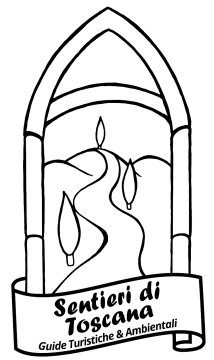


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LEARN ART BY TRAVELLING

Florence

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, Ponte Vecchio, Piazza della Repubblica, and then we'll reach the Baptistery and the Cathedral, with the famous Brunelleschi's Dome and Giotto's Bell Tower. In the afternoon, we continue the tour with a visit to the Accademia Gallery, which houses the great works of Michelangelo: the famous David, the Prigioni and St. Matthew. Finally we will visit the Uffizi Gallery, one of the most important museums in Italy, where we will admire the masterpieces of Botticelli, Michelangelo, Leonardo da Vinci, Raffaello, Giotto, Cimabue, Masaccio and others.

Siena

Meeting with the guide and transfer to Siena, city of the Palio, which still shows almost intact its medieval appearance. We will visit the Basilica of San Domenico, the Oratory of Santa Caterina and 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 ancient pilgrims' hospitable Santa Maria della Scala, and we will visit together the Cathedral of Santa Maria Assunta, one of the most important gothic buildings in Italy, with its majestic pulpit, the Renaissance frescoes in the Piccolomini library and the chapel of the Madonna del Voto.

Rome

We will start the day with a tour of the Vatican Museums where the most significant works of art of Roman sculpture are preserved.

We will visit the apartments of the popes with Raffaello's frescoes and the undisputed masterpiece of Michelangelo: the Last Judgement in the Sistine Chapel. We will then continue inside St. Peter's Basilica, the centre of Christianity. In the afternoon a pleasant walk through the most characteristic streets of the city including Via dei Coronari, until you reach Piazza Navona, where today dominates the center of the scene the fountain of the four rivers and finally the Pantheon, one of the most beautiful monuments in the history of art.

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Lucca

There is nothing better than visiting Lucca by bike, we will start cycling from the beautiful city walls, built in the Renaissance to protect the city. We will then descend towards the cathedral of San Martino, 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 old testaments and mysterious symbols, will leave us speechless. We'll jump back on our bikes and take the tour of the city walls and then ride down to the most beautiful squares from the Renaissance to the oldest ones: Piazza Napoleone, San Michele in Foro and Piazza dell'Anfiteatro. After having seen 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.

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