

Tuscany in Detail

From \$1,299 per person // 9 days



Starting in historic capital Florence, take an independent tour by rail of this beguiling corner of Italy, with stops in Siena, Lucca and Pisa as well as a day trip to San Gimignano and the Chianti wine region.

The Essentials

- Florence, home of Dante and birthplace of the Renaissance
- The cobbled medieval streets of Siena and Lucca
- The Leaning Tower and Piazza dei Miracoli in Pisa
- San Gimignano in the Tuscan Hills and the famous wine-growing region of Chianti

Tailor make your holiday

- Add extra nights & destinations
- Choose alternative hotels
- Upgrade your journey to First Class
- Let us suggest the most scenic routes

What's included

- Standard Class rail travel with seat reservations
- 8 nights' handpicked hotel accommodation with breakfast
- City maps and comprehensive directions to your hotels
- Day trip to San Gimignano & the Chianti Region from Florence
- Clearly-presented wallets for your rail tickets, hotel vouchers and other documentation
- All credit card surcharges and complimentary delivery of your travel documents

- Suggested Itinerary -



Day 1 - Arrive Florence

Arrive in Florence and check in at the Hotel Berchielli (or similar) for a 3-night stay. Florence, the Tuscan capital, was one of the most important cities of trade and finance in the Middle Ages. It's also known as the birthplace of the Renaissance movement. The magnificent dome of its famous Gothic cathedral dominates the skyline. Just adjacent to the cathedral, Giotto's Tower offers fabulous views over the cathedral and the city, if you are willing to climb the 414 steps to get there!



Days 2 & 3 - Florence And Chianti

Enjoy a full day exploring the sights of Florence, including the famous Ponte Vecchio straddling the River Arno, the huge Uffizi Gallery and the peaceful Boboli Gardens. On one of your free days, you'll enjoy a guided day trip into the Chianti region. Travel along the winding Chiantigiana Road into the picturesque Tuscan hills. You'll visit some typical local villages, take a tour of a small wine estate including tastings and stop for lunch in the beautiful village of San Gimignano, with its distinctive medieval towers.



Days 4 & 5 - Siena

A short ride by regional Tuscan train takes you to Siena, where you check in for a 2-night stay at the Athena Hotel (or similar). The beautiful university city of Siena boasts a UNESCO World Heritage-listed centre, spread around the magnificent, fan-shaped Piazza del Campo. Browse the shops and markets here or climb up to the top of the Torre del Mangia, attached to the Gothic town hall for sweeping views of the town and surrounding countryside. ?



Days 6 & 7 - Lucca

Take a scenic ride on Tuscan trains across to the hilltop town of Lucca, in the western part of Tuscany. Check in here for a 2 night stay at the Hotel Ilaria (or similar), located within Lucca's city walls. Located on the River Serchio, Lucca is an historic city famous for its almost complete Renaissance era city walls, which you can walk or cycle along for sweeping city views. The historic centre is made up of narrow streets and piazzas overlooked by stone towers and brick houses with arcades, perfect for discovering on foot.



Day 8 - Lucca To Pisa

You may want to spend another morning in Lucca before checking out of your hotel and taking a 30-minute train journey to Pisa. Once you arrive in Pisa, check in at the NH Pisa (or similar).? Pisa sits on both banks of the River Arno close its mouth on the Ligurian Sea. The most famous attraction here is the Leaning Tower, a bell tower of the adjacent imposing Cathedral in the Piazza dei Miracoli. But it's also worth wandering around the pretty Old Town area or enjoying a drink on the Piazza Garibaldi.



Day 9 - Pisa To Florence

Leave Pisa today and return to Florence by train for your onward journey. Alternatively, you can take a train up the Ligurian Coast from here, to enticing destinations like Sestri Levante or the colourful clifftop villages of the Cinque Terre (pictured). Let us know your travel plans and we will put together a package with everything you need for your perfect holiday.

Pricing

From \$1,299 per person

These prices are based on two people sharing a twin or double room. Single supplements will apply for sole occupancy. It is based on Standard Class rail travel and includes seat reservations as necessary. It is based on the best fares on the trains. If you travel during a peak period, particularly at short notice, then supplements may apply.