

Leisure Activities

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TOUR n. 3: The excellence of Made in Casentino

●●●● Arte della Lana Museum.

Between the 1800s and the early 1900s Stia Woolen Mill was one of the most important industries in Italy and today it represents an interesting example of **industrial archeology**. Arte della lana museum has a rich collection of different items, including an important selection of textile machines. The wool production is analyzed with a special attention to the pre-industrial and industrial era. The latter is composed of a display of large **textile machines** (now duly restored) documents and **period photographs**. Appropriate sound paths have been created to listen to the sounds of the textile machines. Visitors learn to tell apart the different textile fibers and fabrics while walking through the tactile paths.



●●●● The Casentino cloth.



The "Casentino cloth" was known, from the **middle age** until the nineteenth century, as a rustic and hard cloth made with the wool produced by the sheeps of the Casentino mountains.

At the beginning Casentino Cloth was used for **monks' habits**, to cover animals, and was worn by the farmers.

With time, it became very fashionable and now it's used by **high fashion designers** from all over the world.

●●●● The Tuscan ceramic tradition.

Ceramiche Tapinassi is a manufacturing company that has been producing **high quality artistic ceramic** for more than 50 years, according to the great Tuscan ceramic tradition.

After over 50 years of activity, today Ceramiche Tapinassi is one of the most experienced firms producing **Tuscan pottery**, provided with an up to date plant and an open to all store, where it is possible to buy ceramics and typical products.

