



Umbertide - Collegiata di S. Maria della Reggia

24.7.51. Monday morning.

Albergo Capponi, Umbertide.

Last night we stayed in this little town
most of which is shown overhead. It is a
rather charming place up the valley of the
Tiber with hills on several sides. There are
interesting old churches & a castle with a
moat, yet the place is not described at all
in the Blue Guide to Italy! It is amazing
how prices drop as soon as one gets off the
beaten track. In this hotel, one of the only 3 in
the town, we got very clean & comfortable, tho'
apparently simple accommodation for 400 lire
(5 shillings) for 2 people, whereas everywhere
else we have paid about 1200 lire a night
for 2 people. The dinner we had in the hotel
last night was quite perfect. We had a good
day's cycling from Foligno yesterday, having
collected our bikes there after arriving by train
from Rome - a journey of 2½ hours through the
flat Campagna country of the lower Tiber.
To-day we hope to leave the main road & go up
the hills via the untarred grade 4 roads
where there is no traffic, to Arezzo, which
we have not visited yet.

Minor road from Mont & Joan.

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