

## Italy Tuscany

Florence, Pisa and Chianti wine

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### Details

Included services:

- 7 nights hotel accommodation incl. breakfast buffet
- welcome briefing in English
- luggage transportation

- 7-day Hotline service

- maps and information material per room

## Day-to-day programm

### Tour profile

Mostly on flat terrain with some hilly parts which do not require particular athletic skills. Most of the path is on asphalt roads of low traffic, some parts are on natural paths but not demanding. All the cities are connected by trains with bicycle transport and in case of bad weather or if you need a day of rest you can reach the next city without cycling. You can shorten the tour by train on day 3, 5 and 7.

### Day 1: Pisa

Individual arrival.

The city is famous all over the world for its magic Piazza dei Miracoli with the characteristic leaning tower, the bell tower of the city cathedral. Part of the UNESCO World Heritage since 1987, besides a large number of monuments it also offers a friendly and lively atmosphere of a university city.

### Day 2: Pisa - Lucca, approx. 30 - 45 km

Today you are pedaling northwards along the river Serchio for an easy stage. For those who wish a slightly longer itinerary, there is the option of going towards Massaciuccoli Lake before reaching Lucca.

### Day 3: Lucca - Montecatini, approx. 45 km

Through a panoramic road you reach the little village of Collodi and the town of Pescia. In Collodi, where the author of Pinocchio spent his childhood, you could visit the famous Pinocchio's Park (created in 1962) and the aristocratic Villa Garzoni. In Pescia you could enjoy a quiet stroll among churches, palaces, Renaissance mansions and the local flower street market.

### Day 4: Montecatini Roundtrip, approx. 60 km

Today's route again offers two possibilities. You can relax in one of the most famous thermal cities in Europe and stroll down the narrow lanes of the old city, which is situated on a hill and can be reached by a characteristic cable-railway. Otherwise a picturesque itinerary will lead you through villas of the Medici family, olive groves, vineyards and beautiful historical farms, going past Vinci, Leonardo da Vinci's birthplace (visit to the museum possible).

### **Day 5: Montecatini - Florence, approx. 50 - 65 km**

Today you have to choose to either start pedaling directly from Montecatini or to shorten the trip through a short train transfer to Pistoia, rich in Romanesque and Renaissance monuments (in particular churches) and having one of the most evocative squares in Italy: Piazza del Duomo (Cathedral Square). From here back into the saddle, immersed in the Tuscan flatland, to reach Florence.

### **Day 6: Florence, Day of Rest**

Free day. It will be up to you to decide how to spend your time in one of the world's most beautiful cities!

### **Day 7: Florence - Pisa, approx. 65 km by bike + 40 km train ride**

Today you can choose between two options:

- 1) train ride to Empoli (not included, approx. € 8,- per person + bike, duration approx 10min.) and then follow the flat track in direction of the Arno back to Pisa.
- 2) cycle from Florence to Empoli and then take the train to Pisa (not included, approx. € 9,- per person + bike, duration approx. 30min.)

### **Day 8: Pisa**

Departure after breakfast or extension.

## **Prices**

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