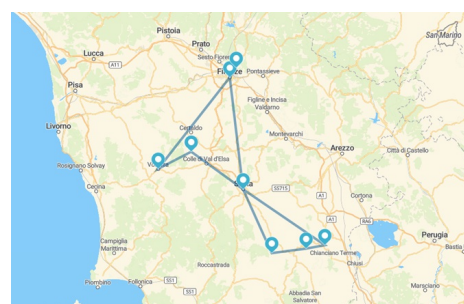




Italy, 6 Days · Tailor-made by car

Tuscany Route, from Florence to Siena

Life is beautiful in Tuscany. Few landscapes in the world captivate the soul so much as those of the Italian region that gave birth to such prominent figures as Michelangelo, Leonardo da Vinci, Galileo, Amerigo Vespucci, Machiavelli and Brunelleschi. Its sublime countryside, its velvety sun-blessed hills, its olive trees, its rows of perfectly aligned cypresses that surround traditional stone farmhouses, its pristine valleys and its medieval villages perched on verdant hills have been inspiring world famous artists for centuries on end. And in Tuscany, even the most routine thing becomes an expression of art and good taste. The Tuscan lifestyle and its rich cultural, artistic, natural and culinary heritage make this pocket-sized European treasure one of the most sought-after destinations in the world. For the second of our Tuscany tours, all you need is a car, a yearning to discover the secrets of the Italian dolce vita Italian and a desire to take things slow. That's because many landscapes, aromas, flavours and experiences will be awaiting you along the way. From Florence to Siena there are swathes of magical lands that could have been plucked from an artist's palette; castles, convents and palaces, sometimes in ruins, which peek out in the distance; charming medieval towns such as San Gimignano; Etruscan treasures like Volterra; spectacular villages in the Val d'Orcia; and stunning towns such as Montalcino, Pienza and Montepulciano. Splendour and grandeur at your fingertips!



Departure date: Departures from June 2026 till May 2027

From: Cork, Shannon, Dublin

Travel details

DAY 1 · CITY OF ORIGIN - FLORENCE

Flight departure from the city of origin to the Tuscan capital, Florence. Arrival and rental car pick-up. Your adventure begins here! We'll have two intense days to decipher its artistic genius, unravel its impetuous humanistic spirit, and visit its most emblematic landmarks, museums and streets. Donatello, Masaccio, Botticelli, Michelangelo, Leonardo, Raphael and Dante are just some of the illustrious names forever linked to this city. You'll soon discover their legacy. Are you ready? The Duomo neighbourhood is an excellent starting point. Here you can admire the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, located in the very heart of the city, and discover its bell-tower, the baptistery and the famous Gates of Paradise. Around the Duomo are a wealth of beautiful piazzas, churches, palaces and museums. It's definitely worth popping into the neighbourhoods of San Lorenzo and San Marco, in Medici territory, and visiting the Gallery dell'Accademia, home to Michelangelo's world-famous David. From there we can head to the Piazza Della Repubblica and stroll along the palace-lined streets up to the Santa Maria Novell area.

Overnight stay in Florence.

DAY 2 · FLORENCE - FIESOLE - FLORENCE

More time to explore this fascinating city that endears itself to the traveller with its art galleries, its outstanding businesses, its unique boutiques and its stylish restaurants... You'll be amazed to see how art permeates everything and becomes a way of life. After wandering around the most historic streets, we'll head towards Via de Tornabuoni, an elegant shopping area full of designer boutiques and some of the most stylish parts of the city. This area is also home to the famous Uffizi gallery. And for lovers of another type of Italian art, two additional suggestions: the Gucci Museum and the Salvatore Ferragamo Museum. Don't leave Florence without strolling through the bustling Oltrarno neighbourhood, visiting the magnificent Palazzo Pitti and its beautiful Boboli gardens, or enjoying a snack with a view near the Ponte Vecchio. A day trip? Make your way over to Fiesole, a quiet village full of charm and located just 9 kilometres from the city. You'll fall in love with its Renaissance villas, its views of Florence and its laid-back atmosphere.

Overnight stay in Florence.

DAY 3 · FLORENCE - VOLTERRA - SAN GIMIGNANO - SIENA

After enjoying the vibrant city of Florence, we'll head to the small town of Volterra, an Etruscan, Roman, medieval and Renaissance treasure that looks over the entire valley of Cecina from a hilltop. This city definitely has character, as it was the last one to fall under Roman rule. The Museo Etrusco Guarnacci and the archaeological zone are must-visits in order to understand its important legacy. Volterra is also famous for the Palazzo dei Priori, the Pinacoteca, the Duomo and its white alabaster statues. We'll then head over to San Gimignano, with its skyline of towers that earned it the nickname of "the New York of the Middle Ages", clearly visible from the road and surrounded by a fertile landscape. Considered one of the best examples of a medieval city, its stunning historical quarter is a World Heritage Site. The last stretch of road, dotted with beautiful views over the Chianti valley, will take us to Siena, one of the most beautiful cities in Tuscany. Overnight stay in Siena.

DAY 4 · SIENA - MONTALCINO - PIENZA - MONTEPULCIANO - SIENA

We'll set out early in the morning on this delightful drive deep into the Val d'Orcia. Southern Tuscany is full of cultural sites, beautiful landscapes and fine dining options that will awaken all your senses. Welcome to the heart of Tuscany!

Our first stop will Montalcino, known across the world for its "Brunello di Montalcino" red wine. Dominated by a castle and surrounded by a medieval wall, this town commands breathtaking views of hills, olive trees and cypresses lining the roadside. Our onward journey will then take us to Pienza. Located on a hill overlooking the Val d'Orcia, this town is tied to the dreams of Pope Pius II, who wanted to make it an example of an "ideal city" and Renaissance town planning. Take a leisurely stroll around its beautiful historic quarter and try the typical Pecorino cheese, really delicious! The last stop will be in Montepulciano, a town very close to Siena. Have a wander around this spectacular medieval city and try its "vino Nobile". Then back to Siena to enjoy more of its vibrant atmosphere and trendy restaurants.

Overnight stay in Siena.

● DAY 5 · SIENA - FLORENCE

Most of the day at your leisure to continue exploring the spectacular city of Siena. Stroll through the maze of narrow streets emanating from the Piazza del Campo, the heart of a historic city and a true masterpiece of medieval town planning. The piazza is home to must-visits such as the Torre del Mangia and the Palazzo Pubblico, current venue of the Civic Museum. You can't leave the city without visiting the Opera della Metropolitana di Siena and the historic Duomo, one of the main cathedrals in Italy. In the afternoon, we'll set off for Florence, located about 70 kilometres away. Nothing better than enjoying a few hours in this seductive Renaissance city to round off our trip. At night, a final look at the silhouette of the domes and towers of Florence Cathedral lit up against the pitch black sky. An unforgettable image. Overnight stay in Florence.

● DAY 6 · FLORENCE - CITY OF ORIGIN

Arrival at the airport with enough time to drop off your rental car and flight back to the city of origin.

Arrival. End of the trip and our services.

Your trip includes

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- ✓ Return flight.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Florence.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Florence.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Siena.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Siena.
- ✓ Rent-a-car.

Your trip doesn't include

- ✗ Accommodation taxes in Florence direct payment in facility.
- ✗ Possible toll charges.
- ✗ Insolvency protection.

Destinations Visited

Florence



Fiesole



Volterra



San Gimignano



Siena



Montalcino



Pienza



Montepulciano



Important remarks

- Parking in central Florence. The best way to enjoy Florence's historic centre is to park your car and explore the old town by foot. Please note that car parks in the city centre are usually more expensive. Depending on your hotel's location, here are some recommendations. There is a public car park in Piazzale Michelangelo, very close to the centre. It is usually filled early in the day due to its location. Another option is to leave your car in one of the car parks outside the city centre and take public transport, such as the tram or bus. For example, you could park in the Villa Costanza car park off the A1 motorway and, from there, take tram # 1 to the city centre. Near the centre, you'll find parking in Via del Sansavino and Via del Gelsomino. Another option is to go to the car park in Firenze Impruneta (formerly called Firenze Certosa), and from there take bus 37 to central Florence in 20 minutes. For more information, please check the official website of the municipality of Florence:

<http://mobilita.comune.fi.it/muoversi/muoversi/parcheggi.html>. In the Firenze Parcheggi Sp section you'll find a list of car parks managed by the Firenze Parcheggi Spa public agency.

- Triple rooms in Europe are generally rooms with twin beds or a double, in which a folding bed is installed to accommodate the third person. Due to the inconvenience this causes, we advise against using this option as far the possible.

- Check-in time at the hotel on the day of arrival depends on each establishment, but in no case will it be before 3:00 p.m., unless otherwise indicated.

- The proposed excursions and tours for each day are purely suggestions, as you can tailor the trip to suit your times, tastes and needs.

- A credit card is considered a guarantee, so sometimes you will need one for check-in at hotels.

- Hotels usually have cots available. Otherwise, babies will have to share a bed with an adult.

- To pick up your rental car, you'll need a credit (not debit) card in the name of the person who made the booking, who must also be the named driver of the vehicle.

- Consult the necessary documentation to enter the destinations visited and for transit in the countries where air stopovers are made.