

Directions to Villa Cristoforo

Via San Cristoforo, 1
52044 Cortona (Arezzo)
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Trains (schedule at http://www.fsitaliane.it/homepage_en.html)

Be sure and validate purchased ticket before boarding the train.

From Rome Airport (Fiumicino Aeroporto) take the **Leonardo Express to Roma Termini** (leaves every 15 min and takes 20 minutes). Then take train to Camucia (closest) or Terontola. Another option is the high speed intercity train to Chiusi, where you can rent a car or have someone pick you up – about 30 minutes from Cortona (see Taxi). You can use automated ticket machine just to right inside terminal (past double doors). Machine has an English option and the announcements are in English. There is also a manned ticket office.

Taxis are often but not always available at Camucia or Terontola stations or call a taxi. Recommend arranging taxi or a pickup in advance.

The automatic ticket machine in Camucia is fast and easy - in English and accepts credit cards - just right of ticket counters. Look at the large schedule board in the station. Announcements are made in English.

Train information is available and tickets can be purchased at Ivan's Tobacco shop or the Information Office, both in Cortona on via Nazionale.

Taxis

Our address is “via San Cristoforo Uno, a Cortona”. The villa is next to “Chiesa san Cristoforo” and near the “Etruscan gate”.

Claudio Alberghina. Magic Tuscany Tours. Speaks English. White van, usually in Piazza Signorelli. Email: mrtaxi@tin.it. Fax 0575-601006. Cell 0338-7005999

Albino or Alessio Caleri, Telephone 0575-614101 Albino 368-7386544. Alessio 338 704 3596, Office 0575-614101 autonoleggiocaleri@libero.it They have a station wagon and a van for multiple passengers, and luggage. They will pick up at the Rome or Florence airport and do day trips to other cities, out of town restaurants, and simple trips to or from the Camucia train station. Alessio speaks some English.

Rental Cars

Avis in **Arezzo**, They speak English and will pick up at Arezzo train station. Telephone 0347-4323239, essedue@ad2000.it

Alfa Dealer – Tamburini in **Camucia** - Reasonable rates. Near COOP. Will rent for a few days. Contact Francesco. Telephone 0575-630286. Fax 0575-604584. Email tamburini@alfaromeoweb.com.

Chiusi, Rome or Milan. Have several rental companies.

Driving and Parking - Cortona

Approximately 2 hours north of Rome and 1 ½ hours south of Florence (Firenze) off Autostrada Roma-Firenze. A1. Take **Valdichiana exit** on Autostrada A1 (green signs). Take SuperStrada 326 (blue signs) in direction of **Perugia**. This is the Siena-Perugia super highway.

GPS setting is for “Cortona (AR), via Orto di Cera, 10). This is the house next door as via San Cristoforo only has one house with that address and sometimes does not come up on GPS.

Exit SS 326 at **Castiglione del Lago** (about 4 exits, 19 km) and take SS 71 toward Arezzo and Cortona. Turn right thru Ossaia (best route is just before Camucia, immediately after Ricco). Turn left at T head, then right toward Cortona. See right.

If you miss the above turn, here are several routes to Cortona that work – all from Camucia. The next good one is at the first Cortona roundabout, take first exit.

Once up on the hill at Cortona (at the ancient wall), take the left route around the city wall (really straight) toward Citta di Castello.

Drive around Cortona and up to **Torreone**. Turn right into Torreone (Grifi is on left). Take right fork at Caffè Torreone, then a second right fork immediately and go through the Etruscan Gate on via Porta Montanina and keep left then right. The house on the right is a short distance on via Orto di Cera just past the small church and some parking spaces.

Parking is free and unlimited around the house. There is a space right in front of the Iron Gated Patio enclosing the front door.

Walking

To walk from the Piazza della Repubblica, go past Post Office up via Benedetti and turn right on via Giuseppe Maffei (Osteria del Teatro on right) and follow street up to Chiesa San Francisco where it bears left on via Berrettini. Follow that street up until it curves right into via Orto di Cera and you pass a triangle park called Piazza della Pescaia. Villa Cristoforo is on the left on the corner of via San Cristoforo. Obviously, you can walk to town down the same route.

There are several other routes. One walking down to town is to take via San Cristoforo to via del Salvatore (turn right) and follow down to via del Fontenelle (fork right) which takes you to the top of via Dardano. About 10 minutes and less steep. Stay right down or left coming up.

There is another route down that starts below the triangle park on via della Santucce to via Santa Margarita (winding) which if you turn right will bring you to the end of via Nazionale at Piazza Garibaldi. You can return the same route.

