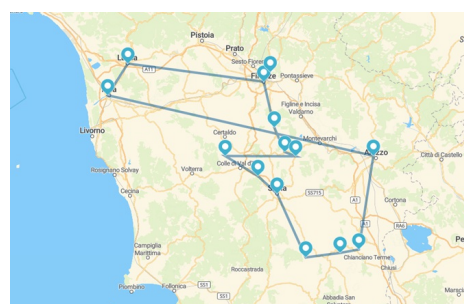




Italy, 9 Days · Tailor-made by car

## Route through the most authentic Tuscany

Let's explore the magical corners of Tuscany, one of the most beautiful destinations in the world. Its ancient history, its bountiful artistic scene, its idyllic countryside, its outstanding cuisine and its fine wines make this self-drive tour a true gift to the senses. You'll explore the land of poets, hopeless romantics, art lovers and sybarites. Cradle of the Renaissance and of great artists, Tuscany captivates the traveller with eternal cities such as Florence, Pisa and Siena; charming medieval towns such as Lucca, San Gimignano and Volterra; and stunning scenery such as in the Chianti region, dotted with centuries-old wine cellars that are perfect for improvising a tasting session. Drive around the most authentic Tuscany and discover all the secrets of the Italian dolce vita. Ahead of us is a unique tour of a sensational region dotted with farmhouses and cypress trees, picture-perfect sunsets, wine-scented valleys, and medieval cities that gave birth to the great artists of the Renaissance... Ready to enjoy an unforgettable route under the Tuscan sun?



**Departure date:** Departures from June 2026 till May 2027

**From:** London

### Travel details

#### DAY 1 · CITY OF ORIGIN - PISA

Flight departure from the city of origin to Pisa and rental car pick-up. Your adventure begins here! We'll start this self-drive tour around Tuscany by visiting one of the most extraordinary places in Europe: the Piazza dei Miracoli and its iconic Leaning Tower.

The Duomo, the Battistero, the Camposanto, the Museo delle Sinopie and the Museo dell'Opera will be just some of our next stops. Take advantage of your journey to discover the mighty past of this overseas power, its monumental and artistic spaces and its vibrant city atmosphere... And to enjoy this buzzing atmosphere, just head over to the lively Piazza delle Vettovaglie. At night, you can go for drinks in the area, eat out at an affordable price and enjoy the nightlife under 15th-century porticoes alongside Pisans, university students and tourists. A real treat before heading off to bed.

Feel like hitting the beach? You can extend this leg of the trip by visiting Marina di Pisa, the lively port of Livorno.

Overnight stay in Pisa.

## DAY 2 · PISA - LUCCA - FLORENCE

Ciao to Pisa and off to discover the beautiful medieval town of Lucca.

On this attractive 30-minute drive, we'll pass through colourful landscapes, wooded hills and stunning villages full of tradition and history. From the car, we'll spot Lucca surrounded by over four kilometres of gigantic city walls towering 12 metres high. Simply amazing! You'll be looking at one of the best preserved fortresses in Europe.

In the afternoon, we'll head off to Florence, the spectacular Renaissance city. We'll have the rest of the day here to explore, as it's one of the most fascinating cities in the world. Travelling with children? Extend your journey with a trip to Collodi, the town of Pinocchio.

Overnight stay in Florence.

## DAY 3 · FLORENCE

Florence has a lot to offer. 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 Novella area.

Overnight stay in Florence.

## DAY 4 · 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 5 · FLORENCE - CHIANTI VALLEY - SAN GIMIGNANO

Awaiting for us after the exciting Florence is the beautiful Chianti region, famous for having one of the most sensational landscapes in Italy and for being the birthplace of the famous Chianti Classico wine. This area is a prime example of the most authentic and rural Tuscany, round every bend boasting picture-perfect views of Sangiovese vineyards stretching as far as the eye can see. The perfect excuse for a break from our drive to Siena. The time has come to enjoy the authentic Tuscan lifestyle, famous for its peace-and-quiet, great food and even better wine! During the route we'll pass by quaint towns such as Castellina in Chianti, Greve in Chianti, Radda in Chianti and Gaiole in Chianti... Take advantage of having a car and head up to the castle of Brolio! Our drive will then take us to the charming medieval town of San Gimignano. Overnight stay in San Gimignano.

## ● DAY 6 · SAN GIMIGNANO - MONTERIGGIONI - SIENA

More time to enjoy San Gimignano, with its picturesque central piazzas (Cisterna and Duomo) and majestic palazzos (Popolo, Podestà and Collegiata)... Half an hour away is the small and surprising medieval town of Monteriggioni. Its entirely walled profile and fourteen fortified towers recall its past as the northern border of Siena. After approaching the town, you'll have to park the car and walk up to the centre, perched atop a hillock. And then it's time for the magical Siena! Legend has it that the sons of Remus founded the city, which is another jewel in the Italian crown. Historical rival of Florence and with deeply-rooted traditions, this city is famous for its medieval charm, its historic horse race known as the "Palio" and its vibrant spirit, which is reflected in its interesting culinary and entertainment offerings. Overnight stay in Siena.

## ● DAY 7 · SIENA - SAN GALGANO - SIENA

This city of medieval charm contrasts with Renaissance Florence, making this new leg of the journey the perfect chance to learn even more about the different cultural idiosyncrasies that Tuscany beholds. We have a full day here to discover its magic. The best place to start is 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. If you have time, we recommend a trip out to San Galgano. Located around 40 kilometres from Siena, you'll discover its abbey surrounded by lush green vegetation and the legend that revolves around this saint. Overnight stay in Siena.

## ● DAY 8 · SIENA - SOUTHERN TUSCANY (MONTALCINO - PIENZA - MONTEPULCIANO) - AREZZO - PISA

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!

We'll leave Siena to embark upon this leg, which will reward us with the ideal Renaissance city of Pienza and the wines and exquisite cuisine of Montepulciano and Montalcino.

The last part of this unforgettable trip will take us to Arezzo, famous for its jewellery industry and the frescoes of Piero della Francesca.

Late in the afternoon, we'll head back to Pisa and bid farewell to this tour by strolling round the Campo dei Miracoli and enjoying the atmosphere of its trendy eateries.

Overnight stay in Pisa.

## ● DAY 9 · PISA - 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 Pisa.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Pisa.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Florence.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Florence.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in San Gimignano.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in San Gimignano.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Siena.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Siena.
- ✓ Rent-a-car.
- ✓ Insolvency protection.

Your trip doesn't include

✗ Accommodation taxes in Florence direct payment in facility.

✗ Possible toll charges.

## Destinations Visited

Pisa



Lucca



Florence



Fiesole



Greve In Chianti



Radda in Chianti



Gaiole In Chianti



San Gimignano



Monteriggioni



Siena



Montalcino



Pienza



Montepulciano



Arezzo



## Important remarks

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- 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 as 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.
- 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.
- 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.