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Picturesque Tuscany

FLORENCE, MEDIEVAL PLACES, WINE & THE TUSCAN COAST

Culture, enjoyment and unique landscapes: all this and much more awaits you on our long-distance hiking trip in Tuscany. Florence, the beating heart of central Italy, welcomes you spectacularly. Magnificent palaces and cathedrals, Michelangelo's David or the paintings by great masters such as Leonardo da Vinci and Botticelli. On lonely paths you travel through the typical hilly Tuscan landscape of the Chianti region, through historical places such as Siena and Volterra as you continue towards the Tuscan coast. On the Via Sale you can taste the salty sea air on your tongue and when you finally dip your tired hiking legs into the turquoise glittering waves of the Tyrrhenian Sea at Cecina Mare, you can be sure you have reached your destination!

- All information and further tour tips for your hiking holiday in [Tuscany](#).

Details about the hiking tour in Picturesque Tuscany

Our eight-day hiking tour in Tuscany takes you in six daily stages from inland to the Tyrrhenian Sea. The starting point of your hiking holiday and the beginning of countless active experiences is Florence, the capital of Tuscany. Here it is not difficult to immediately immerse yourself in the Italian flair and the Mediterranean lifestyle. The journey takes you through the unmistakable landscape first to Greve and on the third day to Castellina in Chianti. On the fourth day, your hiking route takes you to the picturesque city of Siena, where you end the day with a wonderful Italian meal. The next day you continue through the vineyards to the wonderful city of towers, San Gimignano. This name hasn't come out of nowhere, because the landscape of the hill town in Tuscany is characterized by red brick towers. After a restful night, the route takes you to Volterra and finally on the last day of your hiking holiday to the sea at Cecina Mare. With a wonderful glass of Chianti in hand, the journey could not end better than here, on the beautiful coast of Tuscany.

Highlights of the hiking tour Picturesque Tuscany

- **Sightseeing in Italy:** Right at the beginning of your hiking tour in Tuscany, a particularly worthwhile sight awaits you – the Duomo in Florence, the third largest church in the world and at the same time the most important sight in the city of Florence. From the dome at 107 metres you can enjoy a panoramic view across Florence. Note: Please secure your tickets in advance.
- **Culinary delights in Sienna:** After a long stroll through Siena and the numerous sights from the Middle Ages, the little streets invite you to taste the culinary delights of Tuscany. There are plenty to try, from wonderful types of wine, pasta, prosciutto or cheese.
- **Picture perfect:** The small Italian town of San Gimignano in Tuscany is a truly fantastic sight. The cityscape is characterised by numerous brick towers and so it is not surprising that the historic centre has been a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1990. A leisurely stroll through the alley of the old town leaves enough time to try one or another regional speciality in the numerous cafés or delicatessens.
- **A visit to the gelato world champion:** Something very special awaits all gelato lovers when visiting the small town of San Gimignano – the Gelateria Dondoli on Piazza della Cisterna, one of the best gelateria in the whole country. Whether classic flavours or something unusual, all gelato fans get their money's worth here.

Useful information about the hiking tour Picturesque Tuscany

Even the trip to Florence, the capital of Tuscany and at the same time one of the most beautiful cities in the world, is a delight for the eyes and a small taster of what to expect on your hiking holiday with luggage transfer. Your hiking routes always lead along good hiking trails and paths along the Italian vineyards, forests and hilly areas. The leisure hikes require good basic fitness for the daily stages of around 4 hours. There is always plenty of time to enjoy the beautiful places and unique sights of Tuscany.

Moderate Walking



8 Days / 7 Nights



Self-guided Tour

To the online version



Itinerary

DAY
1

Arrival in Florence

Walk along the traces of the Medici through gorgeous alleyways and across the bridge Ponte Vecchio to the Piazza della Signoria – the centre and heart of the old part of town.

Hotel example: [De la Pace](#)

DAY
2

Florenz – Greve in Chianti

Your first hiking tour warms the cockles of your heart straight away with all Tuscany has to offer with regards to classical dreamscape: vineyards and forests, as well as old stone houses and high rising cypresses avenues line your way – Tuscany picture-perfect. Greve in Chianti invites you to explore the ‚Laubengänge‘-arcades on the lively Piazza.

Hotel example: [Albergo del Chianti](#)



approx. 4 hours



11 km



400 m



300 m

DAY
3

Greve in Chianti – Castellina in Chianti

Along remote forest paths you walk past numerous wine-growing estates towards Panzano, a little Etruscan hamlet worth visiting. Then through golden corn fields and via vineyards onwards to Lucarelli, before you take a short bus ride and reach the Medieval Castellina with its historic town wall.

Hotel example: [Il Colombaio](#)



approx. 4 hours



11 km



350 m



300 m

DAY
4*Castellina in Chianti – Siena*

Along pilgrims' tracks the route leads you along the Via Romea only along a segment of it towards the eternal city. Your Day Finish is the charming town of Siena, renowned for the traditional horse race ,Palio', numerous fantastically preserved city gates dating back to the Middle Ages as well as red-brick buildings along the semi-circular Piazza del Campo.

Hotel example: [Hotel Minerva](#)



approx. 4.5 hours



16 km



300 m



500 m

DAY
5*Siena – San Gimignano*

Today you are off to Valle Col d'Elsa. Explore the historic fortress complex and marvel at the Medieval architecture of Colle, before you proceed through vineyards and along roaring rivers to the „Manhattan of Tuscany“. Your Day Finish is called San Gimignano, this nick name is due to its silhouette reminding us of a skyline. Take a stroll through the many little alleyways and marvel at the seemingly countless number of towers.

Hotel example: [La Cisterna](#)



approx. 4 hours



13 km



350 m



250 m

DAY
6*San Gimignano – Volterra*

In the Monte Nero nature reserve you discover green forests and the ‚Cascate della Strolla', a little waterfall with crystal-clear water. The ancient salt trade route Via del Sale leads you directly to the alabaster-city Volterra, on your way you pass ancient Etruscan grave chambers that are worth a visit. Discover the Medieval belfry rising high above the city, the panoramic views over the old part of town will fittingly rewards your efforts.

Hotel example: [San Lino](#)



approx. 4 hours



11 km



500 m



250 m

DAY
7

Volterra – Cecina Mare/Surroundings

As a finale to your hiking week the Tuscan coast awaits with an extensive hiking tour through the Pineta of Cecina, a giant pine tree grove with numerous entwined paths and tracks. Enjoy your final evening in Tuscany with a glass of Chianti looking out onto the turquoise glistening of the Tyrrhenian Sea, whilst the two islands Elba and La Gorgona quietly sink into the sea at the horizon in the crimson evening sun.

Hotel example: [Hotel Stella Marina](#)



approx. 3 to 4 hours



10 km



0 m



0 m

DAY
8

Departure or extension

Characteristics of the route

You always walk on well-maintained hiking paths, gravel paths and trails. Daily routes mostly lead you along vineyards, forests and through soft rolling landscape. A good basic fitness level is sufficient for walking times of up to 4.5 hours maximum, there is plenty of time to enjoy the cultural highlight of the one of a kind region in peace and quiet.



Prices and events

Place of arrival: Florenz

	Season 1 01.04.2023 - 22.04.2023 17.09.2023 - 07.10.2023 Arrival saturday	Season 2 23.04.2023 - 20.05.2023 03.09.2023 - 16.09.2023 Arrival saturday	Season 3 21.05.2023 - 02.09.2023 Arrival saturday
Picturesque Tuscany, 8 days, IT-TOWFC-08X			
Base price	839.00	899.00	969.00
Surcharge single room	329.00	329.00	329.00

Category: 3***- and 4****-hotels and beautiful Italian lodges ‚Agriturismi‘ (partly with pool)

Additional nights

Place of arrival: Florenz

	Season 1 Apr 1, 2023 - Apr 22, 2023 Sep 17, 2023 - Oct 7, 2023 Arrival saturday	Season 2 Apr 23, 2023 - May 20, 2023 Sep 3, 2023 - Sep 16, 2023 Arrival saturday	Season 3 May 21, 2023 - Sep 2, 2023 Arrival saturday
Florenz			
Double room p. P.	85.00	95.00	95.00
Surcharge single room	69.00	69.00	69.00
Cecina Mare			
Double room p. P.	75.00	89.00	89.00
Surcharge single room	39.00	39.00	39.00

Prices per person in EUR

Services and infos

Services

Included:

- Accommodation as already mentioned
- Breakfast
- Luggage transfer
- Welcome briefing (German, English)
- 1 Wine tasting (English)
- 1 Transfer San Gimignano – Uignano
- Carefully elaborated route description
- Detailed travel documents 1x per room (German, English)
- App for Navigation and GPS-data available
- Service hotline

Infos

Arrival / Parking / Departure:

- Florence airport. By bus in about 30 minutes to the main train station or you can take a short taxi ride, approx. EUR 25 per journey.
- Parking: Public parking spaces near the hotel, approx. EUR 70 per week. Public car park at the edge of the city, approx. EUR 20 per week. Underground parking spaces approx. EUR 20 to EUR 36 per day. Payable on spot, no reservation in advance possible.
- Return journey from Cecina Mare to Cecina by bus, from there by train to Florence, duration approx. 2 hours.

Things to note:


- Tourist tax, if due, is not included in the price
- Bus rides (Florence – Gabbiano, Lucarelli – Castellina, Siena, Siena – Colle Val d'Elsa, Saline/Volterra – Cecina), approx. EUR 15 per person
- Further important information according to the package travel law can be found [here!](#)

Contact & booking

Do you still have questions about the tour? We are happy to help and look forward to your inquiry.



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Book now

