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## ***DISCOVER MONTEPULCIANO, ONE OF THE PEARLS OF TUSCANY***

***Montepulciano is a medieval town in the province of Siena, perched on top of a hill between the Chiana Valley and the Val d'Orcia; when thinking about this town, the first thing that comes to your mind is probably the beautiful landscape: Montepulciano – full of history and masterpieces – is completely surrounded by the sweet hills of Tuscany, covered with olive trees and vineyards, from which the worldwide famous Vino Nobile di Montepulciano is also produced.***

**Montepulciano** has kept all the characteristics of a medieval village and it is still surrounded by three circles of walls, dating back to the 14th century; besides the wine, the town is famous for its **Renaissance palaces** but also for the elegance of its religious buildings like the **Sanctuary of San Biagio**, a masterpiece in white travertine.

Since the 1950s, the town has been used as a film location for many national and international hits: in 1966 Montepulciano was chosen for filming **L'Arcidiavolo** by **Ettore Scola**, in 1983 **Andrej Tarkovskij** came here to film his beautiful **Nostalghia**, in 1999 the town was picked for filming **A Midsummer Night's Dream** by **Michael Hoffman** and in 1996 it was also the location for **Anthony Minghella**'s unforgettable **English Patient**, nominated for 12 awards and walked away with 9 in 1997!

And three years ago also **The Cullens** arrived in Montepulciano, or rather Edward and Bella Swan, the main characters of the super lucky **Twilight Saga**:

from May 18 to May 29 - 2009 in Montepulciano were filmed the Italian scenes from **New Moon**, the second chapter of the beautiful love story between the restless vampire **Edward** (*Robert Pattinson*) and the sweet blooded human **Bella** (*Kristen Stewart*). The choice of filming the **Volterra scenes** in Montepulciano (about 120 km away from the home of the **Volturi**) was due to the fact that shooting here was simply much more comfortable and convenient: the production crew admitted in fact that they knew they could work better here, they knew that major assistance was going to be given and finally it was also a real opportunity to save a lot of money. **Volterra** did not respond that good of course, but in the end Montepulciano has been awarded the world's most famous modern vampires and the ancient rival just a little bit of fame at least.

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