

Pozzo della Cava

A fascinating underground journey in the medieval district of Orvieto, through caves full of Etruscan, Medieval and Renaissance archaeological artefacts, unearthed thanks to the hard work of the family who owns it

The ceramic workshop

A medieval pottery workshop kiln with numerous majolica artefacts and ceramicists' tools

The rubbish pits

Small medieval pits used to dispose of rubbish; they became a treasure trove of ancient artefacts

The tomb

The classic shape of an Etruscan tomb readapted for fulling fabrics, and then later transformed into a clay store

The Pozzo (Well) della Cava

A huge hole in the tuff excavated by Pope Clement VII between 1527 and 1530 expanding an Etruscan well; closed to the public in 1646 and rediscovered after centuries of neglect

The medieval cellar

The underground rooms excavated during the Middle Ages to produce and preserve the famous Orvieto wines

The Etruscan cistern

An Etruscan excavation used to collect rainwater running off the roofs of nearby houses

The muffle kiln

The remains of a small kiln used for the "third-firing" of precious renaissance lusterware

The tuff pillar

One of the large pillars that formed the foundations of a medieval tower

The rock necropolis

The remains of some ancient Etruscan burial tombs

The quarry

A huge cavern transformed between the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries into a tuff quarry

"Well 2"

Another well, smaller and without water, whose use is shrouded in mystery

The tunnel

A classic Etruscan canal cut into the tuff rock

The tuff courtyard

An outdoor courtyard surrounded by medieval rock houses