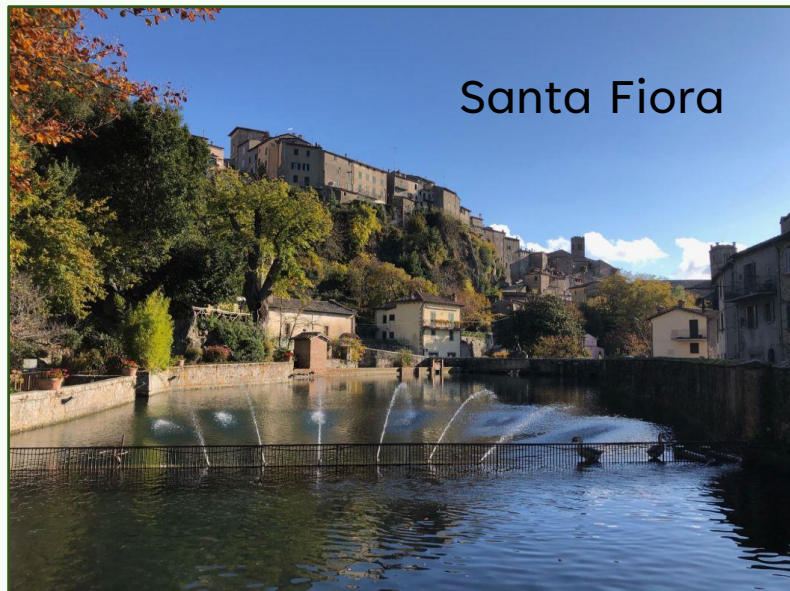
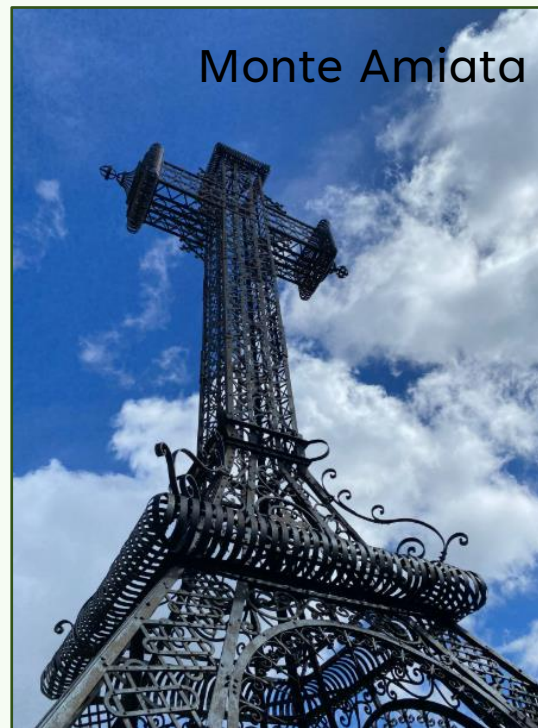


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## About us:

We are proud to send this first edition of i due cipressi Bed & Breakfast with tips for visiting beautiful Tuscany. Since 2024 we have opened the doors of our B&B in Santa Fiora (GR) and we ourselves are discovering more and more beautiful villages, places and sights that are more than worth visiting Tuscany. Even at this time of year, the rolling valleys and hills are beautiful. Even though the sunflowers and lavender have bloomed, the grapes and olives have been harvested, driving through Tuscany is still enchanting. The colors in autumn and now in winter are also beautiful. Now that the leaves have fallen from the trees, we ourselves keep seeing new vistas along the way! Last year we received quite a few questions from our guests about what they absolutely had to see during their stay at our B&B. From that came the idea for a kind of 'ideas jar' which led to this digital edition. This is our first copy that we have now created after one year of living together in Tuscany based on our own experiences. Also, really read it as tips for a wonderful vacation in Tuscany. Of course we won't tell you everything, we think it would be much more fun if you come and visit and discover the places yourself.

Happy reading, Kees & Marga

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## i due cipressi Bed & Breakfast:

The old white barn was completely renovated in 2023. Previously housing 15 cows, the barn now houses two beautiful rooms, each with a generous bathroom and a spacious (private) terrace.



The rooms we have named  
Grape & Olive

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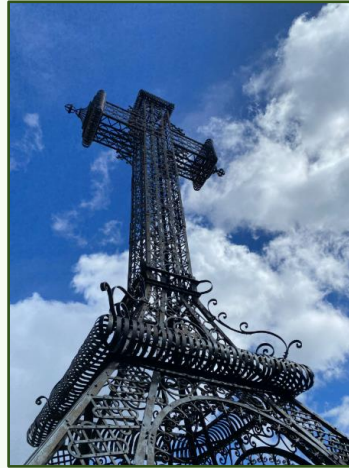
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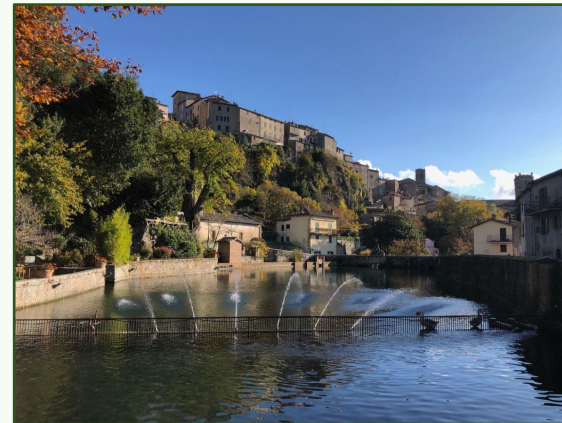
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## Monte Amiata:

This extinct volcano with its summit reaching a height of 1732m is just a 20-minute drive from our B&B.

The last eruption was 180,000 years ago. However, there are still many geysers and hot springs.

The mountain is part of the Antiappennini. This is a group of mountains separate from the Apennines. After Stromboli and Mount Etna, Monte Amiata is the highest volcano in Italy.

The view from the top is phenomenal, wide and beautiful. In clear weather, even Lago di Bolsena can be seen. With the impressive large cross on top of the summit and the beautiful nature, this mountain invites a visit every season of the year.

Right now, there is plenty of snow on the mountain and skiing is possible. The ski rental is on the mountain, so strap on your skis and take the elevator up. In 2023 and 2024 there was still snow at the end of March.

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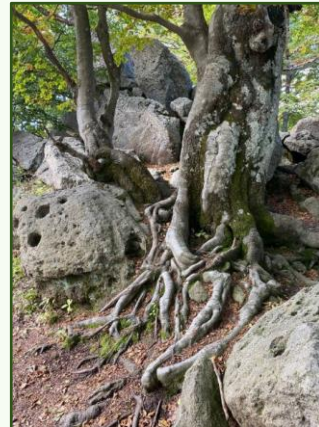


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The phenomenal view from the top overlooking of the beautiful valley with beautiful colors, for which Tuscany is so famous for.

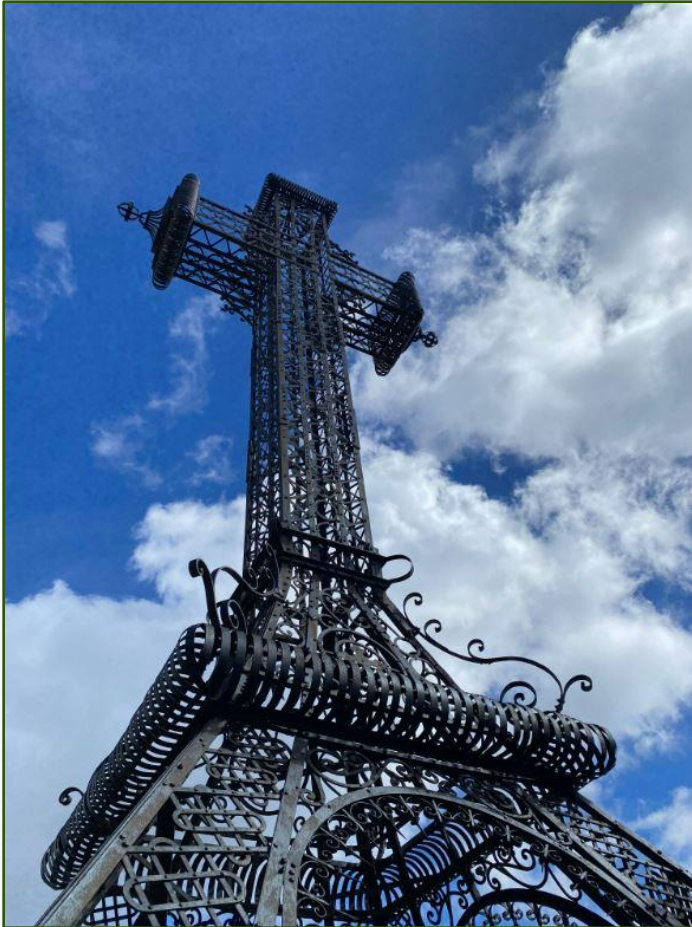
When visiting the summit, a walk through the wooded area should not be missed. Sometimes with a small climb over the stones to see for example MADONNA degli SCOUTS (lady of the scouts) up close and the next moment enjoying the trees, the moss-covered rocks or a beautiful vista!



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The imposing monumental cross at the very top was built at the end of the 19th century.

Pope Leo XIII decided to erect twenty crosses on the tops of different mountains in Italy to celebrate the holy year 1900.

So, one of these crosses stands on Monte Amiata.

The view from this point is truly amazing

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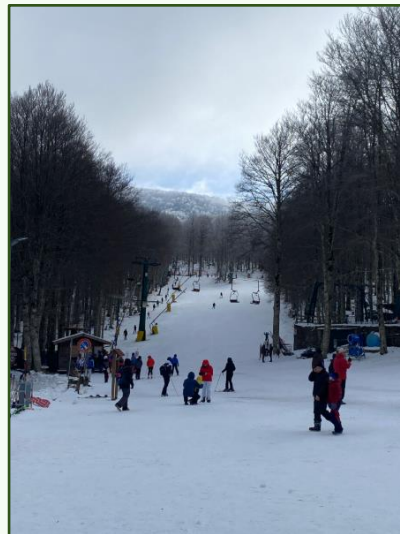
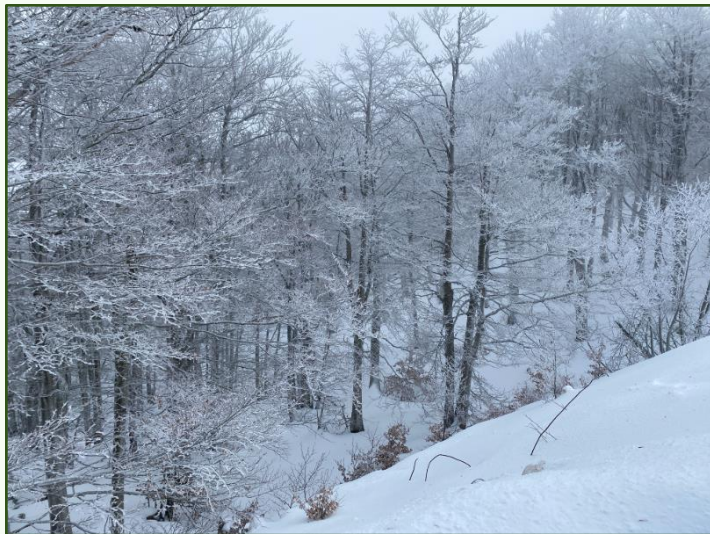
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## Monte Amiata during winter time:

Perhaps not immediately thought of, but there is a lot of winter sports fun to be had on Monte Amiata.

It is quiet, the slopes are wide and not too difficult. (mainly blue and red)

If you have skiing plans for this winter or no plans for 2025-2026 and need to avoid long queues at the elevator, Monte Amiata could be a very good destination!





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## Hotwatersprings:

Near the B&B are several hot springs, especially at this time of year the water temperature is very pleasant. In summer it can be a bit too hot. We ourselves visited the thermal baths of Saturnia.

This sulfurous thermal spa is well known in Tuscany.

The water is around 37 degrees and beautifully blue in color.

The carbon dioxide and hydrogen sulfide content is high and has a good effect on the respiratory system.

A visit to most hot springs is free.

Only parking, within walking distance of the thermal baths, requires payment.



(This photo is from the internet, our own photos do not give as good an impression of these thermal baths)

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Other well-known spas are:

-Bagni di San Filippo

Here we have already seen pictures of guests who have visited these spas, we ourselves have not been here yet. Smaller than Saturnia and very beautiful!

A visit to San Filippo is on the wish list for next year, as are the other spas:

-Parco dei Mulini, Bagno Vignoni

-Bagni die Petriolo

-San Casciano dei Bagni

As soon as we have been to one of the mentioned spas ourselves, we will be happy to share our own photos again!

We have already welcomed guests who have come to Tuscany especially for the various spas and have booked overnight stays with us because of the central location of our B&B.

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## Santa Fiora:

Santa Fiora is one of the 'borghi più bella d'Italia (most beautiful villages in Italy). It is a small and cozy village with about 2,800 inhabitants.

At the edge of the center of Santa Fiora is the peschiera, a beautiful large pond with a fountain and impressive fish, surrounded by a park in which you can walk.

There is a cozy terrace overlooking the peschiera where you can have a drink or something to eat.

In Santa Fiora there are several restaurants and bars, there is a supermarket (less than 10 minutes from our B&B) and there are several other stores.

There is a lot of history in Santa Fiora and many traditions are celebrated annually.

From Santa Fiora there are several hiking & biking tours. Starting from the peschiera, the center (at the bottom of the bridge) or from the Convento,

Renting electric bicycles is also possible, both in Santa Fiora and in the nearby area for example in Castel del Piano, Arcidosso or at the Monte Amiata.

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## The peschiera:



For only 1 euro you can visit the peschiera. In the pond swim beautiful large fish. Around the pond is a park with many small bridges. On the terrace of the Jim bar, you can have a drink. With a view of the pond.



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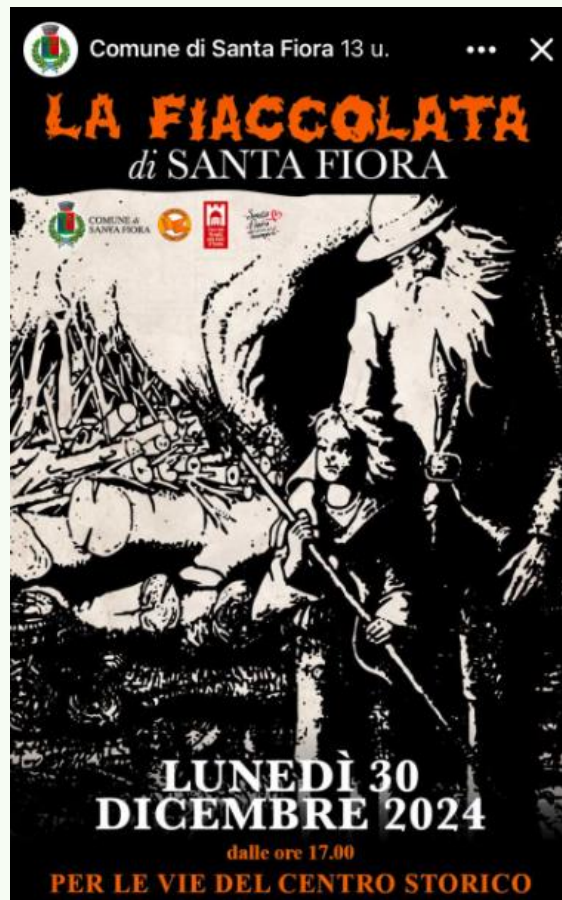
## LA FIACCOLATA:

The torchlight procession on the evening of December 30 in Santa Fiora dates to ancient times, when fire rituals were held to purify and expel evil.

We have witnessed this evening 3 times now and it remains very impressive. In the middle of the square (Piazza Garibaldi) are two huge piles of wood. These are set on fire.

Santa Fiora and the surrounding area is overflowing with people! In the village there are several mini torch stacks in the streets, residents serve freshly prepared food at minimal cost and hot wine is served. And all so peaceful and convivial. Very special!

December 30 - 2024 both rooms of the B&B were booked, people come especially for this evening!



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## A few more impressions of Santa Fiora:



In the next edition, we will inform about various festivities for this year.

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## Siena:

Just over an hour from our B&B is Siena.

When staying with us a visit to Siena should not be missed.

Siena known for the beautiful il Duomo, cozy streets and vistas and of course the square, Piazza del Campo known for Palio di Siena. This horse race is held twice a year and always on July 2 and August 16! Come and discover Siena for yourself!



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## At the end:

So much for the first edition. Our next edition will be published in the first week of February 2025.

If you already receive our newsletter, you will automatically receive the new issue with two new tips for visiting Tuscany every month.

Hopefully, this issue has given you enough reasons to visit Tuscany. We hope to welcome you to our B&B.

You can check the availability on the website or send us an email!

We hope to see you in Tuscany! Cordiali Saluti!   

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