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## Monteriggioni, the Tuscan Medieval Gem

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Perched on the hills of Siena, Monteriggioni is a perfectly preserved medieval village enclosed by ancient walls. Founded in the 13th century, this fortress-town overlooks the Val d'Elsa with its iconic towers, even celebrated by Dante. A must-visit for those seeking history and nature.

Perched atop a hill in the Sienese countryside along the ancient Via Francigena, Monteriggioni stands as one of Italy's best-preserved fortified villages. Founded in 1213 by Siena as a defensive outpost against Florence, this iconic walled town is famous for its circular ramparts and 14 imposing towers, which even inspired Dante in his Inferno. Easily accessible by car (just 15 minutes from Siena, exit Monteriggioni on the A1) or by bus from Siena, it's a must-visit destination for travelers exploring Tuscany.

The well-preserved walls, partially walkable, offer breathtaking views over the Elsa Valley. At the heart of the village lies Piazza Roma, home to the Romanesque Church of Santa Maria Assunta, while the "Monteriggioni in Arme" Museum showcases detailed replicas of medieval armor. Accommodations are charming and intimate, with B&Bs like Il Piccolo Castello and the Hotel Monteriggioni, just outside the walls, blending rustic Tuscan charm with modern comforts.

Restaurants such as Il Pozzo and Ristorante da Remo serve authentic local dishes: picci al ragù (hand-rolled pasta with meat sauce), ribollita (Tuscan bread soup), and grilled Cinta Senese pork. The cuisine celebrates farm-to-table ingredients, paired with regional wines like Chianti Colli Senesi and Vernaccia di San Gimignano, enjoyed in cozy, historic settings.

A journey through the Middle Ages, where history, flavor, and unforgettable landscapes come together.

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