

Hirides

Tuscany, “Strade Bianche”

History, towers, woods, vineyards, small towns and landscapes

from 7th to 12th September 2025

from 14th to 19th September 2025

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TUSCANY: "Strade Bianche"

"Enchanting", "incredible", "unforgettable", these are the comments of our guests when they see the timeless beauty of the Strade Bianche in Tuscany, it is more than a simple bike tour, it is an immersion in the Tuscan Renaissance. They are the roads of the EROICA, rolling hills, enchanting villages, vineyards, cypress trees and **much, much, much more.**

- 1st day – Arrival in Italy, welcome and warm-up ride
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- 6th day – Greetings and see you soon with us on the Italian roads



Gravel Tour



Spring/Fall Tour

Regular itinerary: **For recreative cyclist level**

Total ride distance	170 miles (270 km)
Total climbing	15,300 feet (4.600 mt)

Extended itinerary: **For enthusiast or avid cyclist level**

Total ride distance	220 miles (350 km)
Total climbing	22,000 feet (6.700 mt)



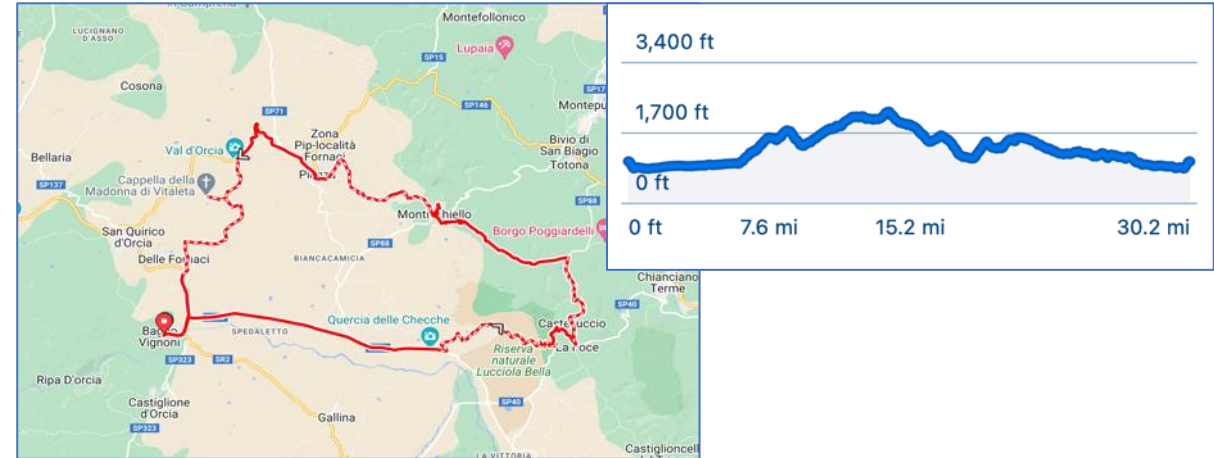
1st day – Arrival in Italy, welcome and warm-up ride

Arrival in Italy. We pick you up at Florence Airport (FLR) or at the other pickup point previously agreed. Approximately two hour van transfer to the heart of Val d’Orcia. Hotel Check-in, and after a light lunch you have two options, few hours to recover from the fatigues of the trip and relax in the hotel’s or setup and test your bike with a ride with our guides.

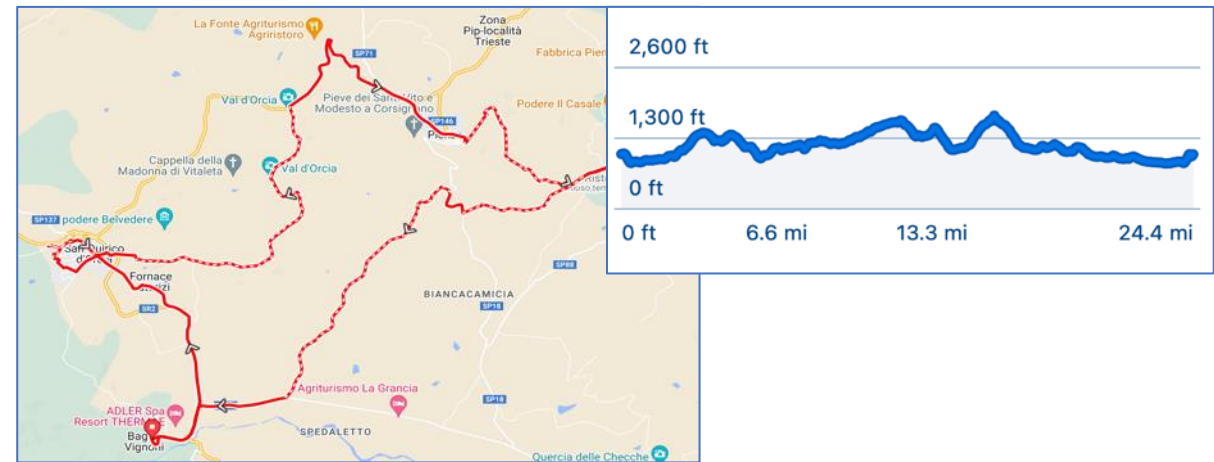
Is a bike paradise from the beginning. We pedal the slopes of the Val d’Orcia to Pienza (UNESCO World Heritage Site), the Renaissance city of the Pope.



LONG TOUR: 30 miles – 3,100 feet



SHORT TOUR: 24 miles – 2,600 feet

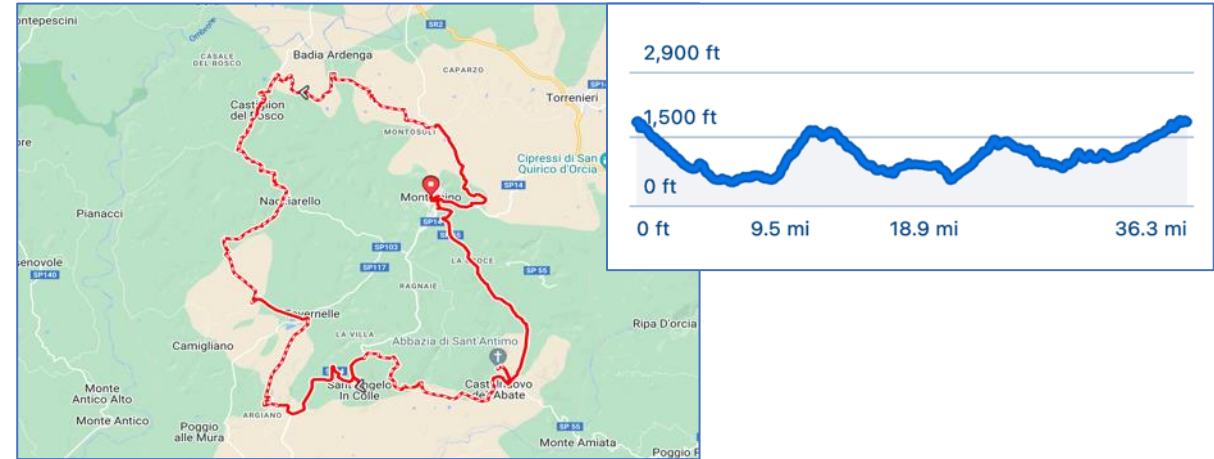


2nd day – Montalcino vineyards – Eroica Montalcino

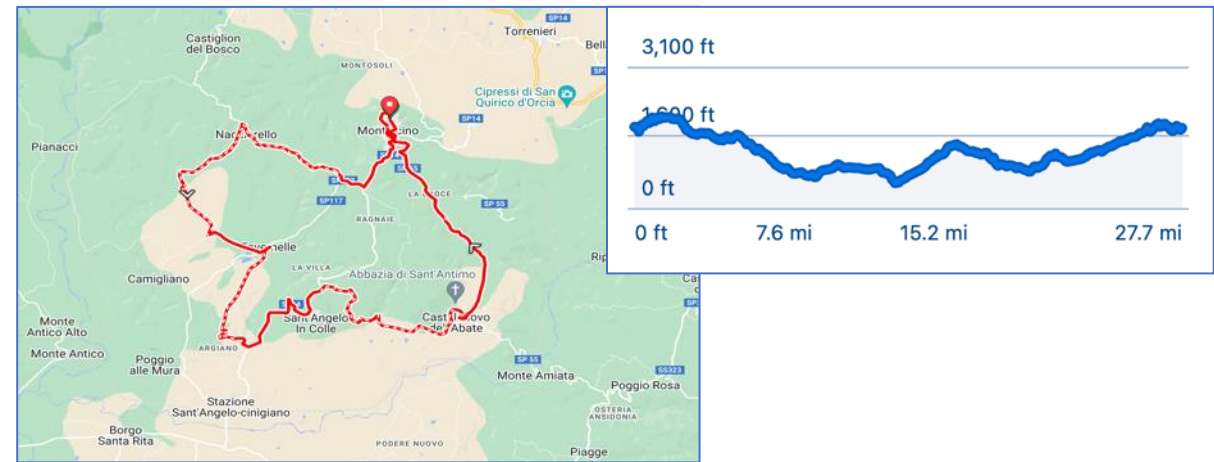
It starts to get serious, two beautiful itineraries in the vineyards of "Brunello di Montalcino" where at the end of May the intermediates of historic bicycles challenge each other with the Eroica Montalcino. Gravel roads between the Val d'Arbia, the Crete Senesi and the Val D'Orcia, passing through the wood of Castiglion del Bosco, Argiano Castle, San Angelo in Colle, Sant'Antimo Abbey.



LONG TOUR: 36 miles – 4,100 feet



SHORT TOUR: 28 miles – 2,900 feet

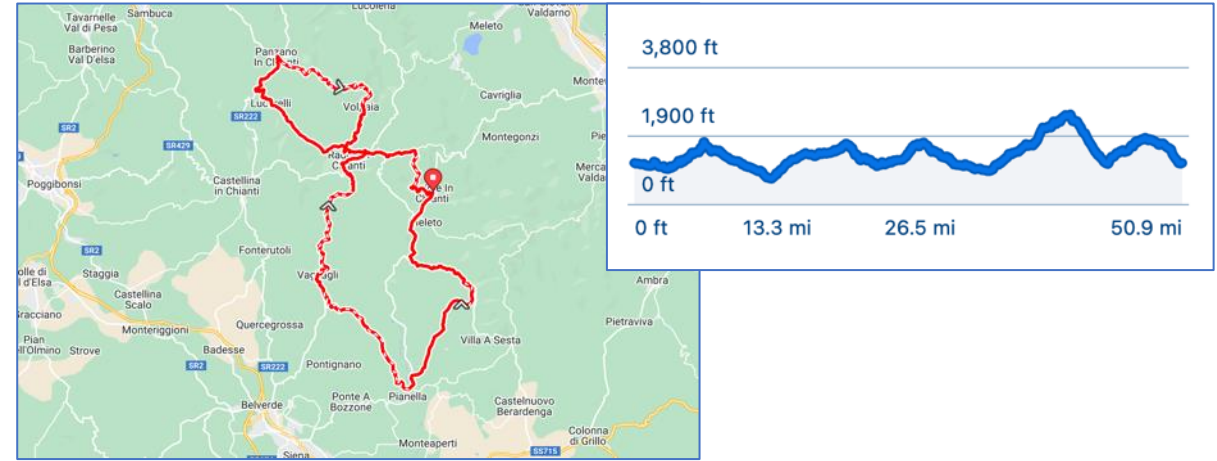


3rd day – Chianti vineyards – Eroica Classic - Northern Routes

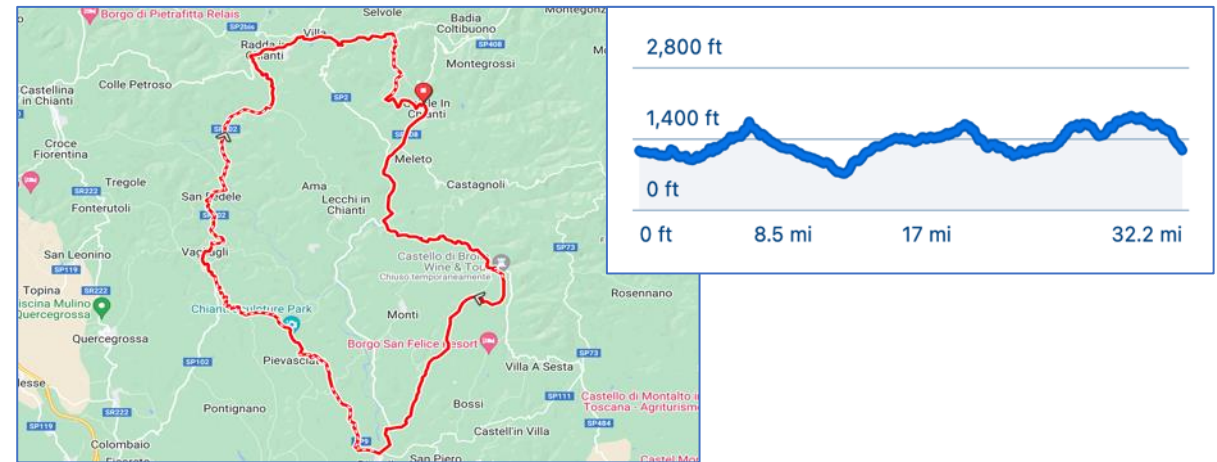
We are in the Chianti area, it's a change of views, but with equal satisfaction in riding these dirt roads made famous by the vintage bike event Eroica in Gaiole, a long ride on the ridge of the Chiantishire hills. The route passes through the villages which names you can read on the labels of the best bottles of Chianti wine: Panzano in Chianti, Fonterutoli, Radda in Chianti, Gaiole in Chianti (only to name a few).



LONG TOUR: 50 miles - 5,050 feet



SHORT TOUR: 32 miles – 3,050 feet

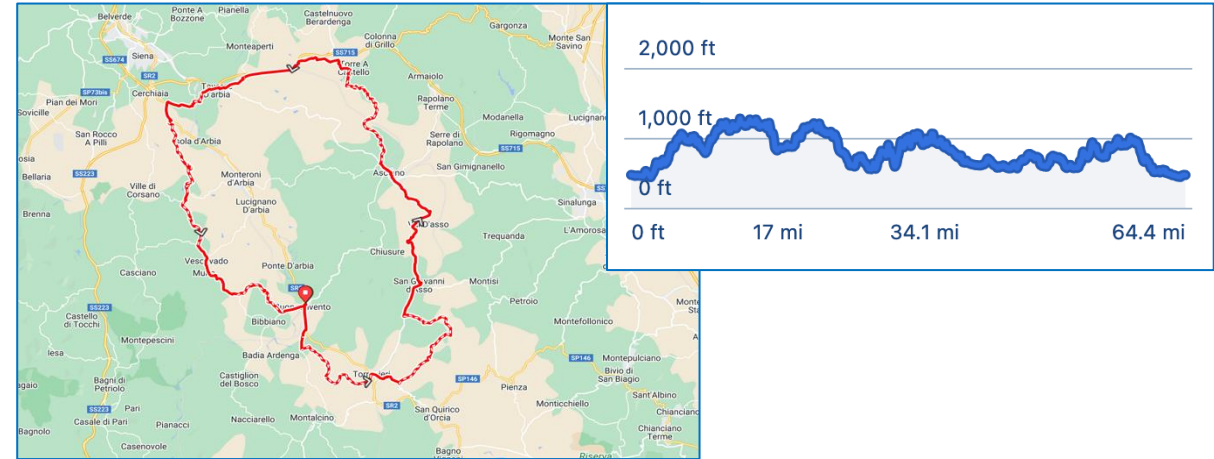


4th day – Sante Marie hill – Eroica Classic - Southern Routes

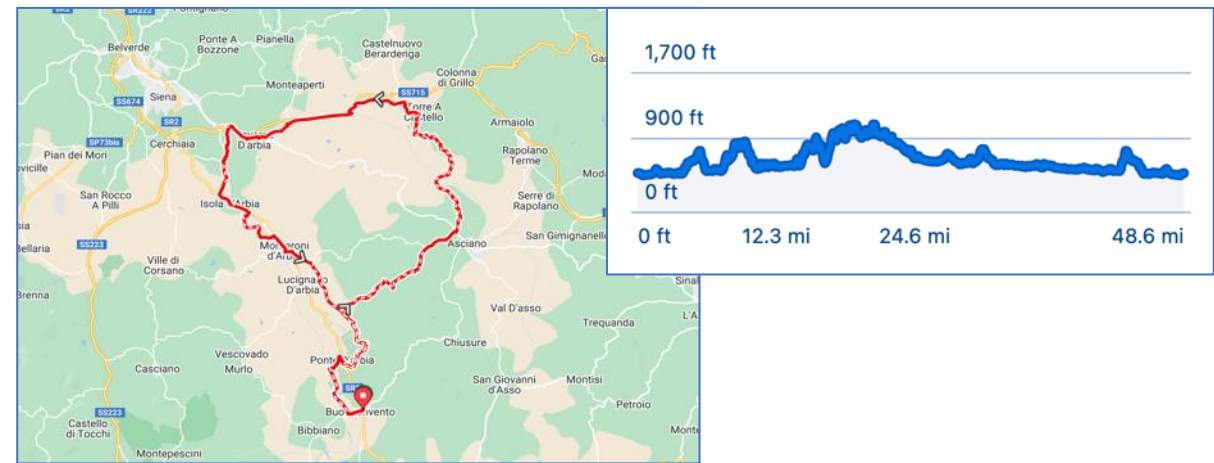
Today we leave the Chianti vineyards area to ride the Southern loop of the Eroica. The route is mostly on gravel roads across the Crete Senesi. We ride through the nicest village of Tuscany, Lucignano (IMHO) and we climb Sante Marie Hills the ascent dedicated to Fabian Cancellara and where the “Strade Bianche” races is often decided.



LONG TOUR: 64 miles – 5,250 feet



SHORT TOUR: 48 miles - 3,250 feet



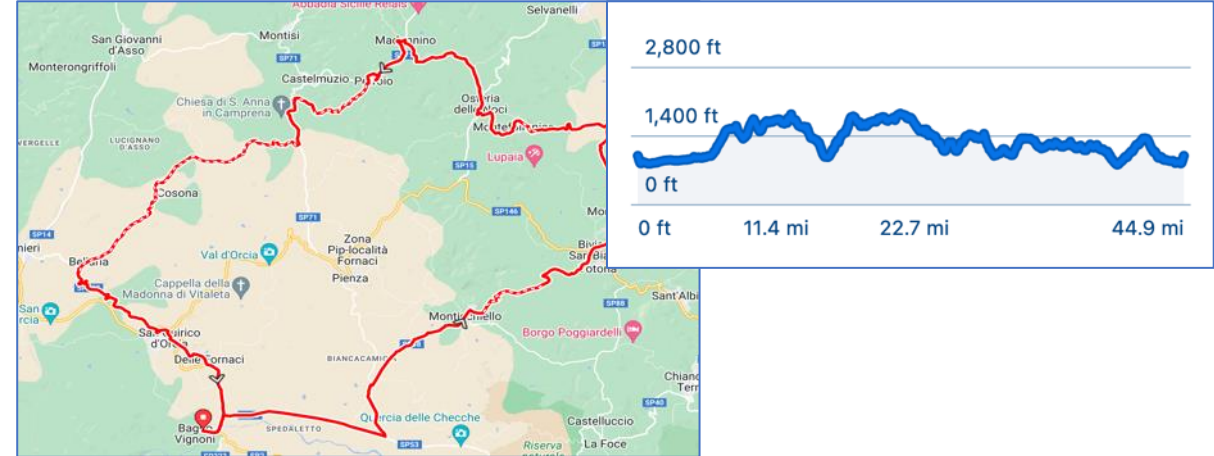
5th day – Val d’Orcia, Crete hills and Montepulciano vineyards

Today we tour the Val d’Orcia (UNESCO World Heritage Site), the Renaissance center of Tuscany, a ride through the hills to the vineyards of Montepulciano where the "Nobile" other red wine from Tuscany is produced.

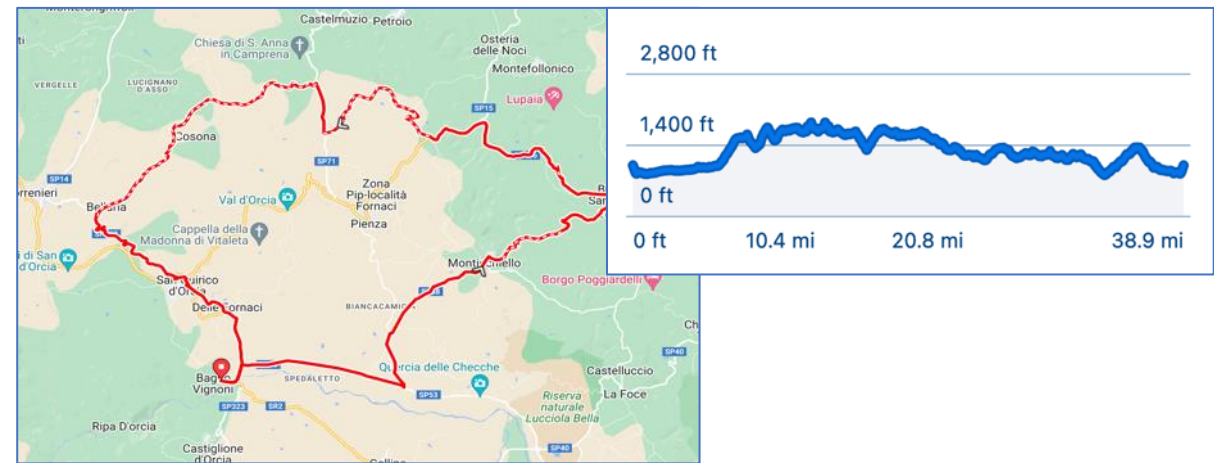
In addition to the vineyards we will cross the large open spaces of the «Crete». We will pass by two small fortified and perched villages where it seems that time stands still in the Renaissance.



LONG TOUR: 40 miles – 4,400 feet



SHORT TOUR: 37 miles – 3,400 feet



6th day – Greetings and see you soon with us on the Italian roads



After breakfast, it's time to say goodbye and start the journey back home. If you come back home, we will take you to Florence (FLR) airport, or if you plan to stay longer to visit Italy, we will be happy to help you.

We hope to see you soon on one of our tours on the roads of Italy



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AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES

Don't want to get bored? The activities we propose for the afternoon:



Guided tour of the city of Siena, aperitif in Piazza del Campo, one of the experiences you absolutely must do. The best place to buy a gift for those who did not accompany you in Italy.



Pienza, the "Ideal City" built by Pope Pius II (1458), UNESCO World Heritage Site since 2004. In addition to Pienza town you will be fascinated by the breathtaking view of the Orcia Valley.



Wandering around the medieval village of Montalcino and then, in a historic winery, tasting the famous red wine Brunello di Montalcino. Let's not forget the possibility of purchasing the wines.



Guided tour of the city of Montepulciano, ancient Etruscan city "Mons Politianus" (715 AD). Around the city in search of some good bottles of "Nobile" wine from Montepulciano.

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DINNER IN THE GREAT ITALIAN “TRATTORIA”

OSTERIA DEL LEONE

www.instagram.com/osteriadelleone

A magical space, where the poverty that marks true Tuscan cuisine becomes noble. Well-kept rooms, courteous and punctual service, excellent raw materials, all cooked with excellent technique to give guests a truly lasting experience. The cellar knows how to give great emotions, as well as the selection of cheeses.

Highlights dishes ¹

Starter: Montalcino-style tripe with saffron, "Cinta Senese" sausage and pecorino cheese

First course: Risotto Carnaroli grand reserve with garlic, creamed goat cheese and anchovies

Main course: Seared pigeon with seasonal side dish and chilli mustard



RISTORANTE CONTE MATTO

www.contematto.it

The restaurant is housed in the old walls of the village of Trequanda, a suggestive environment with wooden beams and pastel colors, the cuisine that celebrates local meats, "Cinta Senese" and "Chianina", combined with one of the cellars that we like most more. The restaurant and terrace overlook the hills of the Crete Senesi precipitously, a plus that alone justifies the trip.

Highlights dishes ¹

Starter: Crunchy artichoke on soft pecorino cheese, mint flavored tomato mustard

First course: Egg spaghettini creamed with butter and scorzone black truffle from the "Crete Senesi"

Main course: "Chianina" Breed Scottona Steak and Tuscan White Veal Florentine-style cooking



DOPOLAVORO LA FOCE

www.instagram.com/dopolavorolafoce

From the heart of Valdorcia, Dopolavoro La Foce offers you a selection of authentic experiences to fully experience the charm of the truest Tuscan cuisine. A land made of iconic landscapes, simple but intense flavours, slow but pure rhythms.

Highlights dishes ¹

Starter: Tomato filled with Tuscan panzanella, dry olive and basil

First course: Hand made picci pasta with garlic in tomato sauce

Main course: Dry aged meats "Fiorentina" T-bone



DINNER IN THE GREAT ITALIAN “TRATTORIA”

BOCCON DIVINO

www.instagram.com/ristorante_boccondivino

We are in Montalcino, home of Brunello, one of the world capitals of red wine. The restaurant is a historic address that bases its success on the skill of Alessandra (in the dining room) and Marina Fiorani (in the kitchen). High-level culinary proposal always in the name of tradition. Very nice place with a breathtaking view of the Val d'Orcia and the Crete Senesi. Obligatory stop!

Highlights dishes ¹

Starter: Candied egg yolk, sponge and parmesan cheese cream, "Crete Senesi" white truffle

First course: Tagliatini with basil pesto, river shrimp tartare, lemon and crunchy polenta

Main course: Local rabbit in porchetta stuffed with spinach and taggiasca olives, almonds, capers and thyme zucchini



OSTERIA DELLE LOGGE

www.instagram.com/leloggesiena/

A stone's throw from Piazza del Campo there is a place where time has been deliberately stopped with the aim of bringing guests back to Siena as it was. On the contrary, in the kitchen the perspective is the future one, with the great local culinary school which keeps the identity intact, but opens it towards new sensory horizons. Do not miss the 4-storey cellar in the basement.

Highlights dishes ¹

Starter: Marinated anchovies, vanilla, raspberries, rocket pesto

First course: Handmade tagliatelle, Tuscan ragout

Main course: "Priest's hat" (type of beef), garden vegetables, beef garum



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SOME ACCOMODATIONS RESERVED FOR YOU

LIVING IN THE CHARM ¹

We have selected some beautiful boutique hotel, historical house or vinery house, where you will enjoy to stay in relax during you holiday.

Most of them have SPA treatment available in a charming exclusive environment.

Our tours involve staying in a single hotel for the entire holiday, to avoid the commitment of transfers and to have more time to immerse yourself in the culture of the area.



Relais Osteria dell’Orcia – BAGNO VIGNONI

www.instagram.com/osteriadellorca

The discreet charm of the Tuscan countryside, in the relaxing atmosphere of one of the most fascinating places in Italy, our Hotel Relais awaits you in Val d’Orcia. Be our guest in an historical 16th century mansion.



Palazzo del Capitano – SAN QUIRICO ORCIA

www.instagram.com/capitanocollection

In the small medieval village of San Quirico, in the heart of the Val d’Orcia, Capitano Collection with its Luxury & Design Boutique hotels, villas, palaces and historic dwellings, within and outside the walls of the small village few steps from each other, boats suites and rooms all different and highly characterized, to let every guests find his most suitable dimension.

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WHAT'S INCLUDED, NOT INCLUDED

What's Included

ACCOMODATION

- 5 night in Historical Mansions, 4* Luxury Hotels or Villas located in special places
- All gratuities at hotels and restaurants
- Concierge & suggestion service for additional vacation ticketing, booking

TRANSPORT

- Guest pick-up / drop-off in airport or other meeting point
- All-vacation long, guests, bikes and luggage transport, as planned

MEALS

- 5 daily breakfasts in hotel
- 5 lunches during the pedaling time
- 5 social hours aperitivo
- 5 dinners in **5 different GREAT ITALIAN TRATTORIA** with the best Italian regional wines

MORNING ACTIVITIES

- 5 riding days, 2 daily itineraries with different grade of effort
- 2 expert local certified guides multilingual will ride with you and support all day
- 1 professional mechanic with support/SAG Van during the tour
- Energy bars and sports drink during bike time
- Daily bike maintenance and daily laundry service for bike clothing
- GPX daily tours documentation
- Hirides cycling kit

AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES

- Usually our hotels have a swimming pool, sauna, SPA and gym where relax and unwind after cycling
- Visits of tourist cities with professional guides, and other activities as described in the tour program
- Wine tasting/oil tasting at the producers' premises. Visits to dairies with demonstration of cheese making, as described in the tour program

YOUR BELOVED BICYCLE

- Please see further ahead our bicycle policies

PERSONAL INSURANCE

- Civil Liability Insurance and Italian Health Insurance for non European citizens

Not Included

AIRFARE TO FROM ITALY

- Through our partners we can organize the flight for you (**ON-DEMAND**)

BEFORE AND AFTER TOUR

- Meals, transportation, hotel costs or expenses in the days before and/or after the tour

HIRIDES.COM STAFF GRATUITIES

- Staff Hirides.com gratuities is not included

TRAVEL INSURANCE

- Personal Travel Protection Plan not included, **but heavily suggested**

HIRIDES CYCLING KIT

- We prepare you the cycling kit for you that you can find on www.hirides.com/gears. You can order more than one, but it will have an additional cost

LUGGAGE AND BIKE TRANSPORTATION SERVICE

- Luggage service, before/after tour days (**ON-DEMAND**)
- Bike transport service, before/after tour days (**ON-DEMAND**)

PERSONAL EXPENSES

- Cost of passport and visas
- Personal expenses while on the vacation
- Personal transportations when not included on the Tour
- Upgrade for advanced bike or dream bike they you may choose for your vacation
- Beverages not specifically agree/included
- Additional hotel expenses, mini-bar, wellness treatments
- Optional activities not scheduled in Hirides.com Tours
- All not explicitly declared in the tour description

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CYCLIST SKILLS LEGENDA

With the e-gravel bike that **we prepare for you**, your pedaling will have 50% more assistance. You will be able to easily keep up with the group, make the challenging climbs and enjoy the views and Italian roads.

RECREATIONAL LEVEL

For RECREATIONAL cyclists

Active vacationer, adventure rider and enjoys sightseeing.

Ideal day for this cyclist:

- Average activity duration: 2/3 hours
- Average daily mileage: up to 30 miles (50 Km)
- Average daily altitude difference: up to 2600 feet (800 mt)



ENTHUSIAST LEVEL

For ENTHUSIAST cyclists

Has participated in a gran fondos or other bike charity event, adventure rider, active vacationer. Not too interested in racing

Ideal day for this cyclist:

- Average activity duration: 3/4 hours
- Average daily mileage: up to 40 miles (65 Km)
- Average daily altitude difference: up to 4000 feet (1200 mt)



AVID LEVEL

For AVID cyclists

Participates in bike races, rides gran fondos, loves adventure riding and big days in the saddle.

Ideal day for this cyclist:

- Average activity duration: 4/6 hours
- Average daily mileage: over 50 miles (80 Km)
- Average daily altitude difference: over 6000 feet (1800 mt)



BICYCLE POLICIES: e-Bike

Embark on your cycling adventure your way! Whether you prefer to travel light and let us provide the perfect bike for your journey or bring along your beloved two-wheeler, we've got you covered. **Explore the tailored options we've prepared just for you below.**

Standard e-Bike (included in the tour price)

We make it easy for you to travel light and enjoy an extended vacation. Let us prepare a high-performance e-bike for your tour, ready for you upon arrival at hotel.

Bianchi e-Arcadex Carbon E-Gravel → Shimano GRX Disc 11-Speed, BOSCH CX Motor Drive with 500W Battery

Each bike is prepared for you, the rental costs are included in your tour package.

Advanced e-Bike

For those seeking even greater performance, we offer an upgraded e-bike option tailored to your preferences:

Scott Solace Carbon Performance E-Gravel → SRAM Rival XPLR eTap AXS Disc 12-Speed, TQ Mid Motor Drive with 300W Battery

This high-performance bike is designed for those who want to push their limits and enjoy a premium riding experience. A small additional fee applies for this upgrade.



BICYCLE POLICIES: Muscolar Bike

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Standard Muscolar Bike (included in the tour price)

For those who love the pure joy of pedaling, we offer high-quality muscular bikes prepared just for you. Travel light and extend your adventure—your bike will be ready and waiting at your hotel upon arrival.

Bianchi Arcadex Carbon Gravel → Shimano GRX Disc 11-Speed

Each bike is prepared for you, the rental costs are included in your tour package.



Advanced Muscolar Bike

For cyclists seeking superior performance, we offer an upgraded option tailored to your preferences:

Scott Addict Carbon Performance Gravel → SRAM Rival AXS Disc 24-Speed, Syncros Capital X40 Carbon Wheelset

This high-performance bike is designed for those who want to push their limits and enjoy a premium riding experience. A small additional fee applies for this upgrade.



BICYCLE POLICIES: Your beloved bike & Your dreams bike

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Bring Your Beloved Bicycle to Italy

Fly to Italy with your cherished bicycle by your side—no extra hassle!
At Hirides.com, we'll reimburse all your bicycle transport costs, making your journey as smooth as your ride.

Your Dream Bicycle

Have you always imagined exploring breathtaking landscapes on your dream bike? Let it come true.
Together, we will create a meticulously prepared bike, perfectly tailored to your desires, ready for you upon your arrival in Italy.
Your journey begins here: make it extraordinary.
We can prepare the following bikes: Colnago, Trek, Specialized, Wilier



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