

Welcome to Program Participants

Benvenuti! We are delighted that you have chosen to attend an Education and Enrichment program at Castello di Spannocchia. We hope that your time at the Castello is inspiring and fun! We have put together a packet of information that will help you learn more about Spannocchia – the property, the accommodations, the people, and the local surroundings.

Spannocchia is a unique integration of historic architecture and landscape, a working organic farm, a center for education and enrichment focused on both ecological and cultural history, and a multinational community. It is a unique environment and a wonderful introduction to the beautiful and tranquil Tuscan countryside. We look forward to hosting you and the rest of your group at the Castello – welcome!

About Spannocchia

History and Conservation

The region of Tuscany in north central Italy has one of the richest cultural histories of any area in the world. The ancient Etruscans flourished here in the millennium before the birth of Christ and passed many of the developments of their culture along to the succeeding Roman civilization.

Medieval merchants and bankers from Florence, Siena and other Tuscan cities were instrumental in the development and extension of industry and trade throughout Europe and with the Far East, bringing Europe out of the “Dark Ages” and leading finally to the very rebirth of Western culture in Tuscany with the Renaissance. The concentration of art and architectural masterpieces in Tuscany make it today one of the foremost areas in the world for the study and appreciation of art.

Life in the urban centers of Tuscany was naturally complemented by life in the surrounding rural areas, and woodland and forest have always played an integral role in that rural life. The Tenuta, or agricultural estate, of Spannocchia is a present day example of the system by which rural Tuscany was organized and functioned for centuries. Although written records of the estate are sketchy at best, it is known that the Spannocchi family were resident on the property by the early 1200’s. It is believed that the Spannocchi were part of one of the great feudal clans that, along with the church, controlled most of the countryside of Tuscany during the medieval period, starting more or less with the crowning of Charlemagne as the first Holy Roman Emperor in 800 AD.

By the mid-1200’s the Spannocchi were active in the nearby city of Siena, and by the 15th century were one of the most prominent banking and commercial families in that city. Members of the family continued to be active in the life of Siena through the 1800’s, but during that century relocated to Austria. Throughout the centuries the Spannocchi maintained ownership of Spannocchia, in addition to a variety of other farms, villas, and urban palaces, until the last remaining member of the family sold it to Delfino Cinelli in the 1920’s. Cinelli, a Florentine aristocrat and a writer, bought the property both as an investment and for its value to him as a tranquil place to pursue his writing.

Spannocchia at that time continued to be farmed under the mezzadria tenant farming system that developed as early as the 1100’s in Tuscany. Peasant sharecroppers received a farmhouse and the use of specific associated lands in exchange for half (the Italian word mezza) of their crop

production. Mezzadria contracts between landowner and farm family were very detailed and all encompassing. Changing very little over time, the system defined rural life in the region for centuries, encompassing social relationships, cultural practices, and agricultural methods. Forest use was integral to the practice of agriculture throughout this period, for the production both of wood products complementary to the agricultural operations (timber, firewood, charcoal, implements) and of food crops, directly and indirectly, wild and cultivated. These latter included berries and other wild fruits, mushrooms, game, nuts, and domestic animals pastured in woodland and nut tree groves.

Following the end of the Second World War, the mezzadria system went out of favor with the advent of modern industrialized agriculture and the general prosperity of Italy; the last legal mezzadria contracts expired in 1991. Now the estate of Spannocchia serves as an educational center, the field headquarters of the American non-profit Spannocchia Foundation. The Spannocchia Foundation was created in 2002 due to a changed mission statement of the Etruscan Foundation, which was created in 1958 by the owner, Delfino Cinelli's son Ferdinando, with the original (and now current single) mission of supporting work in the field of archaeology. As Spannocchia's population of tenant farmers dwindled and agriculture declined drastically during the 50's, 60's, and 70's, the farm gradually took on a new role, providing housing and workspace for the Etruscan Foundation's programs in archeology and architectural conservation. Today the estate functions as a living museum of the rural life of Tuscany, which is now fast disappearing after nearly a thousand years of very gradual and relatively minor change.

Conservation is the central theme and direction of all activities on the property. Spannocchia is a wildlife refuge, part of the Tuscan Riserva Naturale Alto Merse, a certified organic farm raising endangered breeds of domestic farm animals and producing wine and olive oil, and a registered historic site. Approximately 900 of its 1200 acres are forested, and this woodland is being managed also according to the central goal of conservation.

Tax maps of the estate show that it is divided into nearly 200 parcels according to fifteen different land use classifications, including vineyard, cropland, pasture, and woods. Spannocchia's woodland comprises four different types: 70 acres of mature (high canopy) wood, ranging in size of parcel from less than one to over fifty acres, 175 acres of mixed wood, in 1/8 to 40 acre parcels, 600 acres of coppice wood, in 1/3 to 120 acre parcels, and fifty acres of chestnut in groves ranging in size from less than 1/8 acre to 8 acres. Cutting of the coppice woods for firewood and charcoal was traditionally done in cycles of fifteen to twenty years, and this practice has recently been resumed on a small scale.

In an effort to promote conservation, daily life at Spannocchia focuses on using the land to support the inhabitants of the farm to the best of our ability, supplementing what we grow and produce ourselves with local goods and products. Our vegetable garden and our agricultural products are grown and produced organically, and we use traditional farming methods that cause less impact on the land than modern farming methods. We have a natural wastewater treatment system that treats all of the wastewater from the central Villa/Fattoria area using plant matter. Our goal is to educate visitors about traditional Tuscan farm life, providing an example of a viable and productive lifestyle that shows respect for the land and successfully exists in the 21st century.

Spannocchia Foundation Education and Enrichment Programs

Throughout the year, the Spannocchia Foundation conducts education and enrichment programs based at the Castello di Spannocchia in Italy. Spannocchia provides housing, meals, and work space to program participants. The programs include archeology field study, cooking classes, hiking and garden tours, Etruscan culture, architectural work, landscape painting, Italian culture and language, printmaking, ceramics and writing. The participants in these programs comprise of a part of the population at Spannocchia during the guest season. They are housed in the Fattoria or Villa and eat dinner in the Villa dining room with residents, interns and staff that make up the Spannocchia community.

The Internship Program

During your stay, we encourage you to take a close look at the working farm and to meet the young adults participating in our Internship Program. The interns participate in daily farm work, study Italian, and visit local farms and cultural sites during their 3-month internship experience. Although guests cannot do hands on work on the farm, talking with the interns and exploring the property can give you insight into the daily workings of the farm. For more information on the Internship Program, please visit the website or contact the Internship Director Carrie Curtis- Sacco at internships@spannocchia.org.

Castello di Spannocchia

Castello di Spannocchia is the central complex of the multi-faceted agricultural estate, the Tenuta di Spannocchia, located 12 miles southwest of Siena. The Castello area includes the Villa and Fattoria buildings, and the surrounding gardens, as well as additional outbuildings, which house internship participants and provide studio/meeting space. The Italian non-profit Associazione Castello di Spannocchia leases the Castello complex and operates it as an educational center, hosting student and adult educational programs, research projects, and internships. The Spannocchia Foundation is the U.S.-based sister organization of the Associazione, and supports the activities at the Castello by developing programs, sponsoring internships and research projects, and providing administrative support.

All group participants are required to become members of the Spannocchia Foundation, thus helping to contribute to the non-profit educational and cultural goals of the Associazione Castello di Spannocchia and the Spannocchia Foundation. **Membership to the Spannocchia Foundation is included in the cost of Music Adventure in Italy for each student participant.**

Accommodations, facilities, and services at the Castello are designed for comfort and convenience but are not luxurious. The primary goal of the entire estate of Tenuta di Spannocchia is the preservation of its historic and rustic character; as a consequence, visitors will enjoy one of the most beautiful and tranquil spots on earth, but should understand that Spannocchia is truly rural and not a vacation resort--it is a working historic farm, a wildlife preserve, and an educational center.

The Grounds

Guests are encouraged to use the **Villa terrace** during the day to read, write postcards, draw, or just relax and enjoy the warmth of the southern exposure and the picturesque view. The **Villa garden**--with its sprawling lawn, cascading geraniums, benches and chairs, and views of the vegetable garden, castle tower, vineyards, and olive orchards--inspires an afternoon of painting, or just taking in the sunshine. During the warmer summer months, the herb garden outside the

kitchen is an inviting place to gather under the pergola during the heat of the day. The herb garden provides fresh herbs used in the kitchen and cut flowers for Spannocchia. On hot summer days, the swimming pool is the center of activity at the Castello, especially during siesta hours if it is too hot to sleep!

Dinner at Spannocchia is served family-style in the **Villa dining room** and includes not only Music Adventure in Italy students, but other guests, residents, interns and family members as well. It is a great time to get to know the Spannocchia community and guests and find out what the interns have been up to on the farm!

The Fattoria

Music Adventures in Italy students will be housed in single, double or triple rooms in the Fattoria and supervised by Music Adventure in Italy faculty. All rooms have views of the Fattoria courtyard. The Fattoria is the original farm center of Spannocchia and is attached to the main building by a hallway that separates the traditionally "aristocratic" Villa, from the traditionally "peasant" Fattoria and all the hustle and bustle that goes along with farm life. The Fattoria courtyard is, to this day, a center of activity at Spannocchia, housing the Guest Information office/Spannocchia Shop, where Spannocchia products are sold; the cantina, where the estate's wine is made and stored; our wood burning pizza oven; the woodworking shop; and the archeology museum, which is located in the former granary. A common room with a fireplace, wooden-beamed ceiling, comfortable leather couches, bookshelves, and a table; and a fully-equipped private kitchen with a stove, two refrigerators, and a large table where Music Adventure in Italy students will share breakfast and lunch.

Meals:

Castello di Spannocchia will provide breakfast, lunch, and dinner for Music Adventure in Italy. All meals are included in the program cost. **Please let Music Adventure in Italy directors know if you are on a restricted diet when you return your forms.** Spannocchia uses as many of their own seasonal vegetables as their garden production allows and the dinner menu reflects traditional Tuscan recipes. Students can help themselves to snacks in the Fattoria kitchen.

DINNER

Spannocchia serves a 4-course **dinner** Monday - Friday evenings and Sunday evening. Dinner is served family style and includes program participants, guests, residents, interns, and family members. Dinner begins at 7:30 with the *primo piatto* (first course), a pasta, soup or *risotto* made with seasonal vegetables or meat. The *secondo piatto* (main course) is a meat—usually pork, beef, venison, or chicken, served with a *contorno* (side dish) of seasonal vegetables from the Spannocchia vegetable garden and *insalata* (green salad) that can be dressed to taste with Spannocchia-produced olive oil and vinegar. *Dolce* (dessert)—panna cotta, tiramisù and *cantucci*. On Wednesday evenings we have special dinners, alternating each week between Pizza Night and **Nostra Cena** (Our Dinner). Both are Spannocchia-wide events including houseguests, program groups, residents, interns and family members. Weather permitting, we eat outside and both evenings are festive affairs. **Music Adventure in Italy participants are invited to wear something nicer for the Wednesday evening Special Dinners.** Otherwise, attire for dinner can be casual.

The pizza is baked in our wood-fired brick oven and topped with different types of cheese, meats, and fresh organic vegetables from the Spannocchia garden. The meal commences with a light primo piatto—often a

grain salad or vegetable pasta. Once the pizzas start coming, guests get a chance to sample a great variety - Margherita (mozzarella and tomato), tomato, fresh mozzarella and arugula, Napoletana (olives, capers, and anchovies), garlic, caramelized onion, and pine nut, and the Spannocchia favorite—Gorgonzola and pear. Dessert, if anyone has room for it, is usually watermelon in the summer or salame dolce.

Nostra Cena is an opportunity for Spannocchia to showcase its bounty of produce and its Tuscan heritage. We make a special effort to plan the meal using Spannocchia meats, vegetables, and favorite recipes. We begin with *antipasti* of *bruschetta*, figs and prosciutto, fried *polenta* or roasted walnuts and *parmigiano*, depending on the season. The *primo piatto* is often a homemade or specialty pasta, or a soup—*ravioli*, *tagliolini* with *ragu*, or wild mushroom soup, in season. We use Spannocchia meat for the *secondo piatto*, including lamb, venison, beef, wild boar or pork, served with a *contorno* of vegetables from Spannocchia's garden. Dessert might be *salame dolce*, *tiramisu*, *baci di serpiolle* or *zuppa inglese*.

Destination Details

Average Temperatures and Weather Patterns (temps in Celsius and Fahrenheit)

Temperatures and weather can vary quite a bit, so be prepared for anything!

June, July and August: Temperatures can range anywhere between 22 and 40°C (in the 70s to low 100s F), with average temperatures around 32°C (high 80s/low 90s F) in the late summer. In June, it can be as cool as 12°C (50s F) at night, and up to 30°C (80s F) in the daytime. The air is quite dry, and the landscape has that famous “golden Tuscan glow” in July and August. There is hardly any rainfall in July and August, and the sun is **very** bright in the summer!

Books and Movies about Tuscany and Italy suggested by Spannocchia

Books

The Tuscan Year: Tuscan Life and Food in an Italian Valley, Elizabeth Romer

The Hills of Tuscany, Ferenc Maté

Italy: A short History, H.Hearder

Within Tuscany, Matthew Spender

The Divine Comedy, Dante

A Tuscan Childhood, Kinta Beevor

Treasures of the Tuscan Table, Burton Anderson

Movies

La Dolce Vita

Johnny Stecchino

Il Postino

Ciao Professore!

Piccolo Diavolo

The Bicycle Thief

La Strada

Christ Stopped at Eboli

Caro Diario

Mediterraneo

Malena

Cinema Paradiso

Pane e Tulipani

PBS Medici – Godfathers of the Renaissance

Websites

www.slowtrav.com

www.terrasiena.it

www.initaly.com

www.fodors.com

www.terraditoscana.com

www.turismo.toscana.it

Guidebooks

Rough Guide

Lonely Planet

Frommers

Tips To Avoid Jet Lag

Drink plenty of water to keep hydrated.

Eat light and healthy foods.

Go to bed early the night before departure.

Take your vitamins, especially Vitamin B12, Vitamin C and Potassium.

Adjust to the time zone as soon as possible especially for meal and sleep times. If possible, adjust to the time zone a day before departure. On the plane-- change your watch to your destination time zone. Sleep on the plane if it is bedtime in your arrival city, stay awake if it isn't.

While on the plane, stretch and stand periodically. Exercise, both in the air and upon arrival, will circulate your blood and help you feel rejuvenated.

While You Are There

Please remember that Castello di Spannocchia was the Cinelli family residence for many years and should still be respected as such. Many Spannocchia furnishings are antiques and/or family heirlooms and should not be rearranged or moved from the room that they are in.

Conservation is a central concept at Spannocchia. Please help out by observing the following guidelines:

- When you leave a room or hall--turn off the light!
- Conserve water by: washing only a full load of laundry; don't let water run while washing dishes, brushing teeth; turn off shower while soaping up.
- Please follow the posted instructions for food waste disposal—no organic matter should ever be thrown in trash cans. Containers are provided for compost and animal food.

If you open the wood shutters of your room, be sure they are latched or secured so they do not bang in the wind.

In the summer, be sure to close shutters before leaving in the morning in order to keep your room as cool as possible. It is best to also close the window itself to keep out the hot midday air.

After dark, do not leave windows open and interior lights on at the same time, or your room will quickly be filled with flying insects.

Close inside and outside doors and gates that you pass through.

Cats are NOT to be fed inside and are NOT to stay inside.

There are many farm animals on Spannocchia--many have specific care, feeding, or training programs and should not be fed or handled.

Leave wild animals alone.

Spannocchia is now part of a nature preserve (Riserva Naturale Alto Merse). We have many visitors to our property. Please help keep an eye out for those not following the rules of the Riserva- littering, walking unleashed dogs, hunting, gathering mushrooms, etc. If you see someone suspicious, let the office know.

Frequently Asked Questions

Where is Spannocchia located?

Castello di Spannocchia is 22 kilometers southwest of Siena, a charming medieval city with a pedestrian city center, and a wide array of museums, churches, and historic sites. The city of Florence is 1 ¼ hour north of the Castello, and is an ideal destination for an afternoon trip. Rome is approximately a 3 to 3 1/2 hour drive depending on traffic and departure from the city.

What is the phone number and address of Castello di Spannocchia?

Mail can be sent to:

Tenuta di Spannocchia
53012 Chiusdino, Siena, Italy

Phone numbers

- reception	0577 75261
- Fattoria phone booth	0577 752643
- Fax	0577 752624

If calling from the United States, dial 011 then the country code, 39, then the number.

What is the exchange rate?

To locate the current exchange rate, go to www.x-rates.com/cgi-bin/hlookup.cgi and see what the current rate is for an American dollar to the Euro. While in Italy, every bank and Currency Exchange Office will offer slightly different rates. ATMs give the best exchange rate. We recommend not bringing too much foreign currency as some exchange shops charge upwards of 5% of the exchange. Using a credit or debit card in the ATM machines will avoid processing fees, however, your personal bank may charge a fee.

How do we communicate in terms of Telephones, Television, Internet and Cell Phones?

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at the Castello available for program participants. These services are shared by many guests, residents and interns so all guests are encouraged to limit their time spent on the telephone/internet while staying at the Castello. The price for the internet is

7,20 Euro per hour and 0 .13 Euro per unit for the telephone. You can also purchase a phone card at a local Tabacchi (convenient store), if you want to use the public phones located in the towns. Please see details under Tips For Travel in Italy

Is there access to the kitchen?

The Fattoria kitchen is available for all program participants. Please clean up after meals and do not leave food out or uncovered. If your group is going away for a weekend, take extra care to make sure that no dirty dishes or food are left out. Please make sure to keep the cover on the trash can and shut the doors.

What animals live at Spannocchia?

Spannocchia raises endangered breeds of animals as part of the Noah's Ark Program. These breeds include: fifty Cinta Senese Pigs, six Calvana cows, three Monterufolino ponies, twenty-five Pomarancina sheep, and one Monte Amiata donkey. The Noah's Ark Project was established to maintain diversity by preserving these traditional endangered breeds. In addition, there are turkeys, chickens, fifteen cats, three dogs and one draft horse.

Where do we do laundry?

Washing machines are available for doing laundry for 3 Euro per load—but clothes must be line-dried. Please do not hang clothes out of windows.

What are the pool hours and rules?

You are welcome to use the pool during daylight hours.

Please shower before entering the pool.

Do not swim alone.

No running, jumping, or other horseplay.

No diving since the pool is less than 8' deep at its deepest point.

Please put pool toys and ping-pong equipment back in the pool room after use!

Spannocchia Staff

Upon arrival at Spannocchia, you will meet wonderful members of the Spannocchia community.

Randall Stratton, General Manager.

Daniela Casarin, Castello Director - Daniela can help with on-site program details: participant special needs, room assignments, and making arrangements for cooking or language classes.

Lucia Sonetti, Guest Services - Lucia can help in making reservations for field trip museum and restaurant visits, and extra lodging reservations, transportation, and buying products in the shop.

Katie Plelan, Education director. Katie is in charge of the Interns and will also give us a Farm Tour and a Pasta-making class.

Francesca Cinelli Stratton – Francesca does a little bit of everything at Spannocchia, from running errands, to buying food– she knows how to get things done!

Local Area Information

While not busy with classes and seminar work, guests are encouraged to gather on the Villa terrace or by the pool to read, write postcards, draw, or just relax and enjoy the warmth of the southern exposure and the picturesque view. We encourage you to explore the property and visit the animals, take a self-guided walk through the garden and learn more about the workings of the farm. For those seeking more active recreation, the property is easily covered on foot on the farm roads and hiking trails. Many guests at Spannocchia enjoy the 1.5 km hike to Santa Lucia, a 10th century monastery located near the bank of the Rosia river—an ideal spot for a picnic or for sketching and painting. Just past Santa Lucia is the Ponte della Pia, a medieval bridge spanning the river, which is visible from the road as it winds up the hill to Spannocchia from the nearby village of Rosia. Another popular hike is a longer walk to Castiglione Che Dio Sol Sa—The Castle that Only God Knows, about a 1.5 hour hike from the Castello to the medieval castle tower nestled far in the hills of the Merse valley.

Castello di Spannocchia is just a short 25 minute drive from Siena, a charming medieval city with a pedestrian city center, and a wide array of museums, churches, and historic sites. In the summer, the city of Siena hosts the famous Palio di Siena, a bareback horse race that is run around the central plaza of the city and draws thousands of spectators each July and August. San Galgano, a medieval abbey whose roof was dismantled to be made into bullets during the Napoleone War, is a short 15 minute drive from the Castello. It is a beautiful spot for drawing or taking photos, and there is an active falconry located next door to the abbey, where one can learn about birds of prey. The hot springs of Petriolo, known throughout Europe for their healing powers, are located about 35 minutes southeast of Spannocchia. The springs are a great destination for an afternoon picnic or a moonlight soak—even in the winter months.

Other popular day trips include: Florence, (1 ¼ hours), the hill-town of Montepulciano and vineyards of Montalcino (1 ¼ hours), San Gimignano (¾ hour), Volterra (1 ¼ hours), and the Chianti wine region north of Siena (1 hour).

Please remember at all times that while you are a visitor in Italy you are subject to its laws. Both on and off Spannocchia you are a representative of the Spannocchia Foundation, and your native country.

Italian Language Basics

GREETINGS

Good day / Hello.	<u>Buon giorno.</u>	bwon JOHR-noh
Good evening.	<u>Buona sera.</u>	BWOH-nah SEH-rah
Good night.	<u>Buona notte.</u>	BWOH-nah NOHT-tah
Hello (formal).	<u>Salve.</u>	SAHL-veh
Good-bye (formal).	<u>Arrivederci.</u>	ahr-ree-veh-DEHR-chee
Hello. Good-bye (very informal).	Ciao.	chow
See you soon.	<u>A presto.</u>	ah PREH-stoh
See you later.	<u>A più tardi.</u>	ah pyoo TAHR-dee

INTRODUCTIONS AND GREETINGS

What's your name?	<u>Come si chiama?</u>	KOH-meh see KYAH-mah?
Pleased to meet you.	Piacere.	pyah-CHEH-reh
My name is...	<u>Mi chiamo...</u>	mee KYAH-moh...
I am...	Sono...	SOH-noh...
This is my husband.	<u>È mio marito.</u>	eh MEE-oh mah-REE-toh
·my wife.	<u>·mia moglie.</u>	·MEE-ah MOH-lyeh
·my colleague. (M)	·il mio	·eel MEE-oh
·my colleague. (F)	<u>·la mia collega.</u>	·lah MEE-ah kohL-LEH-gah
·my friend. (M)	·il mio amico	·eel MEE-oh ah-MEE-koh
·my friend. (F)	<u>·la mia amica.</u>	·lah MEE-ah ah-MEE-kah
How are you?	<u>Come sta?</u>	KOH-meh stah?
Fine, thanks, and you?	<u>Bene, grazie. E Lei?</u>	BEH-neh GRAH-tsyeH. eh LEH-ee?

COURTESY

Please.	Per favore.	pehr fah-VOH-reh
Please.	<u>Per piacere.</u>	pehr pyah-CHEH-reh
Thank you.	<u>Grazie.</u>	GRAH-tsyeH
You're welcome.	<u>Prego.</u>	PREH-goh
Sorry (excuse me).	Scusi.	SKOO-zee
Excuse me (may I get through?).	Permesso.	pehr-MEHS-soh

It doesn't matter.

Non importa.

nohn eem-POHR-tah

APPROACHING SOMEONE FOR HELP Excuse

me,... Mi scusi,...

mee SKOO-zee

·Sir.

·signore.

see-NYOH-reh

·Madam/Mrs.

·signora.

see-NYOH-rah

·Miss/Ms.

·signorina.

see-nyoh-REE-nah

Do you speak English?

Parla inglese?

PAHR-lah een-GLEH-zeh?

Yes.

Sì.

see

No.

No.

noh

I'm sorry.

Mi dispiace.

mee dee-SPYAH-cheh

I don't speak Italian.

Non parlo italiano.

nohn PAHR-loh ee-tah-LYAH-noh

I understand a little.

Capisco un pò.

ka-PEE-skoh oon poh

Please speak more slowly.

Per favore, parli più adagio.

pehr-fah-VOH-reh, PAHR-lee

pyoo ah-DAH-joh

Please repeat.

Per favore ripeta.

pehr-fah-VOH-reh ree-PEH-tah

May I ask a question?

Posso fare una domanda?

POHS-soh FAH-reh OO-nah

doh-MAHN-dah?

Could you please help me?

Può aiutarmi, per favore?

pwoh ah-yoo-TAHR-mee, pehr

fah-VOH-reh?

Of course.

Certamente.

cher-tah-MEHN-teh

Where is the bathroom?

Dov'è il bagno?

Thank you very much.

Mille grazie.

MEEL-leh GRAH-tsyeh

EMERGENCY EXPRESSIONS

Fire!

Al fuoco!

ahl FWOH-koh!

Help!

Aiuto!

ah-YOO-toh!

Thief!

Al ladro!

ahl LAH-droh!

Call the fire department!

Chiami i pompieri!

KYAH-mee ee pohm-PYEH-ree!

Call a doctor!

Chiami un dottore!

KYAH-mee oon doht-TOH-reh!

Call the police!

Chiami la polizia!

KYAH-mee lah poh-lee-TSEE-

ah!

If you would like to learn more Italian expressions, visit www.fodors.com/langua

Map of Toscana

Tuscany, Italy *Spannocchia is located on S73 southwest of Siena

