

SHOPPING IN LUCIGNANO

Supermarket:

Re Mercato, in Via Giacomo Matteotti, 22, is a great place to shop. There are larger supermarkets in Sinalunga, but the local Supermarket has a good range of fresh produce at very reasonable prices. Massimo (at the cash register) and his friendly team at the fruit and vegetable counter and the delicatessen counter, renowned for its fresh local Ricotta and excellent range of Prosciutto, Salami and cheeses, can provide you with your daily needs. There is also a good selection of "everyday" Prosecco and wine there.

The butchers' shops (Macelleria):

Lucignano is located in an agricultural region renowned for its Chianina beef and Porchetta. The macellerie in Lucignano also sell a range of other food products.

Bruschi, in Via Rosini, has a great range of meat (including the local Chianina beef) and is famous for its sausages and salami (it is the closest butcher to Appartamento Monache). Please try the salame al finocchio (salami with fennel).

Macelleria Barbara e Gilberto in Via Matteotti, also has a good range including first rate Pork products and prepared dishes including a Sauce Ragu which is made daily.

Macelleria Rosticceria da Ilaria is just outside of Porta San Giovanni and carries a good range of fresh and cooked meats.

The street market is on Thursday morning (8:00 to 13:00) and has fruit and vegetables, fish, clothing, shoes etc. It is modest compared with the larger towns, but fun to visit as the locals are out in force.

The bakeries:

Panetteria Braco Di Braconi, has very traditional local breads and pastries. Their Focaccia is excellent. You can ask for "pane con sale" if you want salt in the bread as most local bread has no salt. On Saturdays they make Pane di Santi, a small round loaf full of sultanas and walnuts. This is perfect when it is sliced thinly with or without butter (usually still warm from the bakery oven).

Pasticceria Ischi is just outside the main gates and next to the petrol station and across the road from the giant topiary trees,. It has a wonderful selection of freshly made croissants, pastries, biscuits, large cakes and pies.

For the best gelato in Italy:

C'Era Una Volta Gelateria in Via Rosini 20, serves delicious gelato and torte. Open every day in the warmer months from 10:30 to 22:30. – created by Ezio

Pharmacies:

Farmacia Bartolacci (pharmacy/chemist) and **Parafarmacia Erboriteria** (herbal medicine) are both in Via Matteotti

Other Shops:

Enoteca – wine shop is in Via Matteotti

C'Art Edicola Cartoleria in Via Rossini is a newsagent/stationery shop that also has a great range of other products from batteries to bottleopeners.

Il Delfino Lavanderia near Porta San Giovanni provides laundry services.

Bancomats in Via Roma (on the corner of Piazza della Logge) which is the closest to Appartamento Monache and also in Via Matteotti.

There are also hairdressers, a barber, a stationery shop (where you can buy postage stamps and bus tickets), beauticians, jewellers, a shoe shop, a ceramics shop (with beautiful locally handmade items) mostly in Via Matteotti and Via Rosini.

Shopping tips!

Shops in Tuscany open early, close for lunch (often from 1pm to 4pm), then reopen until 7 or 8pm.

Shops in Lucignano are closed on Sunday and on one other day during the week.