

Siena Lodging – October 25 – 28, 2017 – Siena, Italy

Following a late lunch in Pisa we arrived in Siena for a four-night stay. I wish we had made it at least a five-night stay and seven would have been even better. I found Siena's Gothic architectural venues and art, although fewer in number, are as great as Florence's Renaissance venues and art.

We moved into our Hotel Chiusarelli. I then drove the 4Runner to a free parking lot that was about an eight-minute walk from the hotel, making several stops for photographs and picking up a beer for each of us.



The principal places to visit are located in the upper right of the photograph. The dome is a part of the Siena Duomo and the high tower is the Torre del Mangia. However the large church, Chiesa di San Domenico Cripta, located in the upper left was on the street back to the hotel.

But first, a sight we have only seen one or two times in Italy -- a plugged in car.



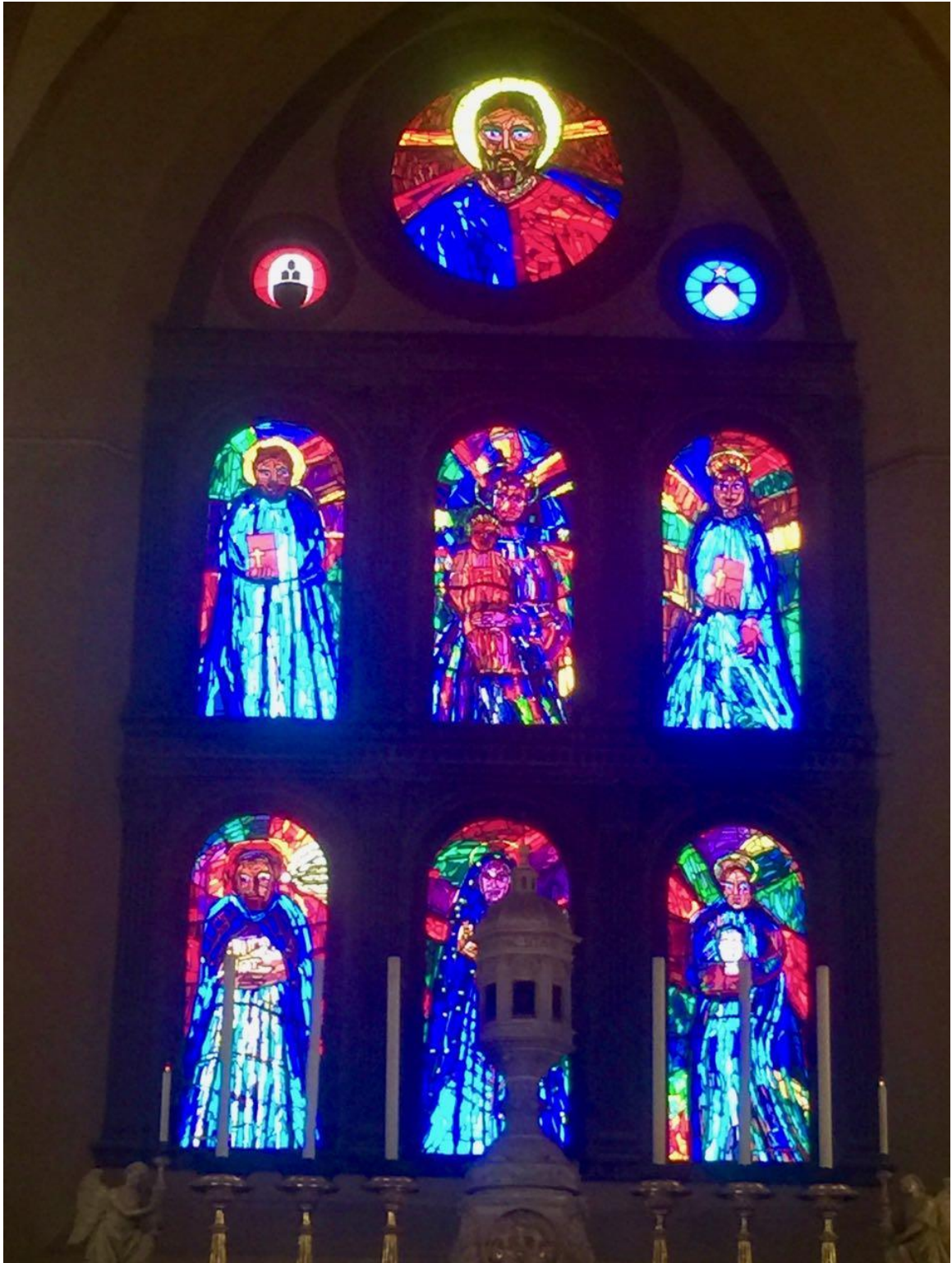
Now I am standing in front of the brick constructed Chiesa di San Domenico. This church's construction began in the mid-1200s or about 760 years ago. The church contains several body parts of Saint Catherine including her head.



The central nave of the church.



The style of the stain glass isn't something we have seen. It's more like something a primitive artist today would create than a gothic artist seven hundred years ago.



Our room at the Hotel Chiusarelli. The room was boring but location and price made this a winner for us.



Dang, look at that, a hair dryer in the bathroom. This hotel is probably a little more upscale than our normal stays.



The view from our window but the photo was taken from a balcony near our room. This is where I was drinking my happy hour beer after parking the car.



The hallway to our room was two flights up from the receptionist desk and three flights from the hotel's restaurant. Our room was the first door on the left. No that isn't a marble wainscoting on the left side of the hallway. It is drywall painted to look like marble.



Don't remember how I found this room but I typically check Airbnb plus at least one of the following: Trip Advisor, Expedia, Hotels.com or Booking.com. Price was \$107.92/night with breakfast and this was a very good breakfast not the typical La Quinta "you call this food" breakfast.

Wishing you the best of luck on your hotel breakfasts.