

**SAN GALGANO
AND THE
“SWORD IN THE
ROCK”**

The land and the history

- The monumental complex of San Galgano is located about 30 km west of Siena, between Monticiano and Chiusdino, in a land full of natural beauty.
- It is named after Galgano Guidotti a medieval knight. He was born in 1148 in Chiusdino (Siena), a small village near the abbey. During his youth he was a very arrogant guy, but over the years he realized he had a bad behavior and decided to retire on a hill in order to pray. As a sign of renunciation of violence, he plunged his sword into a rock, and from that moment on, the sword is always there and many tourists come to see it in San Galgano.

San Galgano's Abbey



What strikes most about this abbey is that it is without the roof. It is said it was dismantled by Napoleon who needed the iron for his weapons.



The sword in the rock



The sword in the rock can be admired in the Church of Montesiepi on the hill overlooking the abbey.

