## Allegato 3 - esempio di revisione contenuto per i blog

#### Certaldo, a medieval corner of Tuscany

If you are travelling to Florence and have <u>a chance the possibility</u> to <u>gdo on</u> a trip <u>in around the Tuscany's</u> hill-top towns, <u>make sure you pay a visit to all around the city don't miss</u>
Certaldo, a fascinating medieval hamlet in the heart of the Elsa valley. Certaldo is <u>without a doubt for sure</u> one of the most charming <u>small</u>-towns <u>of in</u> Tuscany, situated <u>at aroundapproximately</u> 35 kilometres southwest of Florence <u>city centre</u> and 45 kilometres <u>far</u> from Siena.

Its name comes from the Latin<u>term</u> "cerrus altus", whichthat means "a rise covered in oak treess" and its origins date back back to Etruscan times.

# Main sights

We can divide Certaldo into Certaldo Bassa and Certaldo Alta. The first one part is the newest part area of the town, situated located in the lower part of the areazone, while t. The second one latter is the ancient old part and it's where you can find more of the main major sights.

The town centre or "Castle": The ancient old centre is located withininside medieval defensive walls and the entrance is granted gained through the ancient doors gates, known as Porta Alberti, Porta al Sole and Porta al Rivellino. To reach the city town centre you can both either walk or take thea funicular railway. If you decide to go on foot, you can climb up along the lovely roads of Via Costa Alberti and Via Costa Vecchia, or the more modern Via del Castello. The funicular railway departs leaves from piazza Piazza Boccaccio.

The main square: There is no a big-main square here in Certaldo! In medieval timesthe Middle Ages, the main square town's was home to the town's major buildings and local powers faced here. But Certaldo is located insurrounded on all side by steep hills, so the religious, political, civil and commercial powers are spread along Via Boccaccio. There are little-small squares spread dotted all aroundthroughout the walled town, but they are not ancient and were once previously private gardens.

Palazzo Pretorio (or "dei Vicari"): It-This palazzo can be considered <u>as</u> the symbol of Certaldo, with its brick façade, a <u>clock</u> tower <u>with a clock onto</u> the right and the coats of arms in glazed terracotta, marble and <u>pietra serena</u> stone (some of them were made by Andrea Della Robbia). Each coat of arms represents the families of the vicars that lived <u>in</u> and governed <u>from there</u>. The prisons, <u>the</u> meeting rooms, <u>the</u> archive, <u>the</u> chapel and <u>the</u> private lodgings of the vicars <u>are still visiblecan still be seen</u> today. Don't miss the San Tommaso and Prospero church, dating back to the 13th century, next to Palazzo Peretorio.

**Museum of** sacred <u>Sacred artArt</u>: <u>It was oo</u>riginally a <u>15th-15th-</u>century Augustinian convent, <u>this building was restored and turned converted</u> into a museum in 2001. Here, you can admire works such as paintings, sculptures and sacred relics by distinguished artists dating back to the 12th century to the 16th century. There is also a frescoed refectory.

**Palazzo Stiozzi Ridolfi**: <u>It is This palazzo is now</u> closed, <del>today</del> but its ancient walls can still be seen from <u>the out</u>side.

### Curiosities

- The famous Tuscan writer Boccaccio, author of the Decameron and poet of the Life of "Vita di Dante" was born here. Y and still today you can still visit his red-brick house today, where he spent the last few years of his life. He was buried here in 1375 and there is a statue dedicated to him in the town's main square of the city, erected in 1875. Today, it is also the seat headquarters of the Giovanni Boccaccio National national Institution.
- Within One of the Tuscan products promoted by Slow Food there is the Certaldo Oniononion. As we can readRead all about it in this post by Tuscanycious. (http://www.turismo.intoscana.it/allthingstuscany/tuscanycious/slow-food-intuscany/) T-there are two varieties of this onion: the Vernina and the Statina, both excellent forwonderful in soups.

Main events

Mercantia: This It is the largest and most famous festival here in Certaldo. It is an international street art festival that of street art takesing place in Certaldo Alto in July. It involves There are more than 100 shows per night with music, theatre, performances, circus, etc. To know more about the event, read this post: {http://www.turismo.intoscana.it/allthingstuscany/aroundtuscany/mercantia-is-back-incertaldo/}.

**Boccaccesca**: Certaldo is <u>a great good</u> place to <u>taste enjoy</u> Tuscan food, especially in September/October, when a festival <u>is held that with sells</u> local products, <u>offers</u> cooking lessons in the streets and <u>a the whole town basks in a friendly atmosphere takes place</u>. It is called Boccaccesca (<u>off course</u> in honour of Giovanni Boccaccio <u>of course</u>) and includes <u>also</u> cooking shows, pastry lessons, markets, wine tastings and educational children's workshops <u>on in</u> the streets.

### How to reach it Getting here

By car: <a href="wow can to saily to">wow can to saily to</a> reach Certaldo by car, <a href="located it is">located it is</a> 37 km from Florence, 35 km from Siena, 75 km from Pisa and 80 km from Livorno. Certaldo is connected to the motorway Firenze-Siena, <a href="direction-in a">direction-in a</a> southerly direction, <a href="at-about 11">at-about 11</a> km-through from the <a href="exit">exit</a> Poggibonsi Nord <a href="exit">exit</a>, From the north it is connected to the S.G.C. FI-PI-LI <a href="through the exit">through the exit</a> the Empoli Ovest <a href="exit">exit</a>, which is about 22 km from Certaldo.

**By train**: From Florence train station Santa Maria Novella train station, you can reach Certaldo in 50 minutes. Certaldo is located on the Empoli-Siena-Chiusi railway line. The rail transport system provides semi-fast connections with Florence and Siena (one every hour in each direction), while there are fast regional connections to regional fast (always one every hour in each direction) with to Siena and Empoli, with connections to Florence and from Pisa.

**By bus**: Urban transport is managed by Train Siena Spa, which provides connections to the surrounding villages.

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**Commento [HF1]:** Sopra c'e scritto che non esiste una piazza principale a Certaldo!

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