

WEEK 4 FROM FIDENZA TO AULLA

WHAT TO SEE

DAY 1 - FIDENZA

PILGRIM STAMP Tourist office – P.zza Duomo 16 - Ph. +39 (0)524 83377 – opening hrs. 9-12h30 and 15-17h00

PRIEST Duomo di San Domenico - Ph. +39 (0)524 523483

PHARMACY Farmacia Saglia – P.zza G. Garibaldi42

FIDENZA



Fidenza is not a particularly beautiful city, but has a famous Duomo with medieval sculptures and bas-reliefs that are famous among any one who has an interest in the via Francigena. Sculptures and paintings were used to give illiterate people to get to know the sacred history.

DAY 2 - FORNOVO DI TARO

PILGRIM STAMP Pro loco (info point) - Via Dei Collegati 19 - Ph. +39 (0)525-2599

opening: 8h30-12h30 and 16-18h00

PRIEST Santa Maria Assunta Church

Farmacia del Taro - Via Nazionale 82 **PHARMACY**

LAUDROMAT Lavanderia Lavami – P.zza G. Matteotti

FORNOVO DI TARO

Hotel Cavalieri is the only hotel in town as hotel Milano, in front of which you will pass, is closed. As it is 1,5 km from the centre of town we suggest that if you arrive before 6pm you stop at information office and get your stamp before you go to the hotel. At the office. Fornovo is the gate to the Appennino crossing and has had a great importance up to the 16th century, as long as the Cisa Pass was the only pass through the Appennino mountains. After the opening of other passes it lost its importance.



CASSIO

The main interest of this day hike is the landscape as your road climbs higher and higher. Small villages, with cobbled road, with few inhabitants. They represent a rural culture that is slowly disappearing.

Interesting rock formations called "I denti dei giganti" the giants teeth are to be seen along the route shortly before reaching Cassio.

DAY 4 - BERCETO

TOURIST OFFICE Via Romea, 5 - Ph. +39(0)525 629027 (summer only: 9./13. - 15.00/19.00)

PILGRIM STAMP At the hotel or at St. Moderanno church

PRIST Parrish of S. Moderanno, Via Roma 1

PHARMACY Farmacia comunale - P.zza Don Giovanni Bosco



BERCETO

The Berceto Duomo is very famous and has an interesting portal. Inside, in the Cathedral Museum, some notable sacred objects from the Middle Ages are on display.

To make a visit, contact the parish priest Don Bertozzi Ph. +39 (0)525 60087 **PILGRIM STAMP**

Take the hotel stamp



GROPPODALOSIO

Today main interest is the passing of the Cisa pass as it is an historical passage and also because it offers beautiful views of the Appennino mountains. On clear days you can see very far. There are few possible stops along the way. The shop at the pass may be open, but often not especially early in the season.

DAY 6 - FILATTIERA

PILGRIM STAMP Tourist office in Pontremoli: Piazza della Repubblica 33

Ph. +39 (0)187 832000

PRIEST Cathedral of S. Maria Assunta - Piazza Duomo Pontremoli

PHARMACY Farmacia Buttini - Via Armani Riccci, 2 Pontremoli



FILATTIERA

Since the hotel in Pontremoli closed, our accommodation is now in Filattiera, making the two walking days more balanced.

In Pontremoli do not miss the Museo delle statue stele della Lunigiana. It is located at il Castello del Piagnaro (also a hostel). The statues are prehistoric remains from 3000 to 300 before Christ very interesting although it is not clear what they represent. On the way out of town you can stop to see, inside the Chiesa di San Pietro (on the right side of Via Malaspina) the famous bas-relief carved into the soft arenaria stone, symbol of the pilgrimage.

DAY 7 - AULLA

PILGRIM STAMP Ask the parrish: Don Giovanni Perini - San Capraisio Church

Ph. +39 (0)187420148.

The priest host often pilgrims so it is a good place to meet them.

TOURIST OFFICE Via Salucci 6

PHARMACY Farmacia San Severo - Via Nazionale 24



AULLA

Aulla was one of the most important stops on the Francigena marking the passage from Northern Italy to Tuscany through Lunigiana. In 883 Adalberto, Marquis of Tuscany founded an abbey with annexed a hospital dedicated to San Capraisio. The bombing of World War II completely destroyed the town. Recent works have brought back to life interesting remains exposed in the church hall.

The Brunella fortress (XV /XVI century) is an imposing sight that overlooks the town.