegonzi

Departure from the town of Greve to reach the medieval village of Montefioralle recognized as one of the "Most Beautiful Villages in Italy". Here, where every stone resonates with history, it will be possible to enjoy breath-taking views and evocative views that will bring the typical atmosphere of Tuscan villages. Continuing on, the route descends to Greve from the ancient center of Montegonzi, an important medieval settlement.

Duration: 3.5 ore
Length: 8 km
Ascent: 260 m

Ring of Lamole

Departure from the square in Lamole, the center of the village of medieval origin is characterized by the presence of typical dry-stone walls. The trail winds along nature trails in the typical Chianti woods throughout the upper Greve valley. The naturalistic path visits the highest part of the Chianti mountains (899 m) and reaches the locality of San Michele where an ancient settlement of Camaldolese monks arose with religious buildings.

Duration: 6 ore
Length: 13 km
Ascent: 400 m

Ring of the Pesa

Il percorso parte dalla frazione di Panzano, nota per la piazza con fontana che si trova esattamente a metà strada fra Firenze e Siena (come segnalato dal medaglione sul suolo intorno alla fontana). A seguire il sentiero si snoda lungo la valle della Pesa fino a raggiungere l'omonimo fiume, tra case coloniche, aziende agricole e bellissimi vigneti.

Duration: 3 ore
Length: 6.5 km
Ascent: 260 m



HIKING NETWORK

Walking over the hills and along the ridges of the Chianti Mountains

Nestled in the green heart of Tuscany, Greve in Chianti offers a wide range of hiking trails across breathtaking landscapes. Hikers and walkers can explore the hills cloaked in vineyards and olive groves, the oak forests and ancient hamlets; visitors will enjoy the spectacular views over the Tuscan countryside.

One of the most panoramic trails is the easy loop from **Greve to Montefioralle**, a delightful medieval town that has been perfectly preserved.

The trails based on the travels of **Niccolò da Uzzano** and the path of **Casa al Monte** also offer the chance to explore the outskirts of Greve, with the white paths, ancient buttresses and flourishing nature, while keeping an easy level of hiking.

The ring-paths of **Lamole** and **Ruffoli** are slightly more difficult but very beautiful: these two circuits are mainly naturalistic and lead to the highest part of the **mountains of Chianti**.

Each trail is a deep dive into nature and culture, giving visitors the opportunity to sample world-famous wines.



Lively town, the essence of Chianti life

The ancient and lively heart of the Florentine countryside opens its doors onto celebrated wine country. This is a crossroads of culinary arts and wine, fine art and calm rural life in an authentic atmosphere.

THE TOWN

‘Soul of tradition and dynamic spirit’.

Greve in Chianti is a pretty and lively town in the Florentine countryside whose beating heart lies in the main square. Born at the end of the 12th century, the ‘market’ of Greve enjoyed a strategic position with respect to the important communication routes of the period. It is closely linked to the older **Castello di Montefioralle** that stands over it. **Piazza Matteotti**, in its triangular form, framed by stone arcades under which sellers once exhibited their goods, retains the ancient commercial vocation of the town. Today it is enlivened by restaurants, butcher shops, wine bars, and artisans’ shops where the traditional atmosphere is found unchanged. In the centre of the square you will see the statue portraying **Giovanni da Verrazzano**, the 16th century navigator born in the castle of the same name not far from Greve, who became famous for exploring the coast of North America and being the first European to enter New York Bay. In the same square you will see the **Palazzo Comunale**, which was built in the 16th century, and the **Propositura di Santa Croce** (the Basilica of the Holy Cross). The latter, built in 1833 in the neoclassical style by the architect Luigi Cambray Digny, houses important works: a 15th century crucifix, a ciborium decorated with angels and festoons in glazed terracotta. This is attributed to the workshop of Santi di Michele Baglioni, the last heir of the famous technique. It also has the triptych Virgin Mary Enthroned with Saints Nicholas, John the Baptist, Thomas, and Martin, commissioned by Niccolò da Uzzano to Bicci di Lorenzo. From the pleasant walk under the arcades, you can continue along via Roma to browse in the classic traditional shops and then walk towards the **Museo Comunale di Arte Sacra** (the Municipal Museum of Sacred Art), located in the former Hospice of Saint Francis, already mentioned in 1492 and a stopping point for the Franciscans walking from Florence to Siena. Today, it has a collection of works of sacred art and precious paintings, together with a section dedicated to archeology with findings from the local area. The terrace of the museum is often used for cultural events and from its top you can enjoy a stunning view over Greve.

EVENTS

Events not to be missed

MARCH / NOVEMBER

Organic Market

The Pagliaio is a farmers’ market, bringing together all the local farms on the fourth Sunday of each month, with organic and seasonal produce, tastings and artisanal crafts.

APRIL

Market of Things from the Past

An event born in the 1970s that is usually held on Easter Monday. On this occasion, the antique merchants crowd the main square and streets of the town, each time attracting antique lovers, tourists, and casual browsers.

MAY

Festa del Giaggiolo

First weekend of May, San Polo in Chianti dedicates a festival to the Iris flower, its uses, and cultivation. Once, it was sold and exported to France for the perfume industry.

MAY

Flower Festival

This long-running flower event, held in Matteotti Square in Greve in Chianti, takes over the traditional cobblestone streets with a mantle of blooms. Exhibitors show flowers and plants, as well as set-ups for terraces, balconies and gardens.

MAY

The showcase of Slow Cities

Every year, in the main square of Greve in Chianti, this event gathers a great deal of stalls with traditional products and examples of the many sectors which form parts of the Slow Cities’ network.

MAY

The Wines of the Castle

An appointment aiming at celebrating the wine-growing productions of the hills around Greve. The streets of the ancient village of Montefioralle, one of the “most beautiful towns in Italy”, serve as a frame to this festival.

JUNE

The Scents of Lamole

It started in 2002 to show wine lovers the village of Lamole, one of the most special destinations of the Chianti Classico area, distinguished by highland cultivation and a historical-cultural landscape known all over the world.

JUNE / AUGUST

Opera Summer Season

A festival that for over 25 years has offered courses and master classes in opera singing that have brought opera talents and international artists to our piazzas, churches, and castles. Greve Opera Academy, Daniel Ferro Vocal Program, Bel Canto in Tuscany, three events that gather an audience of Italian and foreign opera lovers.

SEPTEMBER

Expo of Chianti Classico

Expo has become one of the most important events dedicated to the world of wine. Every year it hosts wine producers coming from all over the municipalities of Chianti Classico in the main square of Greve in Chianti. It is a perfect and unique opportunity to get to know the whole area and its main product.



Castles and ancient towns in sun-kissed valleys

Small towns deep in a landscape shaped by millennia of craft and tradition. Along the via Chiantigiana the countryside is a naturalistic spectacle, brimming with quality of life.

THE TERRITORY

‘The beauty of the historic rural landscape’.

Following the via Chiantigiana, from the south of Florence to Greve, is a wonderful journey in a natural setting where vineyards, villas, and castles are the real stars. Examples of these include the **Castello di Vicchiomaggio** and **Verrazzano** that rise above woods and vineyards with their 13th century towers. Not far from the centre of Greve in Chianti lies the very beautiful fortified town of Montefioralle, included on the list of the most beautiful towns in Italy, which still retains its medieval origins in its structure. Little more than a kilometre from **Montefioralle** you can visit a small jewel, the **pieve** (parish church) of **San Cresci**, built in Romanesque style, then restored with elements in the Gothic and Baroque styles. If you then turn towards Siena, you will arrive at the junction for **Lamole**, a place known for its breath-taking panoramas and for its tradition of growing grapes “bush style” on terraces built starting in the Middle Ages to adapt agriculture to the steep hillsides. The centuries-old attention to protecting the territory has earned Lamole the recognition of “historic rural landscape of Italy”. South of Greve is **Panzano in Chianti**, where it is possible to admire the ancient town dominated by the castle, once owned by the Firidolfis, that still retains its ancient grandeur with the style of the 13th century and additions in the 14th century. The remaining wall is interrupted where there is the church of S. Maria Assunta, whose bell tower is none other than one of the corner towers of the castle itself. Not far you will find the parish church of S. Leolino, situated on a hill looking over the wide valley of forests, olive groves, and vineyards. This is one of the oldest churches in Chianti and has some Romanesque architectural details which date from the first half of the 12th century, together with a harmonious facade preceded by an arcade dating back to 1500. The artistic heritage inside it is very rich, among which we should mention the dossal with the Virgin with child between St. Peter and Paul and the polyptych by Mariotto di Nardo.



Tips for exploring and experiencing the land

Around the lively centre of Greve in Chianti lie splendid woods and countryside, dotted with towns and villages full of history, taste and landscapes.

The main square

Of medieval origin, it is the most important square of the main town in Chianti. It still preserves its commercial soul to which it owes its special triangular shape framed by arcades which in the past were used to store goods. Today it is enlivened by restaurants, wine bars and craft shops. Just down the road, the Public Museum of Sacred Art, located in the ex hospice of Saint Francis.

Lamole

A place known for its breath-taking views and for the traditional ‘bush-trained’ vines grown on ‘terracing’ in order to adapt the vineyards to the steep slopes of the land. The agricultural landscape has been maintained and kept over the years showing visitors the same features as the past centuries. The street leading up the town, among terraced vineyards up to 500m altitude, is an attraction in itself.

Montefioralle

Montefioralle, one of the most beautiful towns in Italy, was set up as a fortified village during the central period of the Middle Ages, and still today, it has kept its atmosphere unspoiled. Did you know? This is where the family of the famed Florentine explorer Amerigo da Vespucci lived. Not far from the village lies the romanich church of San Cresci, offering a wonderful view of the ancient town and the Greve Valley.

Panzano in Chianti

A medieval town dominated by the 14th century castle in which there is the Church of Santa Maria Assunta. Not far, there is the church of San Leolino with its rich artistic heritage, located on a panoramic view point over a splendid valley of woodland, vineyards and olive groves. This area includes the famous Conca d’Oro (Golden Basin), a stretch of land with unusual geological and weather conditions, where very unique wines are produced.

