

# Tour: "A day in the prehistory..."

(distance: 8 km)

## Caves of Toirano -> Visit to the Medieval Village -> Visit to the Ethnographic Museum ...

Starting from the prehistorical caves ..., through a medieval village ..., you come to know the old customs of our forefathers' country life.

### 1) Visit to the Caves of Toirano



The guided tour includes the visit to the "Grotta della Basura" (the cave of the witch) and of "Santa Lucia inferiore". Here you can admire wonderful natural concretions; the bones and the footprints of the bear of the caves. It is also possible to recognize evidences of the prehistorical human beings that lived here 12.000-12.500 years ago.

Tourist Trail: 1300 Mt. - Duration 70 min. - Inside temperature 16°.

**Notice:** The visit to the caves is not recommended for people with walking difficulties because the trail is made up of several steps. We suggest to use training shoes.

For further information please contact the staff of the reception.

### 2) Walking to the Medieval village of Toirano



### 3) Visit to the Ethnographic Museum (entrance included in the ticket for the caves)



The museum is in the historic centre of Toirano, inside the old stables of the Palazzo D'Aste of the 14th century, that also became the seat of the government of the family Del Carretto. The museum shows collection of farm implements, handicraft tools and cookware from the beginning of the 17th century to the beginning of the 20th century, that local people have kindly lended to the museum. The section about the technique of the olive pressing is particularly interesting, where an old oil mill was rebuilt. Other halls are the room with the tools for the cultivation of grapevine and cereal crop and the room representing past moments of everyday life, showing particular kitchenware and some tools used by the old artisans, such as the tailor, the smith....

**Opening time:** 10.00 - 13.00 and 15.00 - 18.00, **every day** including holidays. In Summer (July and August) and on the occasion of tourist events in the historical centre, also opened in the evening. For groups of more than 10 people booking would be appreciated. **Ethnographical Museum** - Via Giuseppe Polla, 12 - 17055 Toirano (SV) - Tel +39 0182 989968