

## Flying to Italy

The following chart shows airlines that fly from the UK to various airports in Rome, Pisa and Ancona. You can find further information and flight details at the airlines' websites, listed below.

	Fiumicino (Rome)	Ciampino (Rome)	Pisa	Ancona
Heathrow	BA, Alitalia			
Gatwick	BA		BA	
Stansted		Ryanair	Ryanair	Ryanair
E Midlands		Easyjet		
Coventry		Thomsonfly	Thomsonfly	
Birmingham	BA			
Manchester	BA		BA	
Edinburgh	BA			
Glasgow		Ryanair		

[Alitalia](http://www.alitalia.co.uk) ([www.alitalia.co.uk](http://www.alitalia.co.uk))

[British Airways](http://www.british-airways.com) ([www.british-airways.com](http://www.british-airways.com))

[Easyjet](http://www.easyjet.co.uk) ([www.easyjet.co.uk](http://www.easyjet.co.uk))

[Ryanair](http://www.ryanair.com) ([www.ryanair.com](http://www.ryanair.com))

[Thomsonfly](http://www.thomsonfly.com) ([www.thomsonfly.com](http://www.thomsonfly.com))

## Car rental

A car is essential during your visit as the apartment is 7km from the nearest town of Tavernelle and is on no public transport routes.

If you are flying to Italy, car hire is available from Rome airports (Fiumicino or Ciampino), Pisa or Florence airports.

*Fiumicino:* The car collection and drop-off point is in car park B, level 4, round the corner from the car rental offices. When returning the car, fill up at the Pisana service station on the Rome ring between junctions 33 and 32.

*Ciampino:* When returning the car, fill up at the Casilina service station on the Rome ring between junctions 17 and 18. Do not leave the ring road until the Ciampino airport turn (junction 23). Do not be misled by the signs to Ciampino centro (and Fiumicino, but not Ciampino, airports) at junction 22. Warning: the Rome ring can get extremely busy and slow at peak times (early evenings weekdays, especially). Do allow plenty of time when driving back to the airport.

If you prefer to travel from the airport by train, Avis has a car hire office just opposite the station entrance at Chiusi. Use the instructions below (arriving from the north) for directions from Chiusi to Castello di Gaiche.

## Trains

The most convenient railway station is at Chiusi, on the main north-south rail route. Trains run from Rome, Florence, Bologna, etc. The Italian railway website ([www.trenitalia.com](http://www.trenitalia.com)) has an online timetable and booking facility

## Driving to Gaiche



*Arriving from the south (Rome, A1) . directions to Tavernelle*

Take the autostrada A1 north from Rome, and leave at Fabro (toll .6.30 Rome.Fabro, 2005). Turn left after the pay booth (to Fabro Scalo), across the river and railway. At the roundabout in Fabro Scalo, turn left onto the SR71 towards Città della Pieve. Follow the SR71 for about 9 km, until you reach Monteleone d.Orvieto, where you turn right, signposted to Piegara. Follow this winding road for about 10 km to Piegara, where you skirt round the old town of Piegara and down the hill to the junction with the SS220 (Città della Pieve.Perugia road). Turn right to Tavernelle (5 km). It is about 16 km in all from Monteleone to Tavernelle.

Follow instructions below from Tavernelle, via Pevole, Farneto and Castiglion Fosco, to Castello di Gaiche.

### *Arriving from the north (Florence, A1) - directions to Tavernelle*

Take the A1 south, and leave at the junction marked Chiusi/Chianciano T. After leaving the pay booth, turn right onto the SS146 towards Chiusi. Follow the road to Chiusi. Keep straight on at the traffic lights at the old town, and go down the hill. Keep bearing left at two Y-junctions (following the main road, marked to Perugia), and take the elevated road round Stazione di Chiusi and across the railway and River Chiana. Enter Po Bandino. At the Y-junction follow round left, signposted to Perugia, Castiglione del Lago and Moiano. After about 3.5 km you will enter the village of Moiano. In the centre of the village, just after the garage on the right, is a signpost (right) to Piegaro and Tavernelle. Take this road and follow it across the hills for about 9 km. You will eventually drop down a hill (with Piegaro across the valley on the hill ahead of you) to a T-junction. Turn left for Tavernelle (about 5 km).

Follow instructions below from Tavernelle, via Pevole, Farneto and Castiglione Fosco, to Castello di Gaiche.

### *More scenic (but a little longer) route from the North, via Castiglione del Lago*

Leave the A1 at the junction marked Val di Chiano, signposted to Perugia. Take the A1 Perugia Superstrada towards Perugia. After about 20 km, at the first junction, turn off at the SR71 to Castiglione del Lago. Go left at the T-junction after the slip road, and follow the SR71 to Castiglione (9 km). Go through the town; the old town is on your left. About 7 km from the crossroads at the centre of Castiglione del Lago turn right to Tavernelle and Panicale. Go across the first crossroad where the SS599 goes off to Perugia and follow the SP306 past Panicale to Tavernelle (12 km). Turn left when you reach the main road, into Tavernelle.

Follow the instructions below from Tavernelle, via Pevole, Farneto and Castiglione Fosco, to Castello di Gaiche.

### *Arriving from the east (Perugia direction)*

Leave Perugia on the SS220 to Città della Pieve (see below for directions into/out of Perugia). Go through Strozacaponi, Castèl del Piano and Colle San Paolo. Just past the last of these you will pass the town sign for Tavernelle (about 17 km from the last roundabout on leaving Perugia), and then a blue road sign indicating a road to the left to Castiglione Fosco. The junction is about 0.5 km from the Tavernelle sign. Turn left onto the Castiglione Fosco road and follow the instructions below, via Pevole, Farneto and Castiglione Fosco, to Castello di Gaiche.

### *Getting from Tavernelle to Castello di Gaiche*

Drive into Tavernelle, across the first roundabout (by the Mr Over Tavern to your right). Follow the road towards and round the town centre, passing through two sets of traffic lights. On the way out, pass the Banca dell.Umbria (right), Conad (left). Go straight at the roundabout; about 100 m after that, at the sign indicating you are leaving Tavernelle, turn right. There is a roadside shrine at the junction and the road is signposted to Collebaldo, Castiglione Fosco and other places, including Castello di Gaiche (brown sign).

Follow the road through Pevole and Farneto and up the hill to Castiglione Fosco (3 km from the main road). When you enter Castiglione Fosco, with the petrol pumps ahead of you, turn right to skirt round the town to Collebaldo. Drive through Collebaldo (1 km), bearing right at the fork between the houses, and down the steep hill. After 1 km, at the bottom of the hill, turn right at the brown sign to Castello di Gaiche. Follow the white road up the hill. The road is about 1.5 km in all; unmade for about half that, but steep and twisty all the way to Castello di Gaiche at the top.

## **About driving in Italy**

The speed limits in Italy are generally 50 km/h (31 mph) in built-up areas, 90 km/h (56 mph) on single carriage roads, 110 km/h (68 mph) on dual carriageways and 130 km/h (81 mph) on motorways (autostrade). However the authorities have brought in stricter speed limits throughout Italy. There is a lack of repeaters in the limited areas, so keep a watch for the start and end of different limited areas. Nor is it the case in Italy that the town boundary automatically means the start or end of a built-up speed limit . Watch the signs.

You should have the car lights on at all times when driving outside built-up areas. (It is easier to leave them on all the time.)

Car parking spaces (along the side of roads, in car parks, etc) are often colour coded; blue for paying, white for free parking and yellow for disabled and other special places. Check the signs and meters for when you have to pay, sometimes lunchtimes and weekends can be free.