

BENVENUTI A CORTONA!

Most people know of this tiny hilltop town from the book/movie Under the Tuscan Sun, there's more to this little city than you might expect!

If you arrive by train (Camucia-Cortona is where you'll get off!), make sure you find a bus or a Taxi to get you to the top of the hill! It's quite a hike up...

RESTAURANTS:

- **Enoteca Enotria**, Via Nazionale, 8: A bit of a hole in the wall and definitely a favorite spot among locals! We've been coming here for years and it's always a favorite. Order the antipasti plate to share and some foccacia pomodoro with a glass of white wine for a perfect lunch!
- **Ad Braceria**, via Nazionale, 10: Tucked down an alley, this is such a unique spot! Perfect for a romantic dinner or just a quiet escape from the touristy piazzas.
- **Fufluns**, Via Ghibellina, 3: Weird name, yes. Delicious pizza, YES. Their antipasti is delicious too!
- **Trattoria Dardano**, via Dardano, 24: A VERY popular spot!

BARS:

- **Enoteca Molesini**, Piazza della Repubblica, 22/23: A very friendly wine shop, the owner speaks English and is very knowledgeable about wine in the region!
- **Piazza della Repubblica**: Looking for a good aperitivo spot? While it's the most popular piazza in town (and can be a bit more expensive) this is a great spot for a pre-dinner cocktail and snack! As well as prime people watching.

HISTORIC SITES:

- **Santa Margherita**, Piazzale Santa Margherita, 1: At the VERY tip top of town is the church for the patron saint of Cortona, Margherita! It's a bit of a hike to get there but the view is gorgeous and the church is lovely.
- **Le Celle**, Case Sparse, 73: The 13th century Franciscan hermitage that Saint Francis spent some time at during his final years! An easy hike out of the north end of town, it's a quiet and holy spot to walk to after lunch.
- **The Etruscan Walls**: Along the parking lots outside the walls of Cortona, you'll find markers that indicate where you can see remnants of the Etruscan foundations of the city!

MUSEUMS:

- **Diocesan Museum**, Piazza del Duomo 1: This unassuming museum houses some very art from some very famous regional artists! And it's right next to a gorgeous overlook of the cemetery of Cortona!
- **Accademia Etrusca**, Piazza Luca Signorelli, 9: Tuscany is named after the Etruscans, the group of people that inhabited the region and predate the Romans! They were an impressive society and left behind some amazing artifacts.

FUN THINGS TO SEE:

- **DelBrena Jewelry**, Piazza della Repubblica, 12: Our friends run this darling jewelry store! It's been in their family for generations and makes for a gorgeous souvenir to wear home! They have a tiny showroom under the stairs in the Piazza (adorable) and a larger showroom on the ground floor of a historic building nearby!
- **Piazza Garibaldi**: From this gorgeous spot you'll be able to see all the way to Lake Trasimeno on a clear day! GORGEOUS!
- **Corso Nazionale**: The main shopping street in town! Lots of unique stores, regional souvenirs and antiques to peruse!
- **Via Janelli**: This quiet little street has some of the oldest remaining medieval houses! You can see the timber along their sides!
- **Via della Mura del Duomo**: A gorgeous view of the valley and a charming street! Lots of flowers along these doorsteps to take photos of.