

1/2 day day trip CAMALDOLI (forests and monks)

From Poppi-Moggiona (15 km from Poppi) or from Bibbiena – Soci- Partina (12, 5 km from the farm) , drive to Camaldoli. Camaldoli has 2 points of interest, the Convento (818 m asl) and the Eremo, at the distance of 3 km (1100 m asl). The Monastero was built between 1046 and 1611.

To be seen:

MONASTERO: in the monastery of Camaldoli there is a welcoming room, a great hall, and an old style pharmacy. The pharmacy was originally a laboratory where monks studied and worked with medicinal herbs. These medicines would be used in the old hospital which can still be visited today. The precious walnut decor dates back to 1543. The church, meanwhile, was constructed in the Baroque style and contains works by Giorgio Vasari. It was established to deal with the ever-growing number of pilgrims - drawn by good reports of the monks, and for reflection in the middle of the forest.

CENTRO VISITE DEL PARCO it is an ornitological museum.

Hotel Ristorante TASSINI: stop here for a break, for souvenirs or for a complete tasteful and typical meal

From the Monastero, you can drive to the Eremo (3 km).

EREMO 3 kilometers farther up the mountain is the "Sacred Hermitage," or *Sacro Eremo* which is the more ancient part of the foundation. It was personally established by St. Romuald in 1012 and has served as the heart of both the community and the order, which bears the location's name.

Here you can stop for a walk in the wood of fir, a kind of tree that has been growed up by the monks, and used to built big buildings (like the Dome of Florence) or drive (road starting from the Eremo) into the national park, if the road is open, following the signs for Passo dei Fangacci - Capanno – Badia Prataglia (9 km in total). You will cross a wild area with marvelous forest and cascades.

From Badia Prataglia you can drive back to Bibbiena (14 km).