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Tuscany is a region for the senses. So, there is no better way than to experience it by bike! We have designed a memorable tour following the landscapes and most picturesque towns and cities of Tuscany: Radda in Chianti, Volpaia, Gaoile in Chianti, Siena, Pienza, Montalcino, San Gimignano and Florence. Picture yourself cycling routes through historic villages, rolling hills and vineyards. There will also be the mandatory stops for a macchiato coffee and pastry in the small plazas!

When it comes to road cycling the region is visited frequently by the Giro d'Italia and Strade Bianche professional road races. The Chianti wine region is also home to the unique L'Eroica vintage gran fondo event which is held every October. The latter two events spend some time racing over the white gravel roads of Tuscany. On one or two days we will be sure to traverse some of the most scenic sections of 'strada bianca' as the roads are well compacted and in good condition for road bikes.

While there are many highlights on tour a special excursion through the 'Piazza del Campo' in Siena will be enjoyed. We also always love taking our guests to the small local *osterias* where family businesses pour their soul into the traditional dishes they prepare for their customers!

A cycling adventure though Tuscany is a truly rewarding experience. Get ready to immerse yourself in all things Tuscany including its diverse districts and traditions, superb food and fine wine: Viva la Toscana!

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- 8 guided rides through the beautiful Tuscan vineyards and fields
- Experience the 'strada bianca' (home to L'Eroica gran fondo)
- Enjoy fine reds, such as, Rosso di Montalcino, Nobile di Montepulciano & Chianti
- Visit Siena the medieval jewel of Tuscany!
- Cycle through the undulating Chianti wine region
- Enjoy several tourist attractions: medieval Pienza and San Gimignano
- Delicious Tuscan peasant cooking



ITINERARY

DAY ONE - Tuesday 16 June 2026 - Florence to Chianti

We will collect you from Florence Airport at approximately 10am and transfer you to the tour hotel in the Chianti wine region. We will officially welcome you all to Italy before setting up the bikes and heading out for a picturesque warm-up ride. Tonight you will enjoy a welcome dinner with the tour guides!

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner Destinations: Radda in Chianti Today's Ride: 30km cycling

Accommodation: Chianti (Tuscany, Italy)







DAY TWO - Wednesday 17 June 2026 - Chianti Wine Region

Today will be the perfect time to start familiarising yourself with the local landscapes and the riding on offer. The Chianti region is loved for its natural beauty, postcard perfect towns, friendly locals, quality wine and fresh produce!

The riding is brilliant as you pedal along winding roads past old agricultural estates and manor houses. The roads surrounding the Castello di Brolio region are first class and cycling through the gardens of this rural palace is always a highlight. The Ricasoli family are the original owners of this Tuscan jewel and the extensive vineyards on-ground are actually Italy's oldest winery. Amazingly, this family has been fine-tuning their craft since way back in 1141!

Meals: Breakfast

Destinations: Radda in Chianti

Today's Ride: 75km cycling / 900m elevation gain

Accommodation: Chianti (Tuscany, Italy)





DAY THREE - Thur 18 June 2026 - Practise on the 'strada bianca'

Today you will ride a combined asphalt and white gravel road route straight from l'Eroica Gran Fondo. L'Eroica was born from a pure passion for cycling with the aim of rediscovering the authentic roots of a truly beautiful sport. But we didn't need to convince you about that! As you pedal along you can imagine the heroic days of Binda, Gagliardoni and Bartali as quaint towns with names like Greve, Panzano and Radda in Chianti roll-on by.

We will have a post-ride celebration drink back at the hotel to mark your cycling achievements.

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner **Destinations:** Gaiole in Chianti

Today's Ride: 80km / 1100m elevation gain **Accommodation:** Chianti (Tuscany, Italy)





DAY FOUR - Friday 19 June 2026 - the Volpaia hamlet

Today we change base and move higher up into the Chianti region. The hotel to hotel ride will see you finish the ride up at the small mountain hamlet of Volpaia. The beautiful views and wine tradition will have you captivated. We will also be pleased to organise an official wine tasting beneath the castle in the town centre!

Later in the evening dinner will be served in one of our favourite local and very homely *osterias*.



Meals: Breakfast & Dinner **Destinations:** Greve in Chianti

Today's Ride: 75km cycling / 850m elevation gain

Accommodation: Volpaia (Tuscany, Italy)





DAY FIVE - Saturday 20 June 2026 - Castellina in Chianti

This morning the ride heads west towards Castellini in Chianti. Along the way though we first take a coffee stop in San Donato which is one of the most charming hilltop villages in Chianti. You will ride past the remains of its medieval walls and old gates that have seen the test of time!

Today there are a few climbs ranging between 1.5 - 6km (3-4% average grade). Lunch will be called in 'Castellina'. This is a town rich in Estruscan history with evidence dating back to the 7th Century BC. After lunch we will be sure to ride past the Etruscan burial mound on the outskirts of town. All that remains now is the final test back up to our accommodation in Volpaia. The 3.5km climb at 7% average grade will be worthy of yet another cold beer or glass of Chianti red!!

Meals: Breakfast

Destinations: Castellina in Chianti

Today's Ride: 65km cycling / 1000m elevation gain

Accommodation: Volpaia (Tuscany, Italy)

DAY SIX - Sunday 21 June 2026 - Medieval Siena

After breakfast we say goodbye to Chianti and cycle for Siena. The cycling follows rolling terrain with several 'white gravel' road detours. The arrival to Piazza del Campo in Siena is a truly special moment. The medieval piazza is one of Europe's greatest squares! The twice-a-year horse-race, Palio di Siena, is held around the edges of the piazza.

During the late afternoon there will be plenty of time to explore the medieval old town. The streets resemble an open-air museum and finishing for a group dinner in this magical city will be something to remember for years to come.

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner Destinations: Siena

Today's Ride: 75km cycling / 1150m elevation gain

Accommodation: Siena (Tuscany, Italy)



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DAY SEVEN - Monday 22 June 2026 - Pienza & Montalcino

Today's route heads towards Asciano and the famous 'Senesi Crete'. The clay fields during earlier days were overworked and abandoned and erosive forces have created a lunar landscape. As the kilometres roll-by the beautiful rural landscapes of the Val d'Orcia are uncovered (UNESCO World Heritage Site). Follow roads lined with the regions characteristic and emblematic cypress trees. The jewel of the Val d'Orcia region is the small renaissance towns and there will be time to soak up the medieval history of Pienza and Montalcino. Post-ride there will be a 1hr drive back to Siena.

Meals: Breakfast

Destinations: Pienza & Montalcino

Today's Ride: 75km cycling / 1200m elevation gain

Accommodation: Siena (Tuscany, Italy)

DAY EIGHT – Tuesday 23 June 2026 – The towers of San Gimignano

The small medieval walled town of San Gimignano is a must-see when visiting Tuscany. Its 13 medieval towers reach for the heavens and were built as symbols of family status. The countryside between Siena and San Gimignano is highly regarded for its historical, cultural and natural treasures. The undulating roads will keep you interested throughout as the ride moves north-west from Siena. There are several 1-3km climbs and descents on twisting roads that pass quiet towns. The ride will finish in San Gimignano where we will 'raise a toast' before giving you the chance to explore this beautiful town. All that remains now is a short drive into Florence and a farewell dinner to recap what has been an amazing week on and off the bikes!

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner **Destinations:** San Gimignano

Today's Ride: 80km cycling / 800m elevation gain

Accommodation: Florence (Tuscany, Italy)







DAY NINE - Wednesday 24 June 2026 - Goodbyes

Following breakfast we will have you at Florence Airport by 10:30am. We look forward to seeing you on tour again very soon. *Arrivederci!*

Meals: Breakfast





TRIP DETAILS

REGION: TUSCANY, ITALY

LEVEL: BEGINNER +

TOUR DATES: 16 – 24 JUNE 2026 **HOTELS**: Chianti (x3), Volpaia (x2), Siena (x2), Florence (x1); 3-4 star hotels

PRICE: 3450 € p.p. (twin share)

OPTIONAL EXTRAS:

Single Supplement: 700 €

Carbon Road Bike Hire (105, 11/32, rim): **250 €** Carbon Road Bike Hire (Di2, 11/34, disc): **450 €**

E-Road Bike Hire (105, 11/32, rim): 550 €

DURATION: 9 DAYS / 8 NIGHTS

PAYMENT:

Option 1: In Euro to our nominated Spanish bank account (bank transfer or credit card)

Option 2: In \$AUD to our nominated Australian bank account (bank transfer or credit card)

INCLUDED

Arrival & Departure transfers (Florence Airport) 8 nights accommodation including breakfast 5 dinners with beer & wine included 8 guided cycling stages with van and mechanic Wine tastings in Volpaia hamlet Food & drinks during cycling stages

Commemorative cycling tour jersey

NOT INCLUDED

Airfares

Pre or post Tour Accommodation

