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# ***THE FORTRESS OF RADICOFANI***

## ***Where the Italian Robin Hood lived***

First mentioned in 978, the **Fortress of Radicofani** occupies the highest point of a hill overlooking the Via Cassia/Francigena, the famous pilgrimage route connecting France to [Rome](#). Over the centuries, it was the subject of many territorial disputes between Siena, the local aristocracy and the Pope.

In 1290, it was occupied and conquered by **Ghino di Tacco**, an outlaw hero who is still considered as the **Italian Robin Hood**:

from the hill of Radicofani, Ghino ambushed travellers, established the nature of the goods they were carrying and robbed them of almost everything worth stealing; however, he allowed poor people and students to pass without stealing their money or belongings.

Today, the Radicofani fortress is open to the public and offers fantastic views over the [Val d'Orcia](#) and the **Monte Amiata**; the small, ancient village of the same name stands at its foot.