

## A long bike trip from Florence to Siena and back

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### **Day 1 : Florence - Fabbrica - 35 km. (8 on dirt roads)**

This stage starts with a very easy uphill to Piazzale Michelangelo, one of the most scenic panoramic spots over the city center of Florence from the south. Along the way light lunch at Osteria del Ponte Rotto. From Florence we'll be riding ups and downs to San Casciano and then along the Chianti hills to Fabbrica. Special dinner at Villa S.Andrea with the wines produced by the winery.

### **Day 2 : Fabbrica - San Gimignano - 37 km. (2 on dirt roads)**

On the third day we'll be riding through one of the most beautiful stretches of the Chianti hills area, trough San Donato and Barberino val d'Elsa, before reaching the magic towers of San Gimignano. Along the way picnic with hand-produced Tuscan cold meats and cheeses. Dinner at your own.

### **Day 3 : San Gimignano - Siena - 43 km. (5 on dirt road)**

Today's itinerary runs along the Vernaccia vienyards to the fortified village of Colle val d'Elsa, the wonderfull Abbazia a Isola Abbey, the Monteriggioni Castle, to Siena. Along the way light lunch in Strove. Special Tuscan dinner at Taverna del Capitano.

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### **Day 4 : Siena - Castellina in Chianti - 25 km. (14 on dirt roads)**

During this fourth leg we'll be following a very suggestive itinerary across the Chianti Senese to the heart of Chianti Classico cycling across a scenic expanse of hills covered with vineyards, olive groves and woodland. Along the way picnic with hand-produced Tuscan cold meats and cheeses. Dinner at your own.

### **Day 5 : Castellina in Chianti - Castellina in Chianti - 41 km. (21 on dirt roads)**

Today's ride follows a scenic circular loop across the hills of Chianti Classico passing ancient Romanesque churches and Etruscan tombs dating back to more than 2500 years ago. Special dinner at Osteria della Torre.

### **Day 6 : Castellina in Chianti - Greve in Chianti - 33 km. (9 on dirt roads)**

Still cycling across the scenic Chianti Classico hills we'll be visiting the Medieval hamlet of Panzano and the ancient abbey of Badia a Passignano before reaching Greve, the chief town of Chianti. Lunch at Restaurant La Scuderia in Badia a Passignano. Dinner at your own.

### **Day 7 : Greve in Chianti - Florence - 32 km. (all on tarmac)**

During the last leg of this bike tour we'll be biking towards Florence following a very scenic itinerary through the so-called "Chianti Fiorentino". Along the way picnic with hand-produced Tuscan cold meats and cheeses. Farewell dinner at Restaurant Gastone.

*The program includes: bike tour in English, an expert guide, bicycles, back-up van, helmets and maps, private transfer from Florence airport to the hotel and back, lunches or picnics, tastings on the farms. four special dinners, seven nights accommodation in three star hotels in double*

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*room with bathroom and breakfast.*

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*In Fabbrica - Villa S.Andrea: single or double room with bathroom and breakfast.*

*In San Gimignano - Hotel Cisterna: single or double room with bathroom and breakfast*

*In Siena - Hotel Chiusarelli: single or double room with bathroom and breakfast.*

*In Castellina - Hotel Squarcialupi: single and double room with bathroom and breakfast.*

*In Greve - Agriturismo Terre di Baccio: single or double room with bathroom and breakfast.*

*In Florence - Hotel Silla: single or double room with bathroom and breakfast.*