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# THE TUSCAN ROUTE

10 Days To Discover The Hidden Treasures Of Tuscany



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## A JOURNEY THROUGH TIME AND BEAUTY

There are special journeys which stay with you forever, creating cherished memories. They take you to the most wonderful places, immersing you in landscapes, history and artistic treasures. Italian Hospitality Collection's Tuscan Route is one such journey: a ten-day tour of Tuscany at the wheel of a stunning vintage car. Brimming with character, style and sleek mechanics, it was born to travel these country roads.

There are three destinations along the way: Fonteverde, Grotta Giusti and Bagni di Pisa. You'll stay at historic hotels oozing charm and tradition: from a Renaissance abode to a 19th-century villa set in an enchanted garden, and the residence and thermal spa built for Grand Duke Francis of Lorraine. Road after road, wonder after wonder, you'll become steeped in the great beauty of Tuscany.

We've designed the journey just for you. So pack your bags and prepare for an unforgettable experience.



## PLUNGE INTO THE RENAISSANCE IN VAL D'ORCIA



Fonteverde is a balcony overlooking the Tuscan hills, in a landscape which looks just like a painting. Our spacious, welcoming Deluxe rooms are ready to receive you.

Or why not choose one of our Junior Suites,  
all of them generously-sized and luxurious with a large living area.

At Fonteverde we're proud of our thermal spa, and we've created a whole range of revitalising remedies just for you: relaxing massages, detoxing thermal mud applications and the cool freshness of our anti-ageing treatment.





## A HIDDEN JEWEL OF A GROTTA



The second stage on your dream tour of Tuscany is Grotta Giusti, now completely renovated. This stylish, secluded 19th-century villa is surrounded by stunning gardens. Here lies a hidden treasure: the spa and springs are set in Europe's largest natural thermal grotto, with its own underground thermal lake.

At Grotta Giusti guests stay in our brand new deluxe bedrooms or Junior Suites. Thermal pools and a thermal grotto await you at our spa, so you can round off a day's exploring with some time to relax.



## THE GRAND DUKE'S THERMAL SPA, FAVOURED BY KINGS



Bagni di Pisa is a historic residence built in the 18th century to enable Francis of Lorraine, Grand Duke of Tuscany, to enjoy the thermal springs here. It later became a magnificent spa hotel and has played host to kings, queens and great artists over the centuries. We have set aside our Deluxe rooms and Junior Suites just for you. At our spa, located on the site of the Grand Duke's thermal springs, you can indulge in a special collection of unique treatments.



## DRIVE THROUGH TUSCANY IN VINTAGE STYLE

We've put together a fleet of marvellous vintage cars to make your Tuscan Route truly unique. For ten whole days you can delight in a series of real motoring treasures, like the Alfa Romeo Duetto: choose from a "Round-tail" – as seen in *The Graduate* – or an ultra-sleek "Kamm-tail". Connoisseurs of classic Italian style will adore our gorgeous Fiat 124 spider and 1963 Fiat 1500 cabriolet.

If you love the wind in your hair, why not go for an English sports car: a Triumph Spitfire, MG Roadster or even a Morgan 4/4 plus. And for vintage chic with a laidback vibe, how about a convertible VW Beetle or a delightful Peugeot 304 cabriolet?





## UNMISSABLE EXPERIENCES CLOSE TO OUR HOTELS

To ensure you experience the very best of Tuscany as you tour by vintage car, we've tracked down unmissable activities, places and sights close to our hotels. Some are better known, others are unusual and unexpected. Together they make for an unforgettable stay, a sequence of images and sensations you'll always associate with the purr of the engine and the tranquility of our thermal springs.

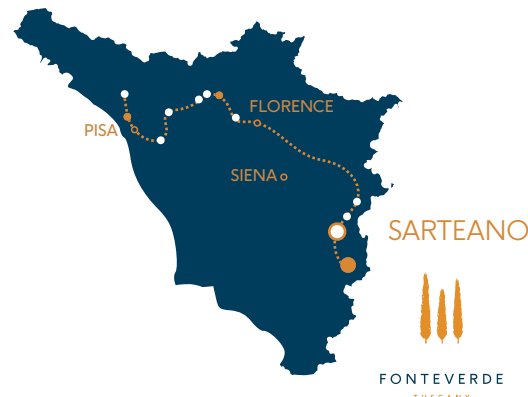




## THE ETRUSCAN TOMB OF THE “INFERNAL QUADRIGA”

Sarteano, around 16 km from Fonteverde

Sarteano near Fonteverde is home to a breath-taking find from the age of the Etruscans: the Tomb of the Infernal Quadriga, dating from the IV century B.C. The underground tomb is decorated with frescoes showing vivid, thrilling scenes such as a racing quadriga or chariot, pulled by mythological beasts. Other paintings depict two men at a banquet and a fierce three-headed snake. The tomb, which lies just outside the village of Sarteano, can only be visited on Saturdays by appointment to protect it from over exposure. Sarteano's Archaeological Museum is located in a historic palazzo in the village itself. It houses many fascinating artefacts from the Etruscan civilisation as well as an exact replica of the paintings inside the tomb.



Museo Archeologico Sarteano  
Via Roma, 24  
53047 Siena

Opening times  
10.30am - 12.30pm and 4pm - 7pm  
Open every day except Monday  
Tickets for museum + tomb  
(including guided tour of the tomb) € 8.00

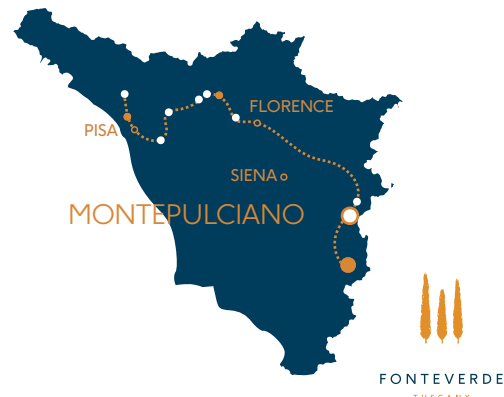
## VISIT THE HISTORIC TOWN OF MONTEPULCIANO

Montepulciano, around 35 km from Fonteverde



This world-famous historic town lends its name to Nobile di Montepulciano, one of the finest of all Tuscan wines. Montepulciano weaves historic palazzos and churches into its wonderful urban fabric. Be sure to see Piazza Grande, where there is a well decorated with griffins and lions by Antonio da Sangallo the Elder, and the Palazzo Comunale.

The Piazza is also home to the Cathedral, known for its unusually austere undecorated façade. Piazza Grande is renowned as the movie location for parts of The Twilight Saga: New Moon. In Tuscany, art and craftsmanship blend into one in an unending, enriching cultural exchange. What better way to experience it than by visiting a craft workshop dating back over a century? At Rameria Mazzetta in Montepulciano, Cesare and Iolanda Mazzetti carry forward the family tradition which began in the late 1800s. As well as copper artworks, they craft superb copper pans which are much sought-after by leading chefs and exacting cooks.



Official guided tour of Siena  
and the surrounding area

Half day: € 125 (max 3 hrs)

Full day: € 250 (max 6 hrs)

## WINE TASTING AT THE AVIGNONESI WINERY (“LE CAPEZZINE”)

Valiano di Montepulciano, 45 km from Fonteverde



Why not treat yourself to a visit to the Cantina Avignonesi wine estate in Valiano, near Montepulciano, complete with its own 19th-century villa, chapel and historic cellars. It's the perfect chance to see where the wine starts out its journey, to experience the terroir and the whole wine-making process from vine to bottle. As you'd expect, your visit to the cellars ends with a wine tasting session. You then move on to the Foresteria or guest lodgings to sample traditional Tuscan dishes and other delicacies prepared by the estate's chefs. What better way for you both to share the pleasures of the day: one can sample the wines, while the other merely savours the bouquet but will have the pleasure of driving a vintage sports car back home.



Guided tour with lunch and wine tasting.  
The guided tour starts in the vineyards then moves on to the barrel cellar and vinsanto liqueur cellar.  
Next comes a four-course lunch in the elegant panoramic guest lodgings, with a tasting of four top wines.  
€ 95 per person

Availability  
March, April, November:  
Mondays to Fridays.  
May to October: Mondays to Saturdays.  
The Foresteria is open from 21st March to 18th November.

## VISIT VINCI, LEONARDO'S BIRTHPLACE, AND THE DA VINCI MUSEUM

Vinci, around 17 km from Grotta Giusti



Museo Leonardiano  
Palazzina Uzielli (ticket office)  
and Castello dei Conti Guidi

Prices  
Entrance to Museum + Leonardo's birthplace  
+ "L'impossibile Leonardo" exhibition  
Full price ticket: € 11

Leonardo Da Vinci's birthplace is an enchanting medieval village – worth a visit alone. But what makes it completely unique is the museum dedicated to the great artist, scientist and inventor. The Leonardo Da Vinci Museum is based in two neighbouring buildings, Palazzina Uzielli and the Conti Guidi Castle. It is home to a vast collection of documents, models and replicas of projects designed by the great maestro, Leonardo.





## WINE TASTING AT THE LEONARDO DA VINCI WINERY

Vinci, around 17 km from Grotta Giusti



Cantine Leonardo da Vinci  
Via Provinciale di Mercatale n. 291  
50059 – Vinci (Florence)

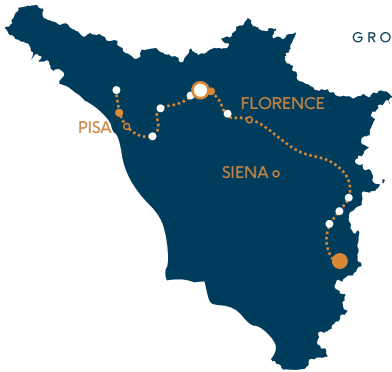
While you're in Vinci, birthplace of the great Leonardo, don't miss the chance to sample wines made by the winery which shares his name. The Leonardo da Vinci cellars are run by a group of wine-makers who grow most of their grapes on the slopes of the Montalbano, an area with its own micro-climate. As well as the typical Sangiovese variety, they also grow Merlot, Syrah, Canaiolo, Chardonnay and Trebbiano. The Leonardo da Vinci winery makes great classics such as Chianti, Brunello di Montalcino, Rosso di Montalcino, Santo Ippolito and Vinsanto.



## VISIT ARTISAN CHOCOLATE-MAKERS SLITTI

Monsummano Terme, Pistoia, 1.5 km from Grotta Giusti

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Via Francesca sud, 1268  
Monsummano Terme, Pistoia  
Tel. +39 0572 640240

### OPENING TIMES

7am – 1pm / 3pm – 8pm

Closed Sundays

(excluding November and December).

Monsummano Terme is home to an outstanding name in Italian gastronomy: Cioccolateria Slitti. The artisan chocolatiers started out in 1969 as coffee roasters. When Andrea and Daniele Slitti joined the firm, they became interested in cocoa and fine quality chocolate. Their painstaking work has made Slitti world-famous for its superb delicacies. During the tour, guests will get to see every stage of production, from the cocoa itself to the packaging and the wonderful displays – a plethora of irresistible temptations and treats.



## VISIT LUCIO PICONE'S ARTISAN SHOE WORKSHOP

Pieve a Nievole (Pistoia), around 4 km from Grotta Giusti



Atelier Picone Scarpe  
Via Matteotti, 22 , 51018 - Pieve a  
Nievole (Pistoia)

Enjoy a visit to Lucio Picone's artisan workshop, where he crafts exquisite custom-made shoes. The workshop and his creations are the culmination of a dream for Lucio: he began working for a shoe manufacturer aged just fifteen, but always wanted to make something unique. He works for a handful of customers, choosing designs, colours and finishes together, and makes every shoe by hand. Visiting his workshop means immersing yourself in Tuscany's artisan shoe-making traditions.



## THE SILENT SKIES: YOUR HOT AIR BALLOON FLIGHT.

Tassignano Airport, Capannori, around 20 km from Bagni di Pisa



Take an unforgettable journey over the landscape around Lucca, in the oldest and most evocative of all flying machines. Every moment is unique, from before you take off until the moment you land, on a soundless flight amid the silent skies. Once you touch down, celebrate by tasting a selection of local wines and delicacies. At the end of the day, take home a first flight certificate signed by the balloon pilot.

TASSIGNANO AIRPORT



Exclusive flight for two people  
Prices from € 980

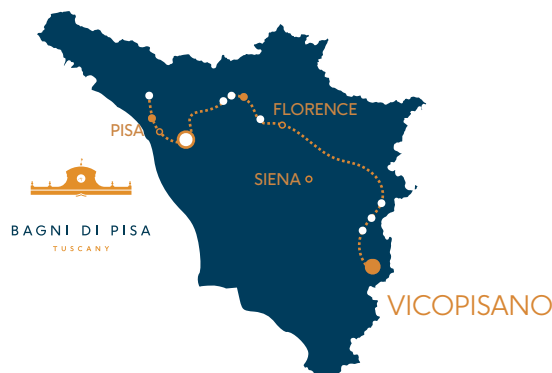


## GOLDEN OLIVE GROVES: A DAY DISCOVERING TUSCAN EXTRA-VIRGIN OLIVE OIL

Vicopisano, around 20 km from Bagni di Pisa



Tuscan extra-virgin olive oil is one of Italy's great gastronomic specialties. From Bagni di Pisa, take a short but highly enjoyable trip to the village of Vicopisano to discover how the traditions surrounding this superb product are still very much alive today. Your visit starts at the Romanesque church of San Iacopo in Lupeta; from here, stroll along to the olive estate where you'll find the oldest oil mill in Monte Pisano. To round off your day, enjoy an extra-virgin olive oil tasting and lunch including a traditional local soup.



Price per person € 130

## WEAVING HISTORY: TRADITIONAL WILLOW BASKET-MAKING

Avane, near Vecchiano, around 6 km from Bagni di Pisa



Just a few kilometres from Bagni di Pisa lies Casa Gentili, an age-old residence on the banks of the River Serchio. Here you'll learn the secrets of traditional willow basket-weaving. This timeless skill will take you back thousands of years and teach you how useful, beautiful objects can be crafted from a humble material. Spend the day in a place where time stands still, amid historic rooms and wonderful gardens. Break for a buffet lunch made with locally-grown produce, then finish off your day by taking home a basket you've woven with your own hands.



Price per person € 135,00

## TUSCAN ROUTE EXPERIENCE

9 nights

### ACCOMMODATION

9 nights in a deluxe room or junior suite  
Buffet breakfast  
Dinner à la carte

### VINTAGE CAR

Use of a vintage car throughout your stay.  
Car rental service is managed and billed by a partner car hiring company.

The hotel collects the car rental fee from clients on behalf of the hiring company.

### PRICE

From € 10.948,00 per double room

### PERSONALIZE YOUR EXPERIENCE

The experience can be tailor made following individual requirements such as number of nights and travel way.  
A private driver can be booked for your transfers and excursions.

### HOW TO BOOK

Please contact one of our travel advisors for further information or to book at [tuscanroute@ihchotels.it](mailto:tuscanroute@ihchotels.it)  
tel. +39 0578 572333.

Experiences and activities held outside the hotels are not included in the price. For information and reservation you can contact our travel advisors and concierge.

### INDIVIDUAL TREATMENTS



|   |                                |     |
|---|--------------------------------|-----|
| 1 | Detoxing thermal mud treatment | 50' |
| 1 | Relaxing thermal massage       | 50' |
| 1 | Luxury Aroma Touch             | 50' |

Thermal pools with hydro massages and waterfall  
Bioaquam thermal spa circuit with Light Bath  
Etruscan circuit with sauna, stove and Turkish bath  
Use of fitness centre, morning walk (excluding Sundays)



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| 1 | 1 Thermal steam bath in the natural grotto | 50' |
| 1 | 1 Salt scrub with fresh flowers and candle | 80' |
| 1 | Oriental ritual massage                    | 50' |
| 1 | Anti-stress face treatment                 | 50' |

Thermal pool with hydro massages and waterfall  
Bioaquam thermal spa circuit with whirlpool  
Use of fitness centre  
Morning hike session with fitness trainer (excluding Sundays)



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| 1 | Couple's treatment       | 90' |
| 1 | Watsu treatment          | 50' |
| 1 | Microdermolift treatment | 50' |

Thermal pools with hydro massages and waterfall  
New Bioaquam Thermal Spa Circuit with whirlpool  
Minerva Bath  
Turkish bath and sauna, Thalaquam, saline floatation tank  
Morning hike session with fitness trainer (excluding Sundays)

## TUSCAN ROUTE EXPERIENCE

3 or 6 nights

### ACCOMMODATION

3 or 6 nights at any one of our resorts

Buffet breakfast

Dinner à la carte

### VINTAGE CAR

Use of a vintage car throughout your stay.

Car rental service is managed and billed by a partner car hiring company.

The hotel collects the car rental fee from clients on behalf of the hiring company.

### PRICE

From € 3.398,00 per double room

### PERSONALIZE YOUR EXPERIENCE

The experience can be tailor made following individual requirements such as number of nights and travel way.

A private driver can be booked for your transfers and excursions.

### HOW TO BOOK

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| 1 | Luxury Aroma Touch             | 50' |

Thermal pools with hydro massages and waterfall  
Bioaquam thermal spa circuit with Light Bath  
Etruscan circuit with sauna, stove and Turkish bath  
Use of fitness centre, morning walk (excluding Sundays)

3 nights from € 3.890,00 per double room



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| 1 | 1 Thermal steam bath in the natural grotto | 50' |
| 1 | 1 Salt scrub with fresh flowers and candle | 80' |
| 1 | Oriental ritual massage                    | 50' |
| 1 | Anti-stress face treatment                 | 50' |

Thermal pool with hydro massages and waterfall  
Bioaquam thermal spa circuit with whirlpool  
Use of fitness centre  
Morning hike session with fitness trainer (excluding Sundays)

3 nights from € 3.660,00 per double room



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| 1 | Couple's treatment       | 90' |
| 1 | Watsu treatment          | 50' |
| 1 | Microdermolift treatment | 50' |

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Minerva Bath  
Turkish bath and sauna, Thalaquam, saline floatation tank  
Morning hike session with fitness trainer (excluding Sundays)

3 nights from € 3.398,00 per double room





## OUR TRAVEL TIPS FOR A PERFECT DRIVE

Driving a vintage car around Tuscany is a unique experience,  
but quite unlike driving a modern car.

- You won't be able to plug in or recharge your smartphone, so remember to charge it every evening.
- Vintage cars are wonderfully simple, which means they weigh much less than modern cars and are much more responsive than you'd expect. The flipside is that they have no electronic assistance. Forget about ABS or traction control: if you brake sharply, the wheels will lock. You won't get the same grip as a modern car on wet surfaces or loose gravel.
- Remember that there's much less room for your legs – and your luggage – in a vintage sports car. It's better to travel light, taking just the bare essentials with you.
- If you've chosen a convertible car, remember to pack sun cream. It can get extremely hot in Tuscany, and when you're travelling in the wind you can forget just how much sun you've had.
- Convertibles present a challenge for ladies. If you remember what happened to Bridget Jones's hair, you'll understand. It's best to wear a headscarf, tied in the old-fashioned way. For sportier, laid-back travellers, a handy flat cap might come in handy. Italians would call it a coppola, but if you're riding a gorgeous English sports car, do like the Brits do and call it a Sixpence.



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