

Dear Gold Wing Friends,

It is with sincere pleasure that we welcome the proposal for the 2009 International "Gold Wing" Rally.

We are honored and proud to welcome you in Tuscany from the 25th through the 28th of June 2009. Anghiari is a small but important medieval village that has remained practically intact through the centuries.

We are in the Region of Tuscany which is close to the regions of Umbria, Marche, and Romagna. Tuscany is where art and culture are amazingly joined to the beautiful landscapes and nature. This is the home of Piero della Francesca, Michelangelo, and many other prestigious artists.

Anghiari is in Tuscany and when you see it you will understand why we are so proud of our identity, which is still very much genuine, and not contaminated by tourism's fast pace. Our locals live in the historic center, keeping it immaculate, with flowers in the window boxes, and children playing in the small streets of the antique village. You may not hear only Italian spoken in the streets since varied languages are also present as a result of the inter-cultural exposure of these times.

We aim strongly on the exploitation of our history and of our best traditions. I am convinced that the quality of life in Anghiari, from town fairs, to our landscapes, to typical products, and to wine and good food. (we eat extremely well and drink the best wines) These are our valuable possessions which we contribute to the global market. Being the Mayor, I am proud of all the important recognition we have received from the tourism community. I also would like to point out that we are the district "Bandiera Arancione" (Orange Flag) for the Touring Club of Italy. We are also a chapter of the "Borghi piu Belli d'Italia (the most beautiful villages of Italy) and we also belong to "Citta Slow" (slow city).

I have tried to introduce my City with words but to really know Anghiari and its charm you must experience it in person. I must point out that the people of Anghiari, like all Tuscans don't have an easy character but they make hospitality and welcoming a principle of their lives. For all these reasons, I am waiting in Anghiari to introduce you to our village, and I'm sure you won't be disappointed.

Sincerely,

Danilo Bianchi