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- PUBLIC AUTHORITIES**
- 1 Town Hall - Viale Verdi, 46 - tel +39 0572 9181 - fax 0572 918264
 - 2 Post Office - Via Armatella, 1 - tel +39 0572 90941
 - 3 Traffic Police - Via del Salice, 171 - tel +39 0572 706907 - fax 0572 918810
- CULTURE**
- 4 Imperiale Cinema - Piazza D'Avoglia, 5 - tel +39 0572 78510
 - 5 Excelsior Cinema - Viale Verdi, 66 - tel +39 0572 90438
 - 6 Verdi Theatre - Viale Verdi, 45 - tel +39 0572 70666
 - 7 Public Library Villa Forini Ligpi - Via Provinciale Lucchese - tel +39 0572 918700
- SPA** - The thermal baths highly prized are open to the public: Toretta and Tamerici, ex-thermal baths, are now mainly considered historical buildings.
- 8 Spa Society management - Viale Verdi, 41 - tel +39 0572 7781
 - 9 Excelsior Spa - Viale Verdi, 61
 - 10 Thermal baths and Grocco thermal pool - Via delle Palme, 1
 - 11 Leopoldine Spa - Viale Verdi, 67
 - 12 Tamerici Spa - Viale Tamerici, 69
 - 13 Tettuccio spa and Regina Spa - Viale Verdi, 71
 - 14 La Salute Spa - Viale della Salute, 20
 - 15 Redi Spa - Viale Bicchiera, 64
 - 16 Toretta Spa - Piazzale Toretta
- TRANSPORTS AND PARKINGS**
- 17 Funicular to Montecatini Alto - Viale Diaz, 22 - tel +39 0572 766662
 - 18 Bus station - Piazza Italia - tel +39 0572 911781
 - 19 Check Point tourist bus - Piazza Italia - tel +39 0572 911364
 - 20 Montecatini Parkings - Via Testi, 10/14 - tel +39 0572 913958
 - 21 Taxi - Piazza del Popolo - tel +39 0572 71352
 - 22 ACI - Via U. Foscolo, 43/45 - Numero Verde: 803116 - Tel. +39 0572 913818
- SPORTS FACILITIES**
- 23 Municipal Stadium "D. Mariotti" - Via Marzotta 16 - tel +39 0572 74781
 - 24 Palaevid - Via Leonardo da Vinci, 4 - tel +39 0572 74418
 - 25 Indoor sports arena - Via Cimabee - tel +39 0572 773843
 - 26 "Sesana" Hippodrome - Viale Cadorna, 16 - tel +39 0572 905512
 - 27 MiniGolf - Viale Barchiacchi, 59 - tel +39 0572 771991
 - 28 Municipal Swimming pool - Via Cimabee, 16 - tel +39 0572 766681
 - 29 Bowling green - Via Marzotta - tel +39 0572 73643
 - 30 Tennis - Piazzale Toretta - tel +39 0572 78161
 - 31 Volley - Via Piana di Monserrato, 1 Piana di Novale (PT) - tel +39 0572 91818
 - 32 Montecatini Golf - Via dei Brogli - Loc. Plevada Monserrato N. tel +39 0572 62278
- CHURCHES**
- 33 Corpus Domini - Via Marzotta, 905 - tel +39 0572 74341
 - 34 S. Antonio - Via S. Francesco, 26 - tel +39 0572 79429
 - 35 S. Maria Assunta - Piazza del Popolo - tel +39 0572 78739
 - 36 S. Francesco d'Assisi - Via L. Galvani, 17 - tel +39 0572 71669
 - 37 Istituto Don Bosco - Via G. Garibaldi - tel +39 0572 78015
- USEFUL NUMBERS**
- 38 Società Soccorso Pubblico - Via Manni, 22 - tel +39 0572 990139
 - 39 Misericordia - Via Carli, 2 - tel +39 0572 75567
 - 40 Casa di cura S. Rita - Via Manca, 29 - tel +39 0572 92821
 - 41 118 - A.U.S.L.S. - Local health authority - Via San Marco, 48 - tel +39 0572 40003
 - 42 112 - Carabinieri - Italian Police Force - Via Tappea, 16
 - 43 113 - Polizia - Viale Paoletti, 65
 - 44 115 - Fire brigade - Via Camporandi
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Montecatini Terme

Discover the town

The Spa

For centuries, Montecatini's hot springs have been identified as a *center for regeneration, well-being and beauty*; and these extraordinary gifts come from the waters spouting from the depths of the earth. After making its way through millennia-long deposits of limestone, jaspers and clay, the water finally spills into the thermal establishments immersed in beautiful parks. Their names evoke the magical atmosphere that surrounds them: Tettuccio, Regina, Excelsior, Leopoldine, Salute, Redi and Torretta.

They are the purest of waters rich with precious elements that are commonly present in the human body. Although hydropink therapy, that is drinking the water, is the most well-known treatment, these thermal establishments also offer a complete range of healing and regenerative cares, such as massages, physical therapy, mud applications, sauna, ozone-added baths, esthetic treatments, Inhalation therapies, anti-aging programs and a full customized set of innovative solutions in the field of beauty and well-being.



The Liberty tour

Departing from Piazza del Popolo, let yourself be enraptured by the elegant atmosphere of Viale Verdi opening in front of your eyes. The absolute protagonist of the avenue is Galileo Chini and his ceramic works of art, which were produced in the workshop that he founded in 1896 in partnership with the best architects, artists and interior décor experts of that time. You will admire the *Locanda Maggiore/Gambinuso* arcades, the *Politeama Theater* (now called *Imperiale Cinema Theater*), the *Town Hall* with its marvelous windows, the *Excelsior Cinema*, the *Tamierici Pavilion*, and the *Excelsior* (the former casino and grand café, which has now been turned into a thermal establishment). Plunged amidst flourishing green parks, soar harmoniously the *Terme Leopoldine*, the *Terme Torretta* and the *Terme Tamierici* thermal establishments. The bottom end of the avenue is dominated by the imposing façade of the *Tettuccio* thermal establishment: here beauty finds its ultimate expression in an overall bounty of peace and harmony.



Historical sites

In Montecatini you are taken back to the magical atmosphere of the Belle Époque. The Tettuccio thermal establishment hosts the *Sala del Caffè* (Coffee House): Art Nouveau furniture, frescoes by Giulio Bargellini and landscape paintings by Maria Biseo that render this place spectacular and astonishing. And then, the *Sala delle Scritture* (Writing Room), decorated by Giuseppe Moroni. The *Gran Caffè Gambinuso*, inaugurated in 1931 on the premises of the *Locanda Maggiore*, was the most fashionable place to rendezvous at the time. The *Croce del Forestieri* (Visitors Club), a real art nouveau jewel inside the Tamierici thermal establishment, still honors its past vocation as a place of culture, where exhibitions, concerts, conferences and meetings are arranged. And then the prosperous garden of *Villa Forini Lippl*, seat of the *Municipal Library*, is now the exclusive location for an outdoor cinema.



The tradition of music

Montecatini and its thermal waters have always offered an ideal background for inspiration to the greatest protagonists of music history. Giuseppe Verdi had been a habitué of Montecatini for nineteen years beginning in 1882. During his periods of stay, he happened to meet Arrigo Boito and Giulio Ricordi. Eminent guests of Montecatini's thermal establishments were, among others, Gioacchino Rossini, Giacomo Puccini, Arturo Toscanini, Pietro Mascagni, Richard Strauss and the tenor Enrico Caruso. *Ruggiero Leoncavallo* was famous for livening up the sizzling cultural life of the charming town and literally fell in love with Montecatini, so much so that he ended up moving here.



Funicular

The funicular opened in 1898 and has two coaches: *Giglio & Gigia*. It is one of the oldest operating funicular in the world and reaches upward the heart of the old uptown on a breathtakingly steep track. The track is 1,050 meters long with a 202-meter rise which, in its final steepest point, reaches a 38.5% slant. A miracle of past technology, the funicular gives back to today's visitors the pleasure of a 'slow' run, in total relaxation surrounded by nature.

Montecatini Alto

The historic center of Montecatini sits on top of a hill, at an altitude of 290 meters far 6 km from Montecatini. The enchanting up-town looks out over the entire valley below, offering breathtaking panoramas of the *Valdinievole*. It can be easily reached in just ten minutes from Montecatini Terme by car, or on foot by walking along the so-called 'short' road, an old path that winds up to the top of the hill, stretches over two hills: one is dominated by the ancient *Rock of the Old Castle* (Tramontana Castle), the *Church of Saint Peter* and the *Bell Tower*; and the other is characterized by the core of buildings made up of the *Tower of the New Castle* (the *Clock Tower*) and the *Church of Carmine*.

A stroll around the ancient walls, a stop in front of poet Giuseppe Giusti's home, or the house of Ser Ugolino Caccini, the first to celebrate Montecatini's thermal waters; a walk to the main square towered by the *Teatro dei Risorti* and its original Art Nouveau décor; to browse around crafts shops and taste delicious local food prepared in the typical restaurants: these are just some suggestions on how to savor Montecatini Alto and bring home the memories of a sweet, relaxing land...



Mapping

Montecatini Terme lies at 330 km from Rome, at 300 km from Milan, at 190 km from Genoa, at 136 km from Bologna.

How to get there: A11 motorway (linking Florence to the western coast), which intersects A1 Milan-Naples motorway and A12 Livorno-Genoa motorway

State Road 435

Railway: Main railway station in Piazza Italia and railway station in Piazza Gramsci

Airports: Florence (45 km) – Pisa (50 km)

Trips and tours departing from Montecatini

In the neighborhood:

- At 5 km lie *Monsummano Terme*, the town founded by the Medici family, and its thermal grottos, the *Pievaccia* golf club, the *Castle of Monsummano Alto* (uptown), the *Medicean hamlet of Montevettolini*.

- A bit farther ahead (6-20 km), visitors will reach the boroughs and rocks scattered on the *Valdinievole* hills: *Massa and Cozzile* (5-8 km) *Buggiano* and *Colle* (9 km), *Uzzano* (8 Km).

- At approx. 7 Km, the *Padule di Fucecchio* natural reserve.

- At approx. 25 km, the *Montalbano* soft rolling hills, where soars *Vinci*, Leonardo's hometown.

- At approx. 15 km *Collodi*, the *Park of Pinocchio*, *Villa Garzoni* and the ancient town of *Pescaia*; and, after passing *Pescaia*, the ten "Castella" (walled hamlets) scattered around the mountains.

- At approx. 14 km, *Pistola*, art city and main town in the area.

Around Tuscany:

Lucca 30 km, *Florence* 40 km, *Pisa* 50 km, *Vareggio* and the coastal area of *Versilia* 50 km, *San Gimignano* 100 km and *Siena* 115 km, *La Spezia* and the *Cinque Terre* 110 km.