



Self-guided bike tour around Tuscany via Pisa and Vinci

8 days/ 7 nights

Explore the heart of Tuscany by bike from Lucca to the famous leaning Tower of Pisa and Leonardo da Vinci's birthplace. Ride through the Chianti's vineyards and pedal back to the fortified town of Lucca.

YOUR PROGRAM

Day 1 - Arriving in Italy

Once you have arrived in Lucca, settle into your hotel and then explore the wonderful surroundings of the fortified town of Lucca.

Day 2 - The Tower of Pisa

Today, you will cycle to Pisa and the thermal spa of San Giuliano Terme. Pedal through the Gello before reaching Pisa and its world famous tower. You will then ride along the Serchio River in order to reach Lake Massaciuccollo, from where you will be able to get magnificent views over the Mediterranean. Your first day of cycling will end with a ride along the charming paved roads of Borgo Gianotti, before reaching the battlements of Lucca.

Distance: approximately 57km.

Day 3 - From Lucca to Vinci

For this third day, you will ride south of the old Acquedotto del Nottolini and cycle through Verciano, San Ginese, Castelvecchio, Bientina and Santa Maria a Monte. Following a local meandering river, you will reach the bridge of Cappiano and ride to Fuecchio, famous for its leather and shoe industry. You will soon find yourself amidst the most beautiful vineyards of the Chianti region and then along the path to Cerreto Guidi, the biggest town before Vinci.

Distance: approximately 55km.

Day 4 - Leonardo da Vinci

From Vinci, you will ride northwards and climb up to a set of houses where Leonardo da Vinci was allegedly born. Have a break there, visit da Vinci's childhood home and admire the splendid surrounding views. You will then climb up to Vitolino.

Distance: 19km.

Day 5 - On your way to the Chianti wine region...

Pedal your way through Fornello and other villages while climbing up to San Baronto, a little village located on Mount Albano. Along the Strada del Vino di Chianti (or the Road of the Chianti Wines) and amidst fragrant vineyards, you will get fantastic views over the rest of the landscape. Finally, you will descend to Lamporecchio and soon reach your hotel.

Day 6 - From Vinci to Lucca

To cycle back to Lucca, you will take a new road which goes through San Panteleone and which leads to Lazzaretto and Stabbia.



Riding along a countryside road, you will soon reach a forest and climb up to the hilltop village of Montecarlo. Then, as you pedal your way through the Strada del Vino (The Road of Wines), you will come to Quattro Mura. Finally, you will be rewarded for today's efforts, with panoramic views over the Lucchesian valley.

Distance: 62km.

Day 7 - Monte Pitoro

From the Piazza di Santa Maria, head north and cross the River Serchio. Not far away from Piazzano, you will start climbing in order to descend to the valley of the Val Freddana. You will then reach the Monte Pitoro before cycling down to Massarosa. From these heights, the mountains will offer you magnificent views over the landscapes of Viareggio and the Mediterranean.

Distance: 47km.

Day 8 - Your trip ends here

Your trip ends here, after breakfast or after an optional 20km ride. Possible transfer to the airport.

Additional information

TARIFFS

Price from 699 euros per person.

OPTIONS

Renting a road bike : 270 euros per person.

Supplement for single bedrooms : 150 euros per person.

Renting a hybrid bicycle : 80 euros per person.

4 nights in 3* hotel : 110 euros per person.

GPS tracks on USB stick : 25 euros per person.

INCLUDED

Nights in 2 star hotels (double or twin bedrooms), breakfasts, 3 evening meals, information package with maps and road-book and local assistance.

NOT INCLUDED

Transport options to the meeting point and from the point of dispersal, transfers which are not included in the tour, personal travel insurance, beverages, bike rental, repair costs, evening meals in Lucca, lunches, visits of tourist sites, optional activities which are not included in the tour, personal expenses.

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY

Easy. Accessible to everyone.

CARRYING

Luggage transfers by vehicle. You will only need to carry items that you wish to have available during the ride (camera, wallet



etc).

ACCOMMODATION

Nights in very comfortable 2 star hotels in Lucca and nights in an agriturismo in Vinci.

SIZE OF GROUP

From 2.

DEPARTURES

Every day from the 01 March to 31 October.

DEPARTURE

Lucca. We can also organise airport pick-up services from Pisa airport to your hotel. Please contact us for more details.

DISPERSION

Lucca (day 8 after breakfast). Possible transfer to the airport.

HOW TO GET THERE

By train from Pisa airport (every 30 minutes):

Cost: 6.30 €

Time: 45/50 minutes by train, count 1 hour in all

Take the train to Pisa-Centrale at the exit of the airport

Change to Central for a train to Lucca.

By motorbike from Nice: 350km, 4 hours (cost of tolls: 30€).