






CYCLING, FEASTING, RELAXING

 self-guided tour

 Bike tour

 240-240 km

●●○ Medium

Duration: 8 days / 7 nights

DESCRIPTION

Simply thinking about this popular region puts a smile on a lot of people's faces! The many lovely landscapes in mild sunlight and numerous art cities in Tuscany make up this region's special charm. The famous spa town Montecatini Terme is the ideal starting point for your tours exploring the area. You will experience world-famous attractions riding your bike. Every day you will get from one highlight to another and at the same time you will always be looking forward to getting back to your comfortable wellness hotel. Tuscany has a wonderful but also hilly landscape. You will cycle on quiet minor roads and sometimes even on country lanes. Close to bigger cities, traffic is unfortunately unavoidable.

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DETAILED ROUTES

📍 Day 1: Arrival in Montecatini

Information on the tour and bike fitting in the evening. For the rest of the day, we recommend taking a walk in the spa park or taking the historical rack railway train to Montecatini Alto.

📍 Day 2: Trip through the Val di Nievole Valley (approx. 40 km)

Today, you will cycle along wonderful ways through olive groves to the charming town of Serravalle. Beautiful panoramic views over the valley will reward you for conquering the short climbs before you will return downhill to Montecatini. On your way, you will also pass the historic town of Montecatini Alto, where you can enjoy a glass of wine at the romantic Piazza Guisti.

📍 Day 3: Trip to Monte Pisani and to the sea (approx. 50 km + transfer and train journey)

The day starts with a drive to the summit of Monte Pisano (900 m) where you can enjoy an impressive panorama of Pisa and the sea. From here you will start your bike tour with a long descent into the valley. On the bike path along a Roman Viaduct you will get to the Leaning Tower of Pisa. Later, you will continue to the Mediterranean coast and through the nature park "Macchia Lucchese" to the "Pearl of the Tyrrhenian coast": Viareggio. At the end of your tour, you will take the train back to Montecatini.

📍 Day 4: Trip to Florence (by train)

The capital of Tuscany offers a unique range of palaces, churches, museums and art treasures of the Renaissance to its visitors. Today, you and your bike get a break. Alternatively, you can enjoy the day in your wellness hotel.

📍 Day 5: Trip to San Gimignano (approx. 55 + transfer)

Today, you will take a shuttle to Casciana Terme. On wonderful ways, through vineyards and rolling hills, you will cycle to San Gimignano and its uncounted towers. 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 appear in front of you. After your trip, you will have a transfer back to your hotel.

📍 Day 6: Trip to Vinci (approx. 55 km)

On the sixth day, you will cycle on small paths through the olive groves of Montecatini to Vinci, the birthplace of Leonardo. This museum dedicated to his genius and his inventions is very impressive. On your way back to the hotel, you will cycle over gently rolling hills and through the lovely countryside of Montalbano.

📍 Day 7: Trip to Lucca (approx. 40 km + train journey)

First, you will cycle through the small, medieval wine town of Monte Carlo, where one of the few white wines of Tuscany flourishes. Then you will continue your tour along the Wine Road "Colline Lucchesi", through the backcountry, past the beautiful Villa Torrigiani 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. The train will take you back to your

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hotel.

Day 8: Departure or extension

Individual departure or possibility to extend your stay.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

- **Classification:** self-guided tour
- **Duration:** 8 days / 7 nights
- **Distance:** ca. 240-240 km
- **Starting point:** Montecatini
- **Arrival:**

By train: Montecatini Terme central train station.

By plane: Airports Florence and Pisa

- **Accommodation:**

Grand Hotel Croce di Malta. The popular 4**** hotel is located in a quiet area only a few steps from the spa park and the town centre. The stylish hotel offers all the amenities you may expect after a nice day of cycling. You will feel very comfortable in the spacious rooms with balconies as well as the rooms of type premiere are designed classically, the rooms of type prestige are modern and bright. You can also feel comfortable in the elegant hotel lobby, the cosy bar or the friendly sun terrace. The beautifully designed pool with sun lounge, the modern fitness area and the excellent restaurant ensure a memorable stay. The new wellness area with sauna and whirlpool is only available against surcharge.

Tourist tax - if requested - has to be paid on the spot.

- **Parking:**

Car park garage ca. € 60.00 per week. Public car park along the street about € 5.00 per day. Car parking or garages can't be booked by us in advance. Has to be organized and paid on the spot.

- **Rental bikes:**

21-gear unisex 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)

INCLUDED SERVICES

- Accommodation at Grand Hotel Croce di Malta 4****, in the chosen room category
- Breakfast buffet
- Welcome briefing (English or German)
- Well planned routes
- Detailed documents, 1 x room EN/GER/FR (maps, route description, local attractions, places of interest, important telephone numbers)
- Bus journey to Monte Pisano and Casciana Terme plus from San Gimignano incl. bike

NON INCLUDED SERVICES

- Arrival to the starting point of the tour
- Departure at the end of the tour
- Drinks, tourist tax and all extras
- Meals (halfboard if not booked)
- Not mentioned entries
- Rental bikes and Travel insurance
- All not expressly mentioned under the item „Included services“

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- Train journey Viareggio to Montecatini and Lucca - Montecatini incl. bike
- Train journey to and from Florence excl. bike
- navigations APP and GPS tracks
- Use of outdoor pool and fitness area
- Telephone service hotline 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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PRICES

Superior

Package price in a double room from 30/03/2024 to 12/10/2024 899 €

Package price in a double room from 13/04/2024 to 21/09/2024 999 €

Package price high season from 11/05/2024 to 31/08/2024 1.099 €

Single room surcharge 259 €

Half board supplement 260 €

Additional services

Rental bike 21-gear (men) 8,7 99 €

own bike 0 €

Rental bike 21-gear (women) 9,8 129 €

Additional nights

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See ebsite

Deluxe

Package price in a double room	from 30/03/2024 to 12/10/2024	1.079 €
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Package price in a double room	from 13/04/2024 to 21/09/2024	1.179 €
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Package price high season	from 11/05/2024 to 31/08/2024	1.269 €
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Single room surcharge		399 €
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Half board supplement		256 €
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Additional services

Rental bike 21-gear (men) 8,7		99 €
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Rental bike 21-gear (women) 9,8		129 €
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Additional nights

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