

Drive To Stia 19,5 km (half a day trip with a walk) Wood Cloth, panoramic view, walk

In Casentino we produce a funny wood cloth that is named as the valley, traditional colours was orange and green, but now you can find some more colours like apple green, pink, violet. Tessilnova produces coats but also bags, slippers and blanquets. Spend a visit to the wool museum and Tessilnova shop. The Museum of the Art of Wool-making (Museo dell'Arte della Lana) is located in Stia at the wool mill's piazza and main building which were completely renovated after several decades of being abandoned. From the mid-1800s up to the 1950s the wool mill was at the centre of the area's economy; in the early 1900s it was one of Italy's primary wool mills. 10 am to 1 pm, except the saturday. If you decide to have a meal in Stia, stop to Filetto restaurant for tortelli or scottiglia.

About 5 km from Stia you find Romena, that offers a ruined castle and a romanic church, both are quite interesting if you like middle ages atmosphere, the only problem is to discover opening times, but anyway the church can be a nice view even from the outside.

From Stia, drive to Passo della Calla (about 15 km): you are crossing a part of the Foreste Casentinesi National Park. You can park here (1206 meters above sea level) and follow the path (it is larger than a path being a road used for park maintenance) that goes (under beach trees, on the side of the Sassofratino biogenetical reserve, where is not allowed to enter if you are not a scientist) till Poggio Scali, 1520 m asl one of the most famous panoramic point in the Appennini mountains. The walk is about 4 km. Along the road, there is one more panoramic point, like a natural terrace (with no banisters) from where you can overlook Romagna and a part of the Ridracoli lake.

Continue for a full day trip (water experiences!):

Back to the car, you can continue driving to Ridracoli lake (about 35 km), but it take 1 hour, not for people suffering car-sickness), a dam built with reinforced concrete about 25 years ago. Here you can walk around the lake or (saturday and sunday april to september, but every-day 2 to 18 of august, you can cross the lake in a tour with an electric boat.

Close to Ridracoli you will find Santa Sofia, with typical restaurants like "La vera Romagna"

after a stop to Ridracoli, you can drive to Bagno di Romagna (about 35 km again), where the ancient and precious thermal waters of **Bagno di Romagna** flows, already known in Roman times, today to 45 ° C and is the same that it rained at the time of Giotto. Here you can stop for a Thermal bath (indoor or outdoor): Roseo EuroTerme offers 1 hour entrance for 10 euro or 2 hours for 15 euros, ½ price for children under 5 years, open 10 am to 10 pm, Better to call in advance Via Lungo Savio 2, tel +39 0543.911414

and then back through the Passo dei Mandrioli (35 km again). If you do not suffer of car-sickness. If you travel during the day enjoy the mountain view. Here geological stratigraphy is around you, and the road is narrow and overlooking chasms and forests, we like this road even if you need to drive to a low speed for about 20 km.

If you prefer a longer but less narrow road arrive to Pieve S. Stefano and cross La Verna or to S. Sepolcro, Anghiari, Passo della Libbia and then to Bibbiena.