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Caprigliola, like a ship among the mountains.

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The village of Caprigliola, nestled among the hills of Lunigiana in the province of Massa-Carrara, overlooks the Magra Valley. With its ancient walls and distinctive tower, it is a fascinating example of medieval architecture and millennia-old history.

The village of Caprigliola, whose name might derive from "Capra" (goat) due to goat farming, dates back to the medieval era, with first mentions in the 10th century. Perched on a hill overlooking the Magra Valley, it is surrounded by ancient walls. Its imposing cylindrical tower, part of a now-ruined castle, served as a strategic lookout point. The village, strategically positioned to control the Via Francigena and the ford on the river, served as the gateway to the upper Magra Valley. Caprigliola was likely a key link to the route towards Spain and Santiago de Compostela, confirming its role as a vital road junction.

The Pelavicino Codex documented the tolls for all goods passing through the nearby locality of Bettola, a name suggesting the presence of a rest stop. What fascinates while walking through the village of Caprigliola are the small, narrow, and winding streets lined with stone houses in soft, natural colors. The facades, often in warm shades of ochre and beige, feature rustic architectural details that give the village an ancient and authentic charm.

In the surroundings of Caprigliola, don't miss the Brunella Fortress in Aulla, the picturesque Fivizzano Castle, and the Apuan Alps Natural Park. Caprigliola enchants with its timeless charm, featuring ancient alleys and breathtaking landscapes. Discover the magic of this medieval village, where every stone tells a story. Come explore Caprigliola and let yourself be enveloped by its unique and authentic beauty.

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