

## Tuscany | Sense of life | Self-guided | Italy - 8 Days

Experience and cycle the beauty of Tuscany in eight days. This tour is one of our sporty tours, which means you cycle a lot, but you also see a lot more. The unique landscape will literally carry you and you will be warmly welcomed in the characteristic villages. In addition, there is art, cuisine and cities that are among the most beautiful in the world: Pisa, Florence and Siena! Buon Viaggio!

Strada del Vino del Piave: True to the motto of our cycle holiday, the well-known wine route „Strada del Vino del Piave“ awaits you on the second day. There you cycle through the fragrant and picturesque vines and can also try one or another glass of Pinot Grigio, which is pressed to perfection there.

The very first stage from Montecatini Terme leads to a cultural site of the world - Vinci is, as the name suggests, the birthplace of Leonardo da Vinci. Here you will already be immersed in this unique region, dotted with olive groves, vineyards, castles and picturesque villages.

On the way to Pisa, you will pass Lucca, an insider's tip among the cities of Tuscany, and the lake of Massaciuccoli, which was described as a paradise by Puccini. On day 5, the route leads to San Gimignano, the "city of towers". These striking buildings represent the noble families that once resided here. Siena and Florence form the fitting "grande finale" of the tour - immerse yourself in the historic old towns with their numerous architectural masterpieces.

### Highlights

- The museum of the genius Leonardo da Vinci: Welcome to the Renaissance! The birthplace of one of Tuscany's most famous sons dedicates a museum to him with countless of his sketches, models and replicas of his works. Only a few kilometres away is the "Casa Natale di Leonardo" - his birthplace. This is also definitely worth a visit!
- Cycling across the Piazza dei Miracoli in Pisa: When you think of Pisa, the first thing that comes to mind is usually the Leaning Tower. Rightly so, because it is an eye-catcher. But the Cathedral, the Baptistery and the Botanical Garden are also real highlights.
- The breathtaking Tuscan hills: Vast fields, olive groves, orchards full of juicy peaches and the medieval history characterise the Tuscan landscape. Every now and then, the hills offer a view of the sea or the picturesque Arno River, which shaped the region as a trade route. Fantastic!
- The Chianti wine region: If you indulge in wine tasting, then definitely here - the wines of Tuscany are drunk all over the world due to their high quality. In Castellina and Greve (day 7) you can follow in the footsteps of first-class winegrowing.

### Itinerary

### services:

#### SERVICE

- Accommodation as already mentioned
- Breakfast
- Welcome briefing (German, English)
- Luggage transfer
- EUROBIKE developed route
- Detailed travel documents 1x per room (German, English, French)
- 1 bus transfer from Greve - Florence incl. your bike
- App for Navigation and GPS-data
- Service hotline

### added options / discounts:

Additional night in Montecatini Terme doubleroom p.P. from	99 €
Additional night in Montecatini Terme singleroom p.P. from	148 €
Additional night in Florence doubleroom p.P. from	125 €
Additional night in Florence singleroom p.P. from	224 €
rental bike 21-gear unisex	99 €
rental bike 21-gear gents	99 €
rental bike PLUS	169 €
e-bike	259 €
rental bike 7-geR unisex	99 €

### dates & prices:

13.04.2024 - 10.05.2024 - Accomodation Tuscany

Double room - Price per person	1499 €
Single room - Price per person	2018 €

- Day 1: Arrival in Montecatini Terme
- Day 2: Vinci (55km by bike)
- Day 3: From Montecatini Terme to Pisa (40-90km by bike)
- Day 4: From Pisa to Casciana Terme (50km by bike)
- Day 5: From Casciana Terme to San Gimignano (55km by bike)
- Day 6: From San Gimignano to Siena (50km by bike)
- Day 7: From Siena to Florenz (50km by bike)
- Day 8: Departure or Extension

All distances are approximate. Due to circumstances beyond control, weather conditions or provisions issued by local authorities, the itinerary may be subject to some changes before and/or during your holiday. For example, along the way you may find temporary deviations/detours caused by roadwork. In this case, please follow the directions posted on site.

#### Itinerary:

##### Day 1: Arrival in Montecatini Terme

Today, you will have the opportunity to visit the lagoon city of Venice, which is located only 20 minutes from your hotel and can easily be reached by public transportation.

##### Day 2: Vinci | 55 km

Highlights: At the beginning of your tour, you will cycle through the vast plains of the valley Valdenievole, which is characterized by a lot of agriculture. You will continue through the first Tuscan villages, through olive groves to Vinci, the birthplace of Leonardo. We recommend visiting the museum in the castle since it is home to one of the largest and most original collections of machines and models of the inventor. Then, you will take quiet roads back to Montecatini Terme.

##### Day 3: From Montecatini Terme to Pisa | 40 - 90 km

Highlights: On your way to Lucca, you will pass the small, medieval wine town of Monte Carlo, where one of the few white wines of Tuscany flourishes. (Alternatively, you can take the train to Lucca). A bike ride on the historic city walls offers magnificent views of churches and towers that rise above the countless roofs of the city. Afterwards, you will continue to Lake Massaciuccoli (also called Lake of Giacomo Puccini) with stunning views of the sea and Pisa with its Court of Miracles ("Piazza dei Miracoli" – Leaning Tower).

##### Day 4: From Pisa to Casciana Terme | 50 km

Highlights: First, the bike path leads you along the river Arno. Many fertile fields line your way and you will continue your tour through the Pisan hills, on whose gentle slopes sweet wines, olives and juicy peaches grow. You will see small medieval villages located on the hilltops and soon you will have reached today's destination, the spa town Casciana Terme.

##### Day 5: From Casciana Terme to San Gimignano | 55 km

Highlights: Today, you will cycle on beautiful trails through vineyards and rolling hills to San Gimignano. On your way, you will see images of the original Tuscany as they have been painted many times. Just before you reach today's destination, the silhouettes of the famous medieval towers appear in front of you. Each aristocratic family once had their own tower here – and these towers still dominate the townscape.

##### Day 6: From San Gimignano to Siena | 50 km

Highlights: The beautiful Tuscan landscape on today's stage makes you forget the small climbs on the route.



Once you reach the small fortified village of Monteriggioni, you will feel as if you were in the Middle Ages. Today's highlight undoubtedly is the architectonic paradise of Siena. further to Treviso with its many attractions.

#### Day 7: From Siena to Florenz | 50 km

Highlights: The tour takes you into the midst of the wide Chianti region. Only here the world-renowned "Chianti Classico" wine, which is much respected among wine connoisseurs, is grown. The charming wine village of Castellina is on your way to Greve. Thanks to its famous wine and olive production, it is called the capital of the Chianti region. From here you will get back to Florence by public bus (bike drop-off in Greve)



#### Day 8: Departure or Extension

- **Total Distance:** 265km (164 miles)
- **Daily Distance:** 35-55km (21-34miles)
- **Route information:** Tuscany has a wonderful but also hilly landscape. You will cycle on quiet minor roads and sometimes even on country lanes from one famous city to another. Close to bigger cities, traffic is unfortunately unavoidable.
- This tour is available between March 23 and October 12
- Starts every Saturday

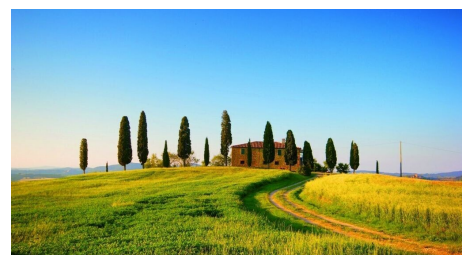


## Accommodation Tuscany

**Romantic hotels in Tuscany:** Our standards for hotel selection are high. Our hotels should not only be as functional as possible, but above all offer a pleasant atmosphere. Only occasionally does the route force a compromise. In such cases, however, you will occasionally have to make do with a simple hotel. We do not accept a cheaper hotel just to achieve an apparently low travel price. terranova always mentions the hotel names in the brochure and on the Internet. You are welcome to check our rating in Michelin or on tripadvisor.

#### Montecatini Terme: [Grand Hotel Croce di Malta \\*\\*\\*\\*](#)

The Grand Hotel Croce di Malta\*\*\*\* is quietly located just a few steps from the spa park and the town center. The stylish hotel offers all the amenities you can expect after a beautiful day of cycling. The spacious rooms will make you feel right at home. Spend the night in style in the new superior rooms and the spacious prestige rooms offer even more comfort. You are also in good hands in the elegant hotel lobby, in the cozy bar or on the inviting sun terrace. The beautifully landscaped pool with sun loungers, the modern fitness area and the excellent restaurant round off the hotel facilities and ensure an unforgettable stay. The wellness area with sauna, steam bath and indoor pool can be used for a fee. terranova guests receive a 20% discount on the official rates.





**Pisa: [Hotel Bologna, Pisa](#) \*\*\*\***

The elegant hotel is located in the historic center of Pisa. Just a few minutes' walk from the impressive Piazza dei Miracoli with its famous Leaning Tower. The elegant townhouse dating back to 1850 has been lovingly adapted into a small hotel with just 60 rooms. The spacious and elegantly designed rooms and the extensive breakfast buffet leave nothing to be desired. Enjoy a refreshing aperitif in the cozy inner courtyard in the evening. An alternative, central 4\*\*\*\* hotel is booked for full occupancy.

**Casciana Terme: [Agriturismo Le Valli](#)**

In a wonderful panoramic location, you will spend the night "typically Tuscan". The historic farmhouse has been renovated with great effort in order to integrate the stone walls typical of the region into the living area. The owner's handwriting can be seen in every detail. She is also the one who will be happy to cook you a genuine Tuscan meal in the evening. The extensive grounds include a sunbathing lawn, fruit trees and a wonderful pool for cooling off.

**San Gimignano: [La Cisterna](#) \*\*\***

Located directly on the famous Piazza la Cisterna, the hotel knows how to impress with its personal service and special charm. The town house dates back to the 14th century, allowing you to immerse yourself in times long past. The rooms are stylish and comfortable and offer either a view of the piazza or the picturesque hilly landscape.

**Siena: [Hotel Garden](#) \*\*\*\***

Surrounded by a vast and majestic 18th century park adorned with ancient rose gardens and travertine statues, the Hotel Garden is located outside the city walls and a few minutes' walk from the city gate Porta di Camollia, which is now closed to traffic. The Hotel Garden offers all its guests the renowned restaurant "La Limonaia", where the chef reinterprets traditional Tuscan dishes with creativity, two outdoor pools, a tennis court and a rich breakfast buffet served on the idyllic terrace with a panoramic view of Siena. The rooms at the 4-star Hotel Garden are located in the main villa or the adjoining annexes.

**Florence: [C-Hotels](#) \*\*\*\***

The Ambasciatori, Club and Diplomat hotels are located in the immediate vicinity of the train station and therefore right in the heart of Florence. All important monuments are within easy walking distance. In addition to their central location, the hotels also share a modern design, an extensive breakfast buffet and comfortable rooms.

