

Rose Hill



Olive Grove



CINETO ROMANO

VALLE DELL'ANIENE



A MEMORABLE VACATION IN UNDISCOVERED LAZIO

“**Rose Hill**” is a Villa in Cineto Romano only 50 Km. from Rome. It sleeps up to 8 people and is elegantly furnished with antique and style furniture. It is surrounded by beautiful formal and Mediterranean landscaped gardens, lush with flowers, olive and fig trees.

Accommodation features: 2 doubles en suite, 2 doubles (or twin) with 1 en suite and 1 adjacent bathroom, 2 fully equipped kitchens with appliances, 2 sitting/dining rooms with fireplace, large terrace with panoramic views of *Aniene Valley* and beautiful (5x10mt.) swimming pool, 2 patios for dining “al fresco”.

For smaller parties we can rent only the front part of the villa which is called “**Olive Grove**”.

It features 2 doubles (1 bathroom en suite, 1 adjacent), sitting/dining room with fireplace, fully equipped kitchen, large panoramic terrace, wisteria covered patio, parking area and exclusive use of the park and swimming pool.



Cineto Romano

The ancient medieval castle in Cineto probably dates to the XIth Cent. Its original name and that of the surrounding village was “La Scarpa”, The Shoe. The village came to be known as Cineto only after the second half of the XIX Cent. Originally it belonged to the powerful Orsini family who then sold it to the wealthy Borghese family in the XVI Cent.

The feudal territory then passed to the religious order of the “Oblati di Maria Immacolata” who held it until the end of World War II.

Unfortunately, the medieval castle was poorly restored then divided and transformed into a number of visually unimpressive private residences. The history of the castle and the village was determined by the continual feuding and discord among the ever-changing ownership of the nobility which plagued this region for centuries.

As an example, a particular duel has been recorded between two local noblemen, Tontarello da Galliciano and Ottone da Palestrina which should have taken place but appeared to have been postponed indefinitely. We also have record of the torrid love story between a beautiful girl from Cineto, Veronica Latini and the French painter Jan Renaudot. He, and his friend, the painter Henry Regnault, were both fascinated by the ragged beauty of the local landscape and by the savage attractiveness of Veronica.



Eventually, she became the favourite model of Regnault who painted her as Salomè, considered to be his masterpiece.

In 1870, at the outbreak of the war with Prussia, both young men returned to Paris to join the French army, but sadly, Regnault fell in combat. Finally, Veronica and Renaudot got married and lived in Rome till her death in 1900.

The church of San Giovanni Battista was built at the end of the XII Cent. In modern times it was remodelled and eventually was totally disfigured.

Fortunately quite recently it has been very tastefully restored.

Inside there is a good XVI Cent painting of St John the Baptist in the desert by Cav. Vincenzo Mantenti.

To conclude our brief conversation about Cineto's history, we note that when southern and central Italy were harassed by brigands' incursions, the village was often attacked by bands of brigands, including the infamous Fra Diavolo (Brother Devil).



Salomè by H. Regnault
(New York - Metropolitan Museum)



Cineto Romano, oggi



LOCATIONS OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL INTEREST IN THE AREA NEAR “ROSE HILL” AND “OLIVE GROVE”

Tivoli (20 Km from Cineto Romano)

Hadrian's Villa
Villa d'Este
Villa Gregoriana

Licenza (10 Km from Cineto)

Villa di Orazio

Subiaco (25 Km from Cineto Romano)

St. Benedict's Abbey

Parco Nazionale degli Abruzzi

(One day tour from Cineto Romano)

Acque Albule S.p.a.

SHORT DRIVE FROM CINETO ROMANO
VILLAGES DESERVING A BRIEF VISIT

Civitella di Licenza

The village commands a spectacular view of the valley.

Saracinesco

Picturesque small village perched on steep rocky slopes.

Anticoli Corrado

See page 13.

Cervara

Perched on the top of a steep mountain, looks like an eagle’s nest. It is now the residence of many artists.

Arsoli

This pretty village is dominated by an imposing castle still lived by the ancient Massimo family.

Jenne

We also suggest a very spectacular drive to IENNE via SUBIACO.
From IENNE proceed to MONTE LIVATA through woods and scenic mountain views, then to CERVARA and ARSOLI. From here drive back to CINETO through the Tiburtina way.

Pesco Costanzo

(140 Km through very scenic landscape) This village, protected by UNESCO, is a real gem for both its architecture and the profusion of flowers everywhere. Excellent regional cuisine at “Paolino” Restaurant. Roma L’Aquila motorway, then turn towards Pescara and follow signs to Sulmona and Roccaraso. Through the “Bosco di Sant’ Antonio” you reach beautiful Pesco Costanzo village.

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