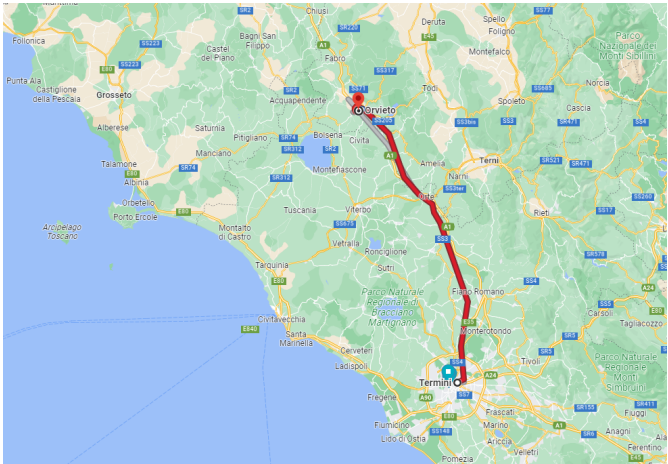


A Day-Trip to a Medieval Village: Orvieto



Getting There

Roma Termini - Orvieto (1 hour and 33 minutes, 9,15 €)

-To get to the upper town, you need to take the funicular, which is located right next to the main railway

What do do

Duomo di Orvieto, Well of S. Patrick, Orvieto Underground, Rocca Albornoziana, Tower of Moro Orvieto, Church of San Giovenale

Brief History

The ancient city (urbs vetus in Latin, whence "Orvieto"), populated since Etruscan times, has usually been associated with Etruscan Velzna, but some modern scholars differ. Orvieto was certainly a major center of Etruscan civilization. Orvieto was annexed by Rome in the third century BC. Because of its site on a high, steep bluff of tuff, a volcanic rock, the city was virtually impregnable. After the collapse of the Roman Empire its defensible site gained new importance: the episcopal seat was transferred from Bolsena, and the city was held by Goths and by Lombards before its self-governing commune was established in the tenth century, in which consuls governed under a feudal oath of fealty to the bishop. Orvieto's relationship to the papacy has been a close one; in the tenth century Pope Benedict VII visited the city of Orvieto with his nephew, Filippo Alberici, who later settled there and became Consul of the

city-state in 1016. By the thirteenth century, three papal palaces had been built. In the 13th century bitter feuds divided the city, which was at the apogée of its wealth but found itself often at odds with the papacy, even under interdict. Pope Urban IV stayed at Orvieto from 1262 to 1264. The city became one of the major cultural centers of its time when Thomas Aquinas taught at the studium there. A small university (now part of the University of Perugia), had its origins in a studium generale that was granted to the city by Pope Gregory IX in 1236.



Where to Eat

There are several bars around the town.

- Al Corsica Orvieto - <https://www.orvietoviva.com/en/trattoria-al-corsica/>
- Osteria da Mamma Angela - <https://www.osteriadamammaangela.com/>
- Trattoria da Moro Aronne - <https://restaurantguru.it/Del-Moro-Aronne-Orvieto>
- Trattoria La Palomba - <https://www.orvietoviva.com/trattoria-la-palomba/>
- Trattoria dell'Orso - <https://www.orvietoviva.com/en/trattoria-dellorso/>
- Duca di Orvieto - <https://www.ducadorvieto.com/>

Reading and Viewing

Here are a few links that may help you prepare for your day-trip.

- <https://mamalovesitaly.com/one-day-in-orvieto-italy/>
- <https://www.thegeographicalcure.com/post/one-day-in-orvieto>
- Films set in Orvieto:

<https://www.umbriatourism.it/en/-/the-dream-factory-cinema-locations-in-umbria>

Enjoy your trip! And help us improve this for future students by sharing your finds.