Hot springs

In Tuscany, and especially in southern Tuscany, there are many thermal springs. Some were already known to the Romans and even the Etruscans. For centuries, water of varying warmth – some of it hot – has been bubbling up from underground.
We describe some of these places to bathe, especially those that are easy to reach from Riparbella.
We distinguish between

(W) «wild springs», which invite you to bathe without any infrastructure.
There are no changing facilities (the woods will do), and usually no toilets either.
Sometimes the surroundings are neglected – or rather "Italian" – often romantic.

(O) Organised thermal baths with considerable admission fees.
These are mostly beautiful, well-kept spa facilities.



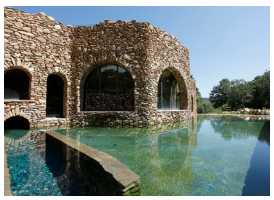




1 Sasso Pisano

22 km from Riparbella https://irintronauti.altervista.org/sasso-pisano/

(W) The «jungle bath»
In the middle of the thicket there are several natural pools with wonderfully warm water.
Sheltered from prying eyes, you can enjoy the idyll.
(W) The former wash house
Just below the village (beneath the Biobad) – today a bathing fountain for about 4 people.
(O) The Biobad
There are changing rooms and two pools: one at the top and, a little further down, a natural pool (with frogs...).



2 Sassetta (O)

46 km from Riparbella https://lacerretaterme.it

The agriturismo with biodynamic farming also opens its very well-kept spa to outside day guests. Advance reservation required.

Riparbella guests receive a 5 euro discount on the standard offer. Please arrange this in advance with Riparbella reception.



3 Venturina (O)

42 km from Riparbella http://www.calidario.it/
Venturina has a thermal spa with hotel, spa and a large outdoor thermal pool.
Extensive grounds. The facility is well kept; day guests are welcome too.



4 Terme di Sorano (O)

130 km from Riparbella http://www.termedisorano.it/
In Sorano, about 2 km outside the pretty village built on a rock (towards Pitigliano), a new hotel complex with spa has been built.
Day guests are welcome too.



5 Petriolo (W)

60 km from Riparbella
In Petriolo, deep down on the old SP4 road by the Farma river, there are warm springs among the ruins of an old complex. From the road it is just a few steps to lovely "bathtubs" where you can bathe at leisure. Down below, the river forms a pool: once you are warm enough, you can brave a dip in the cool river and swim a few strokes.



Petriolo (O)

Near the free bath, up by the road, stands a modern glass building. It houses a well-kept thermal spa with several outdoor and indoor pools. It is not a hotel but is geared towards day guests.



6 Saturnia (W)

105 km from Riparbella
Saturnia is probably the best-known and most popular thermal bath in southern Tuscany. Coming from the SS1 expressway, you can see it from far away. At the old mill, the warm water flows over a waterfall into several pools. There is a bar next to the bath. There are no changing facilities, but at least there is a shower at the bar (with tokens).



Saturnia Resort (O)

http://www.termedisaturnia.it
Slightly north of the wild bath lies the elegant resort with golf course. Here too, the large car park shows how popular the place is.
On Sundays and public holidays, cars queue for kilometres.
There are several pools with warm water.



7 San Filippo (W)

65 km from Riparbella
Bagni San Filippo lies on the north-east side of Monte Amiata: warm springs in a stream gorge below the hamlet of the same name. Along a stretch of about 500 m there are many different pools of varying temperature for bathing.
The Cascate shown in every guidebook (white rocks shaped by the water) may no longer be walked on, and bathing below them is no longer allowed either (risk of collapse).



8 Bagno Vignoni (W)

98 km from Riparbella
Instead of a village square, the hamlet has a huge thermal pool.
Bathing in it is no longer allowed.
Below the swimming pool of the Hotel Posta, the water cascades down a steep slope. You could also bathe down there.



Bagno Vignoni (O)

Hotel le Terme Wellness and Spa **** http://www.albergoleterme.it/
The hotel offers a thermal bath that is also open to day visitors.
Hotel Posta Marcucci *** http://www.hotelpostamarcucci.it
Hotel Posta has a large open-air thermal swimming pool in the hotel garden.
Fantastic view towards Castiglione d'Orcia.