



# PEARLS OF TUSCANY

## Discover Florence, Pisa, Siena and Arezzo

Embark on an eight-day journey through Tuscany, discovering iconic landmarks like Florence's Renaissance treasures, Pisa's Leaning Tower, and the medieval charm of San Gimignano. Traverse the scenic Chianti Valley, savoring its renowned wines, and explore the historic centers of Siena and Arezzo.

### Day 1: Start of the tour

Arrival in Florence and transfer to the hotel. Accommodation in a 4\* hotel in the city center and afternoon at leisure for individual visits. Dinner free and overnight stay.



### Day 2: Walking tour of Florence

Breakfast at the hotel and meeting with the guide for a walking tour of **Florence**. We'll visit iconic buildings and statues of world renowned artists such as Michelangelo's **David**, we'll walk through the streets of the historic center admiring **Palazzo Vecchio**, **Ponte Vecchio**, and the enchanting **Fontana del Porcellino**, where traditionally you touch your nose in the hope of receiving good luck. free time for lunch and afternoon at disposal for individual visits. Return to the hotel for overnight stay.

**Optional (not included):** Internal visit of the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore with Brunelleschi's Dome.



### Day 3: Walking tour of Pisa and Lucca

Breakfast at the hotel, meeting with the guide and start of the morning tour of **Pisa**. We'll unveil the illustrious **Piazza dei Miracoli**, home to the iconic **Leaning Tower of Pisa**, a **UNESCO Heritage Site**. After some leisurely lunch break we'll move to **Lucca**, a city ensconced within formidable walls steeped in history and mystery.

We'll traverse its medieval thoroughfares, resonant with echoes of bygone eras, where tales of valiant knights and timeless romances linger in the air. We'll also make a stop in **Borgo Stretto**, Lucca's vibrant shopping enclave.

Return to the hotel, free evening for dinner and individual visits and overnight stay.



### Day 4: San Gimignano wine tasting

Breakfast at the hotel, check-out and then, we'll venture to **Siena** with a stop in **San Gimignano**, renowned for its wines, a paradise for wine enthusiasts. An expert guide will introduce us to the heart of Tuscany's wine making heritage.

Then we'll experience a **wine tasting** of the surrounding vineyards like Chianti and Vernaccia accompanied by some local **Tuscan dishes**.

Transfer to the hotel in **Siena** and free time for individual visits. Overnight stay.





### Day 5: Walking tour of Siena

Breakfast at the hotel followed by a guided tour of the historic center of **Siena**. We'll start our visit from **Piazza del Campo** with the **Torre del Mangia** and the facade of the **Palazzo Pubblico**. This square hosts the famous Palio di Siena, a horse race organized by the city's districts. We'll then proceed towards **Palazzo Tolomei**, once the residence of illustrious personalities. Afterward, a guided tour of the **Siena Cathedral** awaits, where we'll also explore the **Baptistry**. Inside this sacred site, we'll encounter a sublime collection of art masterpieces, including the **Maestà** by Duccio di Buoninsegna and a **statue of St. Paul**, sculpted by a very young Michelangelo.

Free time for lunch and afternoon at disposal for individual visits. Overnight stay.

### Day 6: Val d'Orcia walking tour

Breakfast at the hotel, check-out and meeting with the guide for a panoramic road in the picturesque **Tuscan countryside**, exploring the charming **Val d'Orcia** and the captivating **Montepulciano**. Along the way, we'll stop at **San Quirino d'Orcia** to admire its enchanting landscapes and visit the famous **Chapel of the Madonna di Vitaleta**, surrounded by majestic cypress trees and declared a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**.

Next, we head to **Pienza**, where we'll explore its charming historic center, characterized by **cobblestone streets** and **Renaissance buildings** like the **Duomo** and **Palazzo Piccolomini**. After immersing ourselves in the region's culture and architecture, we'll make our way to **Montepulciano**, where a cozy luxury villa awaits us with a pool and breathtaking views of the Tuscan countryside.

In the afternoon, we'll have some free time to relax and enjoy the tranquil atmosphere of the villa. We'll conclude the day immersed in the beauty and authenticity of Tuscany. Overnight stay.



### Day 7: Trasimeno Lake and Arezzo

Breakfast at the hotel followed by a rendezvous with the driver for a transfer to **Lake Trasimeno**. Prepare for a captivating morning exploring the natural splendor of Lake Trasimeno. Board a ferry boat from **Castiglion del Lago**, embarking on a picturesque 15-minute journey to **Isola Maggiore**, the lake's sole inhabited island. Upon arrival, we'll have ample free time to wander amid the island's scenic lakeside vistas and delve into its rich history.

Afterward, we'll set sail towards **Castiglion del Lago**, passing by charming villages like **San Feliciano**, **Monte del Lago**, and **Passignano**. We'll enjoy the serenity of the lake and the quaint villages dotting its shores.

Following a leisurely morning, we'll indulge in some free time for lunch and in the afternoon we'll embark on a transfer to **Arezzo**, a city steeped in history and architectural wonders for a guided tour. With our guide we'll discover **Piazza Grande**, **Pieve di Santa Maria**, **Palazzo delle Logge**. We'll also visit significant religious landmarks, including the **Church of San Domenico**, **Church of San Francesco**, where Piero della Francesca's fresco "The Legend of the True Cross" captivates visitors. The tour culminates with a visit to the **Cathedral of San Donato**, honoring the city's patron saint. Return to the hotel, free evening and overnight stay.



### Day 8: End of the tour

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out. On request private transfer to Pisa/Rome airport 3 hours before the flight.

## Tour for groups and F.I.T. Custom made itinerary

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#### Included:

- Accommodation in a 4\* hotel in the city center with breakfast (Florence 3 nights, Siena 2 nights)
- Accomodation in luxury villa in Montepulciano area (2 nights)
- Visit of the historic center of Florence (3h), Siena (3h), Arezzo (3h)
- San Francesco Basilica in Arezzo tickets included
- Visit of a winery in San Gimignano with wine tasting
- Ferry boat ticket Trasimeno Lake
- Private transfer as per the program

#### Not included:

- Tips and personal extras
- Everything that is not in the "included" section
- Lunches and dinners, where not specified