



Our Giro di Toscana original version with assistance

8 days / 7 nights

Our ORIGINAL Giro di Toscana is an unforgettable road bike trip touring all around Tuscany and accompanied throughout by a support vehicle. Designed by our very own professional cyclist, this really is a superb trip for keen riders!

Tuscany, its villages, hills, monuments, beautiful roads... Such a pleasure for every sense.

Our NEW road cycling trip in Tuscany will take you from Pisa to the Island of Elba, through the classic Italian cities of Siena and Florence, as well as the Chianti vineyards and olive groves. We mustn't forget too the fabulous pass through the Apuane Alps, Bologna and the many tiny Tuscan villages that we cycle through before finishing in the fortified town of Lucca.

YOUR PROGRAM

Day 1 - Earth and sea

Your trip begins at 9am in front of the airport, where you will be welcomed by the support vehicle and briefed.

We leave the fervour of Pisa to enter the quiet Tuscan countryside. On a small hilly road we cross some typical villages including S. Luce and Riparbella.

We begin to climb on mountain between the medieval village of Volterra and the sea. The view of the coast, the Tyrrhenian sea and the island of Elba is magnificent.

We then descend a little in the direction of the coast before climbing once more to the village of Casale Marittimo where we stop for lunch.

We finish the first day along a flat coastal road.

Approximately 115km for 850m+
(Course XXL 145km for 1300m+)

Night in a 3* hotel in Piombino





Day 2 - A mountain in the sea: The island of Elba

From Piombino we will take a ferry to the island of Elba (journey time 1 hour).

Arriving in Portoferraio the day begins on a quiet undulating road. We cross this splendid island which is literally a mountain in the sea, offering a succession of superb views. From the old village of Marciana we can see the island of Corsica and our other neighbours including the island of Capraia, Pianosa and Montecristo.

We pass by three beautiful beaches at Golfo di Campo, Lancona and Stella all tempting you to stop and take it easy!

We have one last climb up Rio Nell'Elba before enjoying the downhill to Portoferraio where we can see the landscape on the Italian continent and the Apuane Alps which will be our destination for the final two stages.

We finish the day in a magnificent hotel with a nice view of the citadel and the historic city of Portoferraio. Bathing in front of the hotel is recommended!

Approximately 85km for 1600m+
(Course XXL 115km for 2000m+)

Night in a 3* hotel in Portoferraio



Day 3 - Divine beauty: the cathedral of Siena

The day begins early as it's about 10km to join the port of Portoferraio for our boat journey back to the mainland.

Arriving in Piombino we have a 30km cycle ride to take us deep into the peace and the beauty of the Tuscan hills.

We will pass by the magnificent village of Montieri and Chiusdino.

The real Tuscan landscape really reveals itself to us here. We will pass some fantastic castles, villas and agriturismos along the route.

Approximately 120km for 1460m+
(Course XXL 150km for 1850m+)

Night in a 3* hotel in Siena



Day 4 - The seventh wonder of the world: Florence !

As a UNESCO World Heritage site, Florence is an unmissable stage for anyone cycling in Tuscany.

For this fourth day of cycling, we propose a slightly shorter stage common to both versions of our Giro di Toscana.

Today we allow you to recover a little before the last 3 stages, which are the toughest, but also, and especially to allow you to arrive early to visit the magnificent city of Florence.

We leave Siena northward by a small road to arrive in the village of Radda in Chianti. From here we take another fantastic route towards Florence.

Approximately 80km for 1260m+

Night in a 3* hotel in Florence



Day 5 - The beginning of the end!

We leave this morning for Bologna, seat of the oldest Western university (established in 1088). This city is the third architectural marvel of your trip.

We start to climb in altitude and as we do so, we watch the landscape change as we enter a mountainous environment.

As we depart from Florence we begin a 12km ascent, offering us an original view of the city. This is shortly followed by another climb for 15km and a height gain of 880m.

The end of this route is very hilly with some beautiful climbs!

Approximately 110km for 2000m+
(Course XXL 140km for 2680m+)

Night in a 3* hotel in Bologne



Day 6 - The most difficult!

The end of the week is approaching... do you have the blues? You shouldn't do as these next two days will be action packed!

We leave Bologna by a small sinuous road which offers a magnificent view over the city. We climb, descend, climb up again... A stage without relief that will have you cursing the Italian road constructors - the degree of some of the inclines might well surprise you!!

Approximately 120km for 2500m+
(Course XXL 140km for 3000m+)

Night in 3* hotel in a little village in the Apuane Alps.



Day 7 - Descent to paradise

This last day will be grandiose!

Your morning warm up is a 15km ascent to reach the peak of the week at 1574m. Do not despair as the fun is about to begin with a delirious descent of 90km!

We will soon reach the fortified town of Lucca, where we have our office and where you will have some time to take a tour of the ramparts to contemplate this superb little town. The last 25km of this trip ends by skirting the Monte Serra.

Upon your arrival in Pisa you have the end of the afternoon and evening to take advantage of this world-famous city.

Approximately 130km for 1700m+
(Course XXL 150km for 2500m+ and 3500m-)

Night in a 3* hotel in Pisa





Day 8 - The end

After your breakfast, you may wish to spend some time admiring the world-famous "Piazza dei Miracoli" and the leaning tower.

Transfer to the airport is an option.



Additional information

TARIFFS

Price from 1390 euros per person.

OPTIONS

Road bike rental : 170 euros per person.



Single room supplement : 260 euros per person.

INCLUDED

Accommodation and all meals (lunchtime picnics and evening meals in restaurants) from midday on day 1 until after breakfast on day 8. The luggage transfer from one accommodation to the next. The accompaniment of a support vehicle and person throughout the trip.

NOT INCLUDED

The transfer to the starting point of the tour, and the transfer after the tour. Drinks. Unplanned transfers. Bike rental. Any necessary bike repair costs. Personal expenses.

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY

For keen cyclists. Daily stages from 80km to 130km, with some steep climbs and descents.

CARRYING

Your luggage gets transported to each night's accommodation by the assistance van

ACCOMMODATION

All nights in comfortable 3 star hotels in double rooms with private bathroom.
Single room option available

SIZE OF GROUP

From 8 people

DEPARTURE

In front of Pisa airport.
Easy access by plane or train.

DISPERSION

Pisa, transfer possible to the airport.

HOW TO GET THERE

-By plane: Galileo-Galilei airport in Pisa. Flights and timetables are available at www.pisa-airport.com.
-By train: fares and timetables are available at www.railkey.com or www.railpass.com.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Obligatory helmet for evident reasons of safety.