



THE VILLAGES OF CHIANTI





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Castellina in Chianti

Castellina in Chianti has Etruscan origins. This city was an important military capital between Florence and Siena. A testimony of this remains the Fortress. Also to see the Church of S. Salvatore rebuilt after the Second WarWorld-wide

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Radda in Chianti

Leaving the Via Chiantigiana and taking the state road SR429 you reach Radda in Chianti which retains its original medieval appearance. The "Palazzo del Podestà" dominates together with the Church of S. Niccolò of Romanesque origin. On the outskirts of the village is the ancient Franciscan Convent of S. Maria in Prato.

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Greve in Chianti

Greve in Chianti is considered the gateway to Chianti This lively town is famous for its particular square, which since the Middle Ages was the market place of the surrounding villages, castles and farms. Under the arcades of the square there are many shops artisans, wine bars and restaurants, to taste products and wines.



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Panzano

A few kilometers from Greve There is Panzano, a populous Chianti town. Since the twelfth century Panzano has played an important role in the defense of the territories of Florence. The Castle of Panzano was in fact an important bulwark in defense of the Republic of Florence in the wars between Florence and Siena. In the Antica Macelleria Cecchini you can taste the famous "Bistecca alla Fiorentina".

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Gaiole in Chianti

Not far from Radda there is the village of Gaiole in Chianti, whose origins date back to the Middle Ages. Around Gaiole there are some castles and fortified rocks that are worth a visit such as the Castle of Vertine, the Castle of Meleto, the Pieve di Spaltenna or the Castle of Brolio.

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Castelnuovo Berardenga

Castelnuovo Berardenga, was founded in 1366, it was located on the border between Florence and Siena; built by the latter, it remained under its control until 1555, when the city was defeated by the De'Medici family. In Piazza Petrilli, you can still see the remains of the high tower, which it was transformed in 1755 into the city clock tower.