



At the heart of Tuscany (hike & drive)

7 days / 6 nights

Tuscany...

Here is a wonderful self-guided holiday to discover the wonders of Tuscany. This carefully selected itinerary will appeal to almost everyone, especially to nature and history lovers.

Apart from the beautiful scenery and the ancient sites, you will get a taste of local gastronomy and wines. This auto tour will offer you the occasion to travel and walk in different areas of Tuscany and will provide you with a full insight of this fantastic region.

YOUR PROGRAM

Day 1 - Pisa tower and surrounding hills

On the first day, you will visit one of the most unmissable sites of Tuscany : the leaning Tower of Pisa. You will drive on country lanes away from the main roads to reach the tower. On the way back to the picturesque fortified town of Lucca, you will pass Monte Pisano; a good occasion to put on your walking boots! The proposed walking tour takes about 3 hours and is an easy walk.

About 70km of road.

Stay in a 2** hotel in the city centre of Lucca.



Day 2 - Following Leonardo da Vinci's tracks

After a nice walk through Lucca's ancient winding streets, and along the top of its fortified walls, you can enjoy local food at a "Trattoria" before taking the road to Vinci. This is the birth place of Leonardo da Vinci where you will find a pretty village situated in the heart of this wine growing region. Worth visiting is the interesting museum all about Leonardo da Vinci's life and work.

About 70km of road.

Stay in a 3*** hotel in the centre of Vinci.



Day 3 - Walking in Leonardo de Vinci's homeland

The start of the walk is right at the house where Leonardo was born. From there, you will walk to the top of Montalbano with its fantastic views of typical Tuscan scenery.

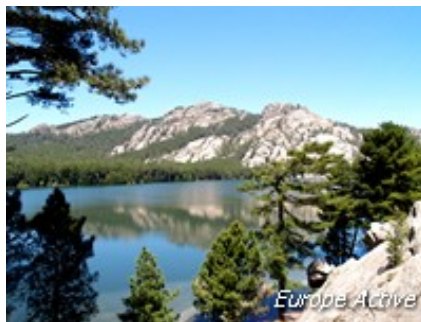
Difficulty: average.

Distance: 11.5km.

Maximum altitude: +629m.

Walking time : 4 to 5 hours.

Stay in a 3*** hotel in the centre of Vinci.



Day 4 - In the Chianti, from Vinci to Siena

En route to the South to discover the 'picture postcard' Tuscany, you will cross the region of Chianti with its numerous vineyards and olive groves. The highlight of the day, where you will stay the night, is a charming little village in the Siena region. Today you will have the opportunity to taste wine, eat good local food and visit ancient cities like Impruneta, Greve in Chianti, Castellina in Chianti, Radda in Chianti.

Stay in a wonderful Agriturismo close to Radda in Chianti

About 75km on the road.

Day 5 - The Siena region

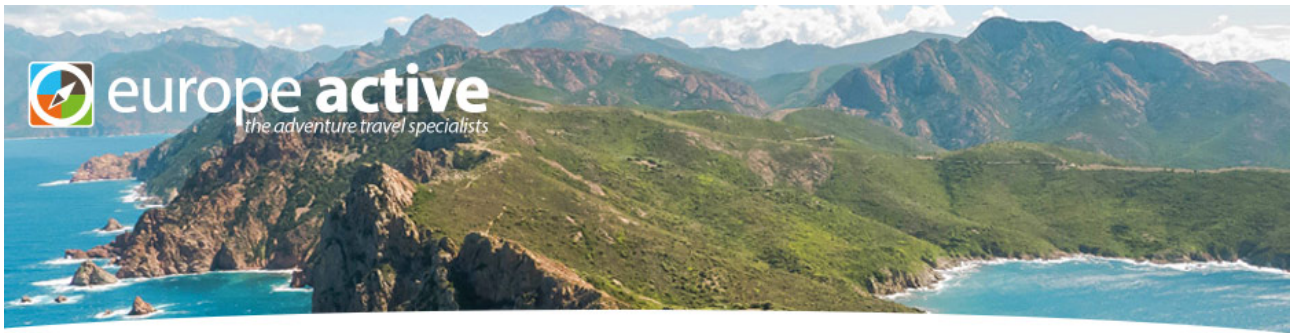
Today will leave you with many fantastic memories. You will visit Siena and its Piazza Del Campo, San Gimignano and its towers, including Volterra, the magic one. We also propose an easy short walk to visit ancient ruins.

Walking time: 1h30.

Distance: 5km.

Stay in 3*** hotel on a hill close to San Gimignano.





Day 6 - Hike to Monte Soldano

This is your walking challenge of the week! It is the longest and hardest hike but the most rewarding. This very nice loop will lead you through forests as well as to the famous Tatti-Berignone's canyon.

Distance: 15km.

Maximum Altitude: 518m.

Walking time: 6 to 7 hours.

Stay in a 3*** hotel on a hill close to San Gimignano.

Day 7 - End of stay

End of your stay after breakfast.



Additional information

TARIFFS

Price from 437 euros per person.

OPTIONS

Single room supplement : 110 euros per person.

Supplement for July and August departures : 40 euros per person.

Car rental (from Pisa airport) : 260 euros per person.

GPS tracks on USB stick : 25 euros per person.

INCLUDED

Accommodation based on double room and breakfast. Maps, for road and for trekking.

NOT INCLUDED

The transfer to the starting point of the tour, and the transfer after the tour. Meals and drinks. Unplanned transfers. Any additional activities. Car rental. Personal spending.

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY



Easy- treks from 1h to 6h.

CARRYING

You will use your car to carry your luggage.

ACCOMMODATION

6 Nights in double rooms, 2** hotel, 3*** hotel and agriturismo.

SIZE OF GROUP

2

DEPARTURES

Everyday, all year round.

DEPARTURE

Lucca or Pisa.

DISPERSION

San Gimignano.

HOW TO GET THERE

-By plane: Galileo-Galilei airport in Pisa. Flights and timetables are available at www.pisa-airport.com.

-By train: fares and timetables are available at www.railkey.com or www.railpass.com.