

Orvieto's Hidden Gems: 10 Must-See Attractions in Umbria



Nestled between Rome and Florence, Orvieto is a charming Umbrian hilltop city with captivating views from its volcanic tufa perch. Founded by the Etruscans, it boasts a stunning historical center, highlighted by the magnificent Duomo and an intriguing underground network of tunnels and caves. Despite being a popular day trip, Orvieto remains laid-back, with its medieval charm, narrow streets, and delicious local cuisine. Known for its world-class wine, this picturesque city offers a perfect escape, whether for a day or a stop on the way to Tuscany. This map-based guide covers Orvieto's top attractions and historical gems, ensuring you fully enjoy one of Italy's hidden treasures.

How to enter Orvieto historic center

There are two main ways to enter Orvieto's historic center. The first is, to park outside, in a nearby parking lot, and use an elevator. The second, which is much more fun, is to use the funicular and take a short walk into the historic center.

Wine

You can't visit Orvieto without trying the local white wine. World-famous for its delectable taste and quality, Orvieto wine is considered the best in Umbria.

Trip Summary

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① **Well of St. Patrick, Orvieto**

Piazza Cahen, 5B, 05018 Orvieto TR, Italy

Well of St. Patrick, or in Italian, Pozzo di S. Patrizio, is one of Orvieto's most precious historic treasures. The ancient cylindrical shape well was built during the 16th century, aiming to ensure the city will survive sieges or disasters, by men or by nature. The well was built upon the request of Pope Clement VII, who found shelter in Orvieto at the turbulent times of the Sack of Rome in 1527.

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② **Museo dell'Opera del Duomo di Orvieto, Orvieto**

Piazza del Duomo, 26, 05018 Orvieto TR, Italy

During turbulent times, several popes found refuge at Orvieto and set Palazzo Soliano as their home. On the second floor of Palazzo Soliano, the Papal Palace, which is next to the stunning Orvieto Cathedral, you will find Museo dell'Opera del Duomo di Orvieto. This museum exhibit variety of documents, all dedicated to the Orvieto Cathedral erection and construction.

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③ Orvieto Underground, Orvieto

Piazza del Duomo, 23, 05018 Orvieto TR, Italy

Orvieto Underground is one of the city highlights, a network of medieval caves and tunnels, all made by men. The Orvieto Underground has more than 1,200 caves and tunnels, including a wonderful olive oil mill, and provides a fascinating experience like no other.

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④ Duomo di Orvieto, Orvieto

Piazza del Duomo, 26, 05018 Orvieto TR, Italy

Duomo di Orvieto or Cattedrale di Santa Maria Assunta is a remarkable cathedral and one of the most imposing religious structures in all of Italy. Built in a Gothic and Romanesque style, Orvieto Cathedral's construction start in 1290, but it took around 300 years to complete. It has a stunning façade with a beautiful mosaic, a wonderful Rose Window, four pilasters, an impressive decorative chapel, and a crypt with magnificent frescos.



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⑤ **Piazza del Duomo, Orvieto**

Piazza del Duomo, 05018 Orvieto TR, Italy

Piazza del Duomo, the center of Orvieto, is a place of public gathering and, as the name suggests, is located next to the impressive Duomo di Orvieto. The piazza is also right near Palazzo Soliano and hosts the lovely ancient clock tower, Maurizio Tower (Torre di Maurizio).



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⑥ **Torre del Moro, Orvieto**

Corso Cavour, n° 87, 05018 Orvieto TR, Italy

Continue your tour through Via del Duomo until you arrive at one of Orvieto's famous landmarks, Torre del Moro. The 13th-century tower, which is close to the wonderful Palazzo dei Sette, has a charming terrace and provides an outstanding panoramic view of the city.

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⑦ **Palazzo Del Capitano Del Popolo, Orvieto**

Piazza del Popolo, 1, 05018 Orvieto TR, Italy

An entrancing 14th Century palace, and as the name suggest it was a palace of the people. An administrative place that hosts the Capitano del Popolo (Captain of the People), which was supposed to represent the people's interests. The palace was later used as a home to the mayor but afterward became a tourist attraction due to its medieval architectural design.

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⑧ **Pozzo della Cava, Orvieto**

Via della Cava, 28, 05018 Orvieto TR, Italy

Pozzo della Cava is a fantastic underground museum, under Orvieto's medieval district. In the caves, you can find archeological findings from the Etruscan, Middle Age,s and Renaissance eras.

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⑨ **San Giovenale, Orvieto**

Via Volsinia, 05018 Orvieto TR, Italy

San Giovenale is a Romanesque Catholic church, that exists for more than a millennium. The Church of San Giovenale was originally erected in 1004 and is the most ancient church in the city. At the church, you will be able to see some frescos dated to the 12th - 13th centuries.

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⑩ **Necropoli etrusca di Crocifisso del Tufo, Orvieto**

Via Volsinia, 05018 Orvieto TR, Italy

Surrounded by green grass and trees, Crocifisso del Tufo is an Etruscan necropolis. A burial site from the Etruscan times, with more than 200 tombs made of tuff.

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