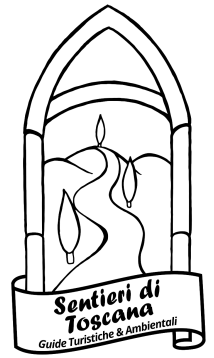


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GRAND TOUR OF TUSCANY

Siena

Meeting with the guide and transfer to Siena, a city that still shows almost intact its medieval aspect. We will visit the Basilica of San Domenico and then reach Piazza del Campo with the imposing Palazzo Pubblico, the Torre del Mangia and the beautiful Fonte Gaia, sculpted by Jacopo della Quercia. Finally we will reach the Cathedral, one of the most important gothic buildings in Italy, and the ancient hospitable for pilgrims of Santa Maria della Scala.

San Gimignano e Volterra

After breakfast transfer to San Gimignano and visit the wonderful medieval town, famous all over the world for its numerous tower-houses. The village, which has almost perfectly maintained its fourteenth-century appearance, besides the 16 towers houses important monuments such as the Collegiate Church, with its walls entirely covered with frescoes, the Palazzo del Podestà and the Church of Sant'Agostino, a real church-museum. Stop for lunch. In the afternoon transfer to Volterra, a characteristic medieval centre, which preserves many evidences of the Etruscan and Roman period. After admiring from above the Roman Amphitheatre of Vallebuona, we will reach the two main squares: Piazza S.Giovanni, with the Cathedral and the Baptistery, and Piazza dei Priori. Visit of an alabaster workshop.

Firenze

After breakfast transfer to Florence. We will dedicate the whole day to visiting the city, cradle of Renaissance art. In the morning we will visit Piazza della Signoria, dominated by the bulk of Palazzo Vecchio, and then reach the Baptistery and the Cathedral, with the famous Brunelleschi's Dome and Giotto's Bell Tower. In the afternoon, after visiting the Basilica of Santa Maria Novella with its numerous works of art we will transfer by bus to Piazzale Michelangelo to enjoy a wonderful view of Florence from above.

Lucca e Pisa

The visit starts from the beautiful city walls, built in the Renaissance to protect the city. We will visit St. Martin's Cathedral, whose splendid Romanesque facade is decorated beyond the limits of what is imaginable: many different columns, statues of patron saints, tales of the new and the old testament and

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mysterious symbols will leave us speechless. We will continue through the ancient church of Santa Reparata. We will cross the most beautiful squares of the city, from the Renaissance to the oldest ones: Piazza Napoleone, San Michele in Foro and Piazza dell'Anfiteatro. After seeing the splendid mosaic that decorates the facade of San Frediano we will take the narrow streets of the center, passing through the elegant Via Fillungo. In the afternoon transfer to Pisa and visit the beautiful "miracles", the monuments that dot the main square and where there is the famous Leaning Tower, the Cathedral, the Baptistery and the Cemetery, where there is the famous fresco of the Triumph of Death.

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