

Discover The Filming location of Medici Magnificent



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Day 1: Arrival Pisa Airport

Meeting at Pisa airport with your driver and transfer to your historical mansion of Medici Family , situated among the hills and vineyards of Montalbano, in a dominant position on a hill which had already hosted a sacred area at the time of the Etruscans, the Medici Villa "La Ferdinanda" was built in 1596 at the behest of Grand Duke Ferdinando I de 'Medici, according to the project by Bernardo Buontalenti .

"I was today at Artimino and believe me Your Highness that I have found for you a Spring," the Grand Duke wrote to his wife Christine of Lorraine on January 19, 1596.

Even Leonardo da Vinci seems to have remained some time at this Villa: in fact in the old kitchen of the Grand Ducal Cellars the rotisserie he designed can still be admired. In the halls of the Villa, in the loggia and in the lovely chapel one can view well preserved frescoes contemporary with the structure, realized by the artist Domenico Cresti, known as Passignano and Bernardino Poccetti.

In the afternoon enjoy a visit at Artimino estate and Wine tasting

Overnight at Artimino estate****



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Day 2: Montepulciano & Pienza

Buffet Breakfast at your hotel

Meeting at the hotel with your personal driver transfer to Montepulciano and let's start to discover the shooting location.

The filming lasted 18 weeks especially between Rome and Florence where producers had the opportunity to shoot in historical sites as Palazzo Vecchio, Bargello Palace, the church of San Lorenzo, and inside the Duomo. Other shots were made in Pienza, Montepulciano, Pistoia, Bagno Vignoni, San Quirico d'Orcia and the UNESCO site of Val d'Orcia.

*Montepulciano is a hilltop town located in Siena and dates back to the Medieval and Renaissance period. This specific region of Tuscany is where the Vino Nobile di Montepulciano comes from. It is also the birthplace of scholar and poet, Agnolo Ambrogini a.k.a. Poliziano, who was the educator of Lorenzo the Magnificent's children. The hilltop setting of Montepulciano was a strategic location and served as a lookout and military settlement during Ancient Roman times. Montepulciano has also been the filming location for **The Twilight Saga**.*

Visit of the village and stop for a typical lunch with wine tasting.

Next stop is Pienza in the fiction was used The Duomo and Palazzo Piccolomini as set location as background for Cosimo's wedding.

Back at your hotel and relax . Dinner : Independent

Overnight at Artimino estate****



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Day 3: Florence

Buffet Breakfast at your hotel

Meeting at the hotel with your personal driver transfer to Florence.

Meeting your guide at San Lorenzo and immersing yourself in the history of this great dynasty. The tour starts with the [Basilica of San Lorenzo](#) and the [Medici Chapels](#). The behemoth basilica, although the original cathedral of Florence, is more commonly known today for being the eternal resting place of these financial fathers of the Renaissance. Next visit [Santa Maria del Fiore](#), the Florentine Duomo. While the cathedral was built before the Medici, Lorenzo believed the family had earned the right to mark their territory even here with those good ol' Medici balls. Lorenzo commissioned Andrea del Verrocchio, probably with the help of apprentice Leonardo da Vinci, to create a large Medici ball that he dropped directly atop the religious center of the city.

The final visit is Palazzo Medici (from external) is the residence of Cosimo il Vecchio, the honorary Pater Patriae and the founder of the Medici phenomenon. Under Cosimo, the family bank grew exponentially. Although his money put him in a position to take over the city in a hot second, he knew that discretion was the key to longevity in power. (car at disposal for transfer in & out— guide 3 hrs)

Afternoon to discover on your own the city

Lunch/dinner: Independent

Overnight at Artimino estate****





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Day 4: The Medici Villas

Buffet Breakfast.

Today is dedicated to discover the beauty of the Renaissance villas.

Meeting at the hotel with your personal driver transfer to The Medici Villas

The Medici Villas are an outstanding expression of the Renaissance and Baroque periods, and all of them have something that will make your visit worthwhile. Just a few kilometres from Florence, The Medici Villa della Petraia was a refuge for the Medici family and still today, it fascinates visitors for its magnificent Italian garden encircling the villa and for its richly decorated interior, which still contains a good portion of its original furnishings.

*The second stop is **The Medici Villa di Castello** in the hills of Florence, called the Villa Reale, Declared an UNESCO World Heritage Site, the magnificent villa has been the home of the Accademia della Crusca (it's possible to visit just the garden)*

Back at the hotel and time at leisure. Optional visit of Boboli gardens o Pistoia

Lunch/dinner: Independent

Overnight at Artimino estate****



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Day 5: Florence- Caprarola – Bracciano Lake

Meeting with your driver at hotel and departe towards Villa Caprarola

You may be surprised to discover that the middle ages Rome wasn't filmed in Rome, but in Viterbo, a minor city in Lazio like Caprarola, and Tivoli, a town close to the Capital.

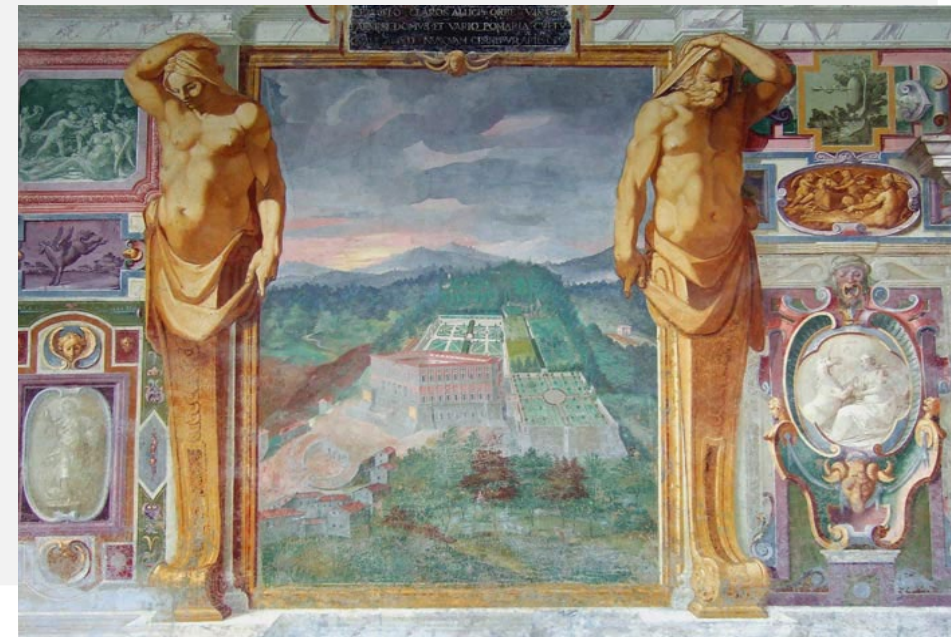
*The **Villa Farnese in Caprarola** and its gardens: The frescoed and ring-vaulted internal terrace-courtyard of Villa Caprarola doubles as a Medici villa in the series, while an un-frescoed terrace is used as a Vatican property in Rome. The Caprarola secret gardens with their unique fountains are used to represent the Vatican Gardens. It is a massive Renaissance and Mannerist construction, opening to the Monte Cimino, a range of densely wooded volcanic hills. It is built on a five-sided plan in reddish gold stone; buttresses support the upper floors.*

Lunch/dinner: Independent

Live the emotion to be accomodate in an historical mansion

The Relais Il Postiglione, strategically located along Via Cassia Antica between Rome and Tuscia, is known since 1463 with the name "Albergo del Leone". In 1666 it was bought by the Chigi princes who entrusted the restoration to Carlo Fontana, pupil of Bernini.

Overnight at Il Postiglione***



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Day 6: Bracciano Castle

Buffet Breakfast at your hotel

Meeting with your driver at your hotel and departure to Bracciano.

The tv series is not the only connection between Bracciano (and its castle) and the Florentine Family, but stronger ones come from the history.

Between 1417 e il 1696 Orsini Family ruled Bracciano, and built the castle (which is now know as Castle Orsini Odescalchi). The castle has been used as residence of the “Anti Pope” and in the Sala del Trittico Giovanni burns the cloak of Lorenzo, to teach him not to draw attention to himself and Cosimo burns his own drawings by saying goodbye to the ambitions of an artist.

The celebrations for the engagement of Cosimo and Contessina, at Palazzo Medici, take place in the Sala Orsini of the Castello di Bracciano.

Afternoon at leisure or we can add a tour in Rome

Lunch/dinner: Independent

Overnight at Il Postiglione***



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Day 7: Bracciano - Fiumicino

Buffet Breakfast at your hotel

Check-out and departure to Fiumicino Airport

Buon Viaggio!



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Package price starting from £2795 per person.

The package includes:

- Return flights departing from London (BA)
- 4nights in B/B Artimino estate
- 2 nights in B/B Historical mansion Il Postiglione Bracciano
- Private guided tour as per program
- Private transfer as per program
- Entrance tickets as per program
- 1 wine tasting/lunch Tenuta Artimino (3 dishes 1/4 wine and 1/2 water per person)
- 1 wine tasting/lunch Pienza (3 dishes 1/4 wine and 1/2 water per person)

The price is net and based on 2 participants

The package doesn't include:

- Visit and entrance fees not mentioned in the program;
- Meals;
- City tax in hotel;
- All items not mentioned in “the package includes”.