






TUSCAN HILLS: ITALIAN DOLCE VITA ON TWO WHEELS

 self-guided tour

 Bike tour

 300-350 km

●●○ Medium

Duration: 8 days / 7 nights



DESCRIPTION

Als Radfahrer werden Sie reichlich Gelegenheit haben, Eindrücke, Farben, Formen und Geräusche an intensiv wahrzunehmen: die Eleganz prachtvoller Schlösser, das Formenspiel stilvoller Villen, umgeben vom silbrigen Grün der Olivenbäume und dem Violett der Lilien. As a cyclist, you will get many opportunities to perceive the full scale of impressions, colors, shapes, and sounds in this region: the elegance of magnificent castles, the use of forms in the stylish villas, surrounded by the silvery green of the olive groves and the purple of the lilies. Visit Florence, "la bella" – the beautiful one, Siena, Vinci, and Pisa and enjoy the solitude of the wide hills cycling on quiet roads. For centuries, Tuscany has enchanted people. Both the people who have left their traces behind and helped to enrich the culture of this region and the people who came to stay. You will understand once you have been on this trip you will understand why! 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.

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DETAILED ROUTES

Day 1: Montecatini Terme

Individual arrival. In the hotel, you will first get detailed information on the tour and your bikes. Afterwards, we recommend taking a walk in the spa park or taking the historical rack railway train to Montecatini Alto.

Day 2: Montecatini - Vinci - Montecatini

(approx. 55 km)

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: Montecatini Terme – Pisa

(approx. 40 - 90 km)

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 Massacciuccoli (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: Pisa – Casciana Terme

(approx. 50 km)

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: Casciana Terme – San Gimignano

(approx. 55 km)

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: San Gimignano – Siena

(approx. 50 km)

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.

Day 7: Siena – Florence

(approx. 50 km + transfer)

The tour takes you into the midst of the wide Chianti region. Only here the world-renowned “Chianti Classico”

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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 bus.

Day 8: Florence

Individual departure from Florence or possibility to extend your stay.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

- **Classification:** self-guided tour
- **Duration:** 8 days / 7 nights
- **Distance:** ca. 300-350 km
- **Starting point:** Montecatini Terme
- **Arrival:**

By train: Montecatini Terme central train station.

By plane: Florence and Pisa airport.

- **Accommodation:**

Category Charme: 4**** hotels, 1 x 3*** hotel and 1x agriturismo

Category A: 3*** and 4**** hotels

Category B: 3*** hotels

Tourist tax – if requested – has to be paid on spot

- **Parking:**

Car park/garage ca. € 10.00 per day / free parking places nearby the hotel

- **Rental bikes:**

21-gears women's or men's bicycle

27-gears bike PLUS with free wheel and crossbar (sportier and lighter, more quality in the saddle)

E-bike (unisex bike, 500 W battery)

- **Transfer:**

Only on saturday: Return transfer by minibus to Montecatini Terme on request, costs € 49.00 per person, to be paid for at the time. The bicycles of the customers can be brought directly from Greve to Florence or Montecatini Terme for no extra charge.

In alternative: Good train connections from Florence to Montecatini Terme: Timetable: www.trenitalia.it

INCLUDED SERVICES

- Accommodation in hotel according to the chosen category
- Breakfast buffet or extensive breakfast
- Luggage transfer from hotel to hotel
- Welcome briefing (German and English)
- Well planned routes
- 1 transfer by bus Greve-Florence (incl. bike)
- navigations APP and GPS tracks
- Detailed travel documents 1x per room

NON INCLUDED SERVICES

- Arrival to the starting point of the tour
- Departure at the end of the tour
- Drinks, tourist tax and all extras
- All lunches and dinners
- Not mentioned entries
- Public transports
- Rental bikes and Travel insurance
- All not expressly mentioned under the item „Included services“

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(German, English, French - with route maps, route description, local attractions, important telephone numbers) Telephone service hotline for during the entire tour

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STARTING DATES

Available - arrival possible
Not Available
Available for groups from 6 persons and on request

March

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April

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August

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October

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PRICES

category A

Package price in a double room from 23/03/2024 to 12/10/2024 1.249 €

Package price in a double room from 13/04/2024 to 21/09/2024 1.299 €

Package price high season from 11/05/2024 to 31/08/2024 1.349 €

Single room surcharge 379 €

Additional services

own bike 0 €

rental bike 21-gear (women) 99 €

Rental bike PLUS 169 €

Rental electric bike 259 €

Additional nights

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category B

Package price in a double room	from 23/03/2024 to 12/10/2024	1.099 €
Package price in a double room	from 13/04/2024 to 21/09/2024	1.149 €
Package price high season	from 11/05/2024 to 31/08/2024	1.189 €
Single room surcharge		379 €

Additional services

own bike		0 €
rental bike 21-gear (women)		99 €
Rental bike PLUS		169 €
Rental electric bike		259 €

Additional nights

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Category Charm

Package price in a double room	from 23/03/2024 to 12/10/2024	1.429 €
Package price in a double room	from 13/04/2024 to 21/09/2024	1.499 €
Package price high season	from 11/05/2024 to 31/08/2024	1.549 €
Single room surcharge		519 €

Additional services

own bike		0 €
rental bike 21-gear (women)		99 €
Rental bike PLUS		169 €
Rental electric bike		259 €

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Additional nights

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