

# Via Francigena, Crossing Tuscany

San Miniato to Siena  
5 Walking Days, 86 kms. 8 days/7 nights

October 7-14<sup>th</sup> 2023



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## INTRODUCTION

This 7 night guided walking tour along the Via Francigena path through Tuscany, from San Miniato to Siena, is one of the most popular and spectacular stretches of the Via Francigena, the Italian Camino. During our trip, we will discover no less than **four incredible UNESCO World Heritage sites**—the historic centres of Florence, Siena and San Gimignano.

On this 86km section of the Via Francigena, we will walk through the heart of Tuscany, across beautiful rolling hills, forested valleys and unique architectural sites. There are many wonderful historic towns and villages along the way, from the beautiful walled town of Monteriggioni, to breathtaking San Gimignano, with its soaring tower houses, to magnificent Siena, an historical, artistic, and gastronomic gem, as well as home to one of Italy's most traditional horse races, the Palio di Siena.

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## TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- Discovering the famously lush and rolling Tuscan landscape
- Exploring the historic town of San Gimignano, a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Seeing the walled hilltop village of Monteriggioni for the first time
- Sampling local Chianti wines and tasty local dishes
- Reflecting on your journey amid the vibrant atmosphere of historic Siena.



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## ITINERARY

### Oct 7th Arrival to Pisa Airport. Transfer to San Miniato.

#### San Miniato

Make our way to the breathtaking town of San Miniato where you will stay the night. There are plenty of artistic, cultural and historical sights to see here. The town is renowned for its white truffles so, if you get the chance, you should try them.

Your guides will give you a summary of the upcoming days' walking and answer any questions you may have. Sleep well; your unforgettable Via Francigena journey through beautiful Tuscany begins tomorrow.

**Overnight: San Miniato**

### Oct 8th WALK. San Miniato - Gambassi Terme. 24km

#### San Miniato

After breakfast, you will begin your journey through Tuscany. Follow a lovely trail through oak and chestnut woodland, olive groves and vineyards. The trail runs predominantly along off-road tracks over small rolling hills, the classic Tuscan landscape. On the way, you will pass Chianni where you can visit the lovely little church. Next up, a short climb to Gambassi Terme, a hilltop town best known for its spa and hot springs, as well as glass manufacturing. Short transfer back to San Miniato.

**Overnight: San Miniato**

### Oct 9th WALK. Gambassi Terme - San Gimignano. 14km

#### San Gimignano

After a lovely breakfast and a short transfer, you will leave the town of Gambassi Terme. Descend for a couple of kilometers before beginning another climb. The day is quite short and the topography undulating. You will pass some amazing scenery as you walk by the world-famous Chianti vineyards. Soon you will reach San Gimignano, a wonderful UNESCO-listed medieval town, where we will stop for the night. The "San Gimignano 1300" museum contains a wonderful reconstruction of how the town once looked and is well worth a visit during your free time.

**Overnight: San Gimignano**

### Oct 10th WALK. San Gimignano - Colle di Val d'Elsa. 13km

#### Colle di Val d'Elsa

In the morning, you will leave San Gimignano and continue walking through olive groves and cypress avenues up to the village of Montecchio. The distance today is not too long and you will find yourself in the town of Colle Val d'Elsa before you know it. Here we will enjoy a glass of Chianti in the central piazza before our dinner.

**Overnight: Colle di Val d'Elsa**

### Oct 11th WALK. Colle di Val d'Elsa-Monteriggione. 14km

#### Colle di Val d'Elsa

Set off from Colle di Val d'Elsa from the town's elegant piazza. Continue your walk along tree-lined roads, starting with a long descent to Castel Petraia and then up to the densely forested hill of Montagnole. Your walking day on the Via Francigena will end today at the unique hilltop village of Monteriggioni with its beautiful old walls. Short transfer back to Colle di Val d'Elsa.

**Overnight: Colle di Val d'Elsa**

### Oct 12th WALK. Monteriggione - Siena. 21km

#### Siena

After breakfast, we'll be transferred to Monteriggione. We will depart the small town of Monteriggioni and head towards the village of Funghaia. The village is home to a lovely church with a frescoed interior (all the walls are covered in medieval murals). Make sure you experience real Tuscan food in one of the region's best osterias, as you reach stunning Siena. Relax this evening and take in all the sights this amazing city has to offer before dinner.

**Overnight: Siena**

### Oct 13th Free Day in Siena.

#### Siena

Siena is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the most popular places to visit in all of Italy. It is famous around the world for its art, architecture, museums, and the "Palio", a traditional horse race held each year in the city's famous Piazza de Campo. Take a relaxing stroll through the historic streets, visit beautiful Siena Cathedral or sample some tasty Tuscan cuisine.

**Overnight: Siena**

### Oct 14th Transfer to the Airport.

Flight back home



## COSTS

Trek €1,500 Single Supplement €295  
Flight (Depends when you book) €250  
at time of printing inc: 20kg bag  
Donation €1,000

### WHAT'S INCLUDED

- 7 nights' ensuite hotel accommodation
- Breakfast and evening dinner
- All private transfers:
  - Pisa airport to San Miniato on Day 1
  - Gambassi Terme to San Miniato on Day 2
  - San Miniato to Gambassi Terme on Day 3
  - Monteriggione to Colle di Vall D'Elsa on Day 5
  - Colle di Vall D'Elsa to Monteriggione on Day 6
  - Siena to Pisa airport on Day 8
- Daily luggage transfer (One bag per person)
- Pilgrim passport and shell
- Blister Clinic every day
- Detailed information prior to start
- Experienced guiding services

## BOOKINGS

Once you have decided to travel, it is then time to book your flights. Once your flights are booked, we will arrange all the services provided in your package.

- A deposit of €200 per person is required to confirm booking
- Balance of donation is due eight weeks before date of arrival

You must have insurance to travel.

The following cancellation charges apply:  
Period before Departure Cancellation  
Fee Per Person

120-70 days	Loss of Deposit
69-45 days	50% of total cost
44-31 days	75% of total cost
30 days or less	100% of total cost

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