

Sant'Antimo Abbey

The Abbey of Sant'Antimo (Abbazia di Sant'Antimo) is a beautiful Romanesque church, in a picture-perfect setting just south of Montalcino in southern Tuscany. It sits in a large valley with views of the hill town Castelnuovo dell'Abate, rolling hills covered in olive groves and vineyards, and wild forests. Sant'Antimo is "one of the finest Romanesque religious buildings in Italy." The church dates from the 12th century.



Sant'Antimo in the early evening

Monks live in buildings nearby and this church is used for religious purposes. The monks chant prayers at scheduled times during the day (see schedule below).

Don't be fooled by the recorded chanting they play; look around and see if the monks are there! Plan your trip so that you will be there when they are chanting. The monks start chanting exactly at the schedule time and the chanting lasts about 12 minutes. They have a series of prayers that they chant. It is beautiful to hear.

Driving Directions

Sant'Antimo is about 10km south of Montalcino. Follow the road from Montalcino to Castelnuovo dell'Abate. You will see Sant'Antimo on your right, down in the valley, just before Castelnuovo dell'Abate. Drive down into the valley and you will see parking along the road.

Times for Chanting

The opening times and the schedule for chanting are posted in Italian on the Abbey door. The standard European 24 hour clock times are used.

Hours for Visiting (Orario di Visita)

The church is open all day, but some parts may not be accessible at all times. You may visit the entire church during these hours:

- 10:30 - 12:30 and 15:00 - 18:30

Do not visit the Abbey during services.

Schedule of Prayers

Prayer	Weekdays	Sunday and Holy Days
Lauds (Lodi)	7:00	7:30
Third Mass (Terza-Messa)	9:00	9:00 Terza, 11:00 Messa
Sext (Sesta)	12:45	12:45
Nones (Nona)	14:45	14:45
Vespers (Vespro)	19:00	18:30
Compline (Compieta)	20:30 21:00 summer	20:30 21:00 summer

The hours and masses have Gregorian chanting.

You may join in the Liturgical prayer.

For various circumstances this schedule is subject to change.

* The holidays of obligation are: January 6 (Epiphany), August 15 (Assumption), November 1 (All Saints), December 8 (Immaculate Conception), December 25 (Christmas)
