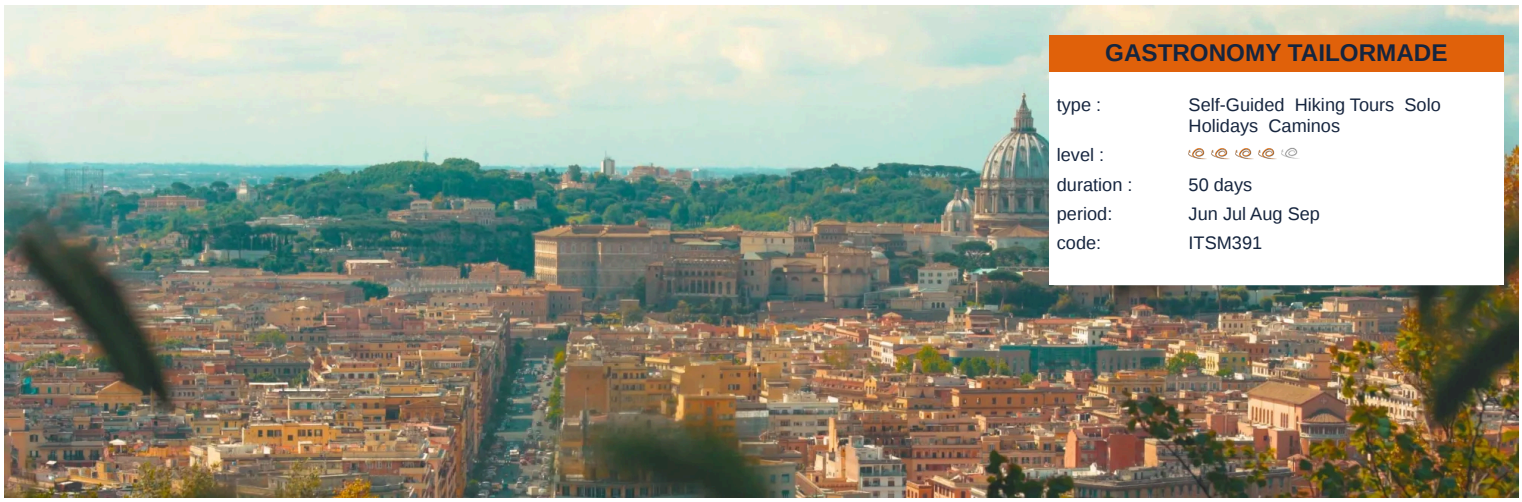
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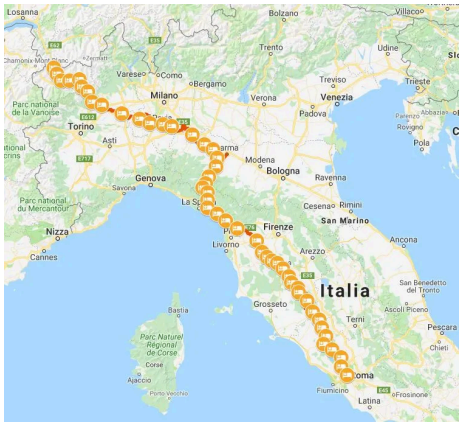
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The **complete itinerary of the Via Francigena route in Italy** takes you from the Great St. Bernard Pass all the way to Rome. This **50-day journey** (customizable if needed) allows you to experience, with calm and slowness, the **extraordinary variety of landscapes** that define our country. Every stage ends in a town rich in art and history: reaching places like **San Gimignano**, Sutri or Pontremoli on foot is a profoundly different experience compared to arriving by car. Walking through these ancient routes, surrounded by nature and centuries-old traditions, is the true essence of this pilgrimage.

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Route

Day 1 Arrival in Grand St. Bernard

The journey starts in Col Grand St. Bernard. If you arrive early, take a walk around and enjoy this particular fascinating village full of history. Feel the pilgrims' passage live the atmosphere with its typical ancient architecture like the ancient restored water mill.

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Day 2 From Grand St. Bernard to Etroubles, 13.5 km

From the San Bernardo Pass you arrive in Italy and continue on to the nice village of Etroubles, walking along the Via Francigena official route. The itinerary is on secondary trails rich in evocative landscapes with its small villages and the ancient avalanche shelter system. Some points could be a bit steep, but there are a couple of possible alternatives to do.

Day 3 From Etroubles to Aosta - 15,5 km

Today you depart Etroubles to reach Aosta, where the pilgrims could worship Saint'Orso and Saint Grato's relics (nowadays they are patron of the whole Val d'Aosta). The walk promises a deep experience along the mountains, crossing meadows and pinewoods. Meet old refuges, the chapel used by the pilgrims, and follow the ancient stream "Ru Neuf". As the last part is on a descent path, it is possible to take a bus from Verrailes to Aosta.

Day 4 From Aosta to Nus, 16 km

The route winds among castles and vineyards. You will flank the fine **Quart castle**, with its chapel dedicated to the local saint, **Emerico**. Along the approaching road you will be able to touch the semi-spherical engravings made in the rock by prehistoric men, the **Coppelle**, trying to imagine what they were used for, still surrounded by mystery.

Day 5 From Nus to Saint Vincent, 17 km

You will walk for a long way alongside the **Rus**, ancient artificial canals which still water the crops on the mountainsides of the **Valle d'Aosta**. Between one vineyard and another, we recommend a stop at the **Crotta de Vegneron at Chambave**, a temple consecrated to the wines of the Valle d'Aosta. Once you arrive in **Saint Vincent,** you will be able to stop for a reinvigorating rest at the spa.

Day 6 From Saint Vincent to Verres, 16.5 km

From Saint Vincent you will continue along the left side of the Valley, meeting along your way the very fine **Saint Germain castle**: you can admire its **Mezzogiorno tower**from under the impressive medieval walls, once a formidable defence tower belonging to the De Mongioveto family which dominated the valley. From here you will travel along a short section of the **ancient strada delle Gallie**, before being enchanted by the splendid itineraries offered by the route as far as **Verrès**, which climbs up the side of the mountain. If you like castles, we recommend a visit of Issogne.

Day 7 From Verres to Pont Saint Martin, 13 km

Today a brief journey in a time machine awaits you: at **Arnad** you will be able to emerge yourselves in the part of medieval pilgrims walking through the naves of the **parish church of San Martino**, before crossing the ancient **Enchallod bridge**. Or you can have fun looking for the tracks of Roman carriages in the stones of the ancient **road of the Gauls**, which will surprise you with a still perfectly preserved section leading to the gates of **Donnas**. If you like more recent history, visit Bard fort with its Museum of the Alps.

Day 8 From Point Saint Martin to Ivrea, 21 km

The alpine scenery gives way to the gentle **Piedmont hills,** among characteristic villages and sections surrounded by nature. Today's destination point is **Ivrea**: the old town centre will delight you with its fine castle and tall **tower of Santo Stefano**, but do not miss a walk through an open-air museum of modern architecture. For the gourmands, we recommend a break to taste the **Novecento cake**, a chocolate cake whose recipe is jealously guarded by the town's pastry-makers.

Day 9 From Ivrea to Viverone, 20 km

Today you will relax with a quiet leg, which lets you discover some of the small hidden jewels of the **Via Francigena**: you will walk under the arch of the tower of **Piverone** to enter its old village, developed around a road which crosses the centre, and then to see the remains of a fresco inside the **"Geisùn"**, the ruins of a small roofless church where two country roads cross. Finally, you will arrive in **Viverone** to end the day admiring the sunset along the banks of the lake.

Day 10 From Viverone to Santhià, 17 km

Today again you will walk along quiet country roads. The treat of the day is **Roppolo castle**, which will offer you a splendid view over **lake Viverone** and the **morainic amphitheatre of Ivrea.** If you love good wine do not miss a visit to the cellars that are home to a collection of regional wines. The hills become gradually lower as you continue towards **Santhià**. Now that you have reached your destination point, you can enjoy the tasty cuisine of the **Vercelli area,** with its delicious rice and meat dishes, ending on a high note with a glass of **white herb liqueur.**

Day 11 From Santhià to Vercelli, 27 km

The first leg of the journey will take you across the Vercelli plain, alongside the characteristic rice fields. If you are lucky enough to see them flooded, you will be enchanted by the shades of colour reflected in the water, in a landscape unique in its kind: different species of birds will be your walking companions, and will follow you with their flight, skimming over the surface of the water. And if you are curious to discover how rice is used in the local cuisine, in Vercelli you will have plenty of dishes to choose from, among first courses, savoury pies and desserts.

Day 12 From Vercelli to Robbio by train - Robbio to Mortara, 14 km

A short train journey along the Sesia river will take you from Vercelli to Robbio. From there, the countryside landscape of **Lomellina** will lead you towards **Mortara**, over grassy sheep-tracks and wide earth tracks. You will be able to admire the old façade of the **San Valeriano Monastery** and the little Romanesque **church of San Pietro**, which once offered hospitality and comfort to the travellers walking along the Francigena: in fact it was near here that the **Hospitale** was built dedicated to offering hospitality to pilgrims. If you appreciate local specialities, in Mortara don't miss the **I.G.P. goose salami**, a veritable product to be proud of.

Day 13 From Mortara to Garlasco, 23 km

The penultimate leg covers country roads, among woods, fields growing crops and little towns. We recommend a visit to the **Abbey of Saint Albino**, that you will reach just outside **Mortara**: here ancient pilgrims stopped, and you also will be able to stand in prayer or meditation before its **mosaic-decorated altar** and discover the history of Saint Albino, between reality and legend.

Day 14 From Garlasco to Pavia, 25 km

The route bringing you to Pavia is particularly attractive: after a long section of countryside typical of Pavia, scattered with groups of woods and farm houses, you will arrive at the **Parco del Ticino**. You will be able to stop for a rest in the shade of the thick woods, or sunbathe on the **beaches or meadows near the river,** looking out for great tits and squirrels that run through the trees. Don't stay too long, however, because a veritable jewel of the Via Francigena: **Pavia**, awaits you, with its splendid old town centre full of artistic treasures of all kinds. You will end your journey with an aperitif in **piazza Vittoria,** and if you enjoy desserts, you will be interested to know that Pavia is the birthplace of the **torta paradiso,** one of the most popular cakes baked by Italian grandmothers.

Day 15 From Pavia to Belgioioso, back to Pavia, 16 km

The first leg will take you across the flood plain of the **Basso Pavese**, with its typical flood terraces as far as **Santa Cristina**, a stopping place of **Sigerico** which takes its name from an ancient abbey dedicated to the Saint, unfortunately destroyed. Along your way you will come to the little **Chiesa di San Giacomo,** which will surprise you with the simple beauty of the façade. If you are lucky enough to be able to visit the interior, do not miss the cycle of frescoes dedicated to the Saint.

Day 16 Transfer Pavia to Orio Litta - Walk from Orio Litta to Piacenza,18 km

A morning trasfer will take you to Orio Litta where your walk starts. Today you will tackle the **Transitum Padi**, the ford of Sigerico. You will be ferried across by an expert boatman to the other bank of the Po to enter **Emilia Romagna,** a land of great hospitality famous for its food and wine delicacies. Along provincial roads and cycle paths you will arrive in Piacenza. Here you will be able to taste the famous charcuterie from **Piacenza**, washed down with a glass of **Gutturnio wine**, but do not forget that Piacenza also has a splendid basilica: after admiring its octagonal tower, pass through the **Porta del Paradiso** to discover the Romanesque interiors of the church and the Seventeenth century frescoes.

Day 17 From Piacenza to Fiorenzuola, 33 km

After a first section along the Via Emilia, today's leg will take you along a series of country roads towards **Fiorenzuola**, a town rich in history, with churches and buildings that are worth a visit: you will be able to admire the façade of the **church of San Fiorenzo** and the oratory of Caravaggio.

If you think that this stage may be too long for you too walk, don't worry: you can make it shorter by taking brief stretches by public transport.

Day 18 From Fiorenzuola to Fidenza 22 km

Today's quiet, flat leg will take you to **Fidenza**, where the walk will end in the beautiful piazza del **Duomo**: along the way do not miss a visit of the **Cistercian abbey of Chiaravalle della Colomba.** If you aren't yet ready to reach your destination point, you can stand in thought for a few minutes in the silence of the cloisters, admiring the carved wooden interiors of the church before continuing your walk. If you like folk traditions, get someone to tell you the story dedicated to the **ciribiciaccola**, the name of the tower of the Abbey in dialect.

Day 19 From Fidenza to Medesano, transfer to Sant'Andrea Bagni, 22 km

You will begin your walk with a leg across the hills, which will already show you monuments of great historical importance such as the **Pieve di Cabriolo**, dedicated to the Archbishop of Canterbury Becket, where you will be able to discover its mysterious history linked to the **knights of the Templar**. You will walk alongside the ruins of **Costamezzana castle**, dominated by its circular tower which still climbs among the trees, and you will enjoy climbing up and down the ridges of the hills. Once you reach reach Medesano, a transfer will take you to Sant'Andrea Bagni.

Day 20 Transfer to Fornovo, walk to Cassio, transfer to Berceto, 21 km

Today a demanding leg awaits you. The day starts with a short transfer that will lead you to Fornovo, continuing among the Parma hills, you will cross the river Taro, where we recommend a visit of the cathedral, to admire the alarming bas-reliefs of its facade. Along your way you will come to the villages of Terenzo, where you will be able to admire ancient churches. You will then continue to Bardone and Cassio, from where a private transfer will take you to Berceto

Distance: 21 km

Elevation gain: +1040/-440 m

Day 21 Transfer to Cassio and walk to Berceto, 10 km

Today a short transfer will take you back to Cassio, where you will follow the stone path already travelled along by generations of pilgrims. A 10 km walk along asphalted, secondary road (or a transfer) will then bring you to Berceto, a "little stone jewel", where you can restore yourselves with local mushrooms and pattona, a typical cake made from chestnut flour.

Distance: 10 km

Elevation gain: +470/-450 m

Day 22 From Berceto to Previdè, 18 km

From Cassio a climb awaits you towards the Cisa Pass, first along mule tracks and country roads and then over earth tracks and asphalted roads. You will continue your walk along the last section of the route which will lead you among the attractive views over the Lunigiana to Mount Valdoria, a panoramic point of great beauty, before climbing up again towards the Pass and then down to Previdè, a beautiful hamlet surrounded by nature. After reaching this peaceful hamlet immersed in the nature of Lunigiana, a transfer will take you to Pontremoli.

Day 23 From Previdè to Pontremoli, 10 km

In the morning, a transfer will take you to the little hamlet of Previdè to resume your walk. There will be no rest during the last leg, but it will hold new surprises in store that will make all your efforts worthwhile. From Previdè you will travel along long sections of path surrounded by nature, through characteristic villages such as **Groppadalosio**, with its marvellous ancient medieval bridge, and Casalina, which will charm you with its little stone houses and the characteristic little dome of its bell tower. Finally the exciting descent to **Pontremoli**, the town of bridges and stele statues , where you can enjoy a relaxing evening walk among the alleyways of the illuminated old town centre.

Day 24 From Pontremoli to Filetto, 17 km

During the first day of your journey you will be surrounded by a **splendid area** which alternates very green countryside with little medieval villages. Here you can admire the tower-houses of **Ponticello**, the ancient **hospice of San Jacopo at Filattiera,** and above all the ancient **Pieve di Sorano**, which has been home for centuries to the stele statues of Celtic warriors. **Villafranca** is a very beautiful medieval village: you can climb the hill up to the walled **village of Malgrate**, with its castle, or through the trees look at the ruins of the old castle of Malnido, residence of the Malaspina family. And just before you arrive, here is another surprise: the via Francigena meets the **castle of Filetto.**

Day 25 From Filetto to Aulla, 15 km

From Villafranca you will continue towards **Aulla**, crossing a thick forest and walking along sections of an ancient Roman road, towards **Terrarossa castle**. The last section of the route is over the tracks of the old railway, intelligently transformed into a cycle path. If you are keen on ancient history, you will appreciate the muse of the **Abbey of San Caprasio**, which contains archaeological finds from the medieval period. Do not miss a walk along the ancient walls of the **Fortezza della Brunella**, pretending to be medieval sentries, before taking a walk through the old town centre. And if you are hungry, there is nothing better than the tasty little local **focaccias**, to be enjoyed still hot accompanied by charcuterie and cheeses.

Day 26 From Aulla to Sarzana, 17 km

From Aulla you will travel along the first section of the journey over demanding but gratifying paths: from here you will glimpse the **sea** for the first time. Along the road you will pass through very green countryside and medieval villages. You can visit the ruins of the **castle of la Brina**, reconstructing with your imagination its impressive walls, while at **Sarzana** you will be amazed by the Baroque interior of the **Cathedral of Santa Maria Assunta**, and you will admire the Gothic facade of the **Pieve di Sant'Andrea**, the oldest building in the town. You will get lost in the old town centre among the alleyways that open into large squares, where you can stop for a typical dinner: discover the taste of the **"torta scema"**, and get one of the locals to explain the meaning of its name!

Day 27 From Sarzana to Massa, 28 /18,5 km (with stretches by bus)

Today your journey will be along flat paths, following in the footsteps of the ancient pilgrims who from the Roman port of **Luni** used to embark towards **Santiago de Compostela.** Do not miss a visit of the archaeological area, with the ancient amphitheatre and the museum which is home to a splendid mosaic dedicated to the **God Neptune**. Along paths that give you views of the sea and the Apuan Alps you will finally arrive at **Massa**.

Day 28 From Massa to Camaiore, 26 / 19,9 km (with stretches by bus)

Today **Pietrasanta** awaits you, with its splendid old town centre. Before browsing among its art galleries and shops we recommend a visit of the town's **Duomo**, to walk among its marble columns and to admire its frescoed vaults. Finally you will arrive in **Camaiore**, with its old town centre and ancient **Badia di San Pietro**, and a rice-based chocolate cake that will reward you for the efforts of the day.

Day 29 From Camaiore to Lucca, 25 km / 23 (with stretches by bus)

From Camaiore you will continue up and down among the hills of Lucca, before descending to the valley of the **Contesola torrent** and crossing the **river Serchio**. So, you will arrive in **Lucca**, the end of your journey; enter through the walls and surround yourselves in its old town centre, where many attractions await you. You will be able to admire the decorated **façade of San Frediano**, browse in the little shops of the circular piazza to buy **spelt and local biscuits** to take home with you, conquer the **Guinigi tower**and admire the town from up high in its hanging garden.

Day 30 From Lucca to Altopascio by train - from Altopascio to San Miniato, 29 km

Leaving Altopascio you will walk along a splendid section of the original paved **Via Francigena**, surrounded by woods. Allow yourself to be charmed by the wild land of the **Cerbaie**, and enjoy a panoramic view of the old village of **Fucecchio** from the top of the old park with its ancient medieval tower. After crossing over the **river Arno**, you will walk along its banks towards **San Miniato**. The Seminary which gives the name to the main square will amaze you with its particular facade: enjoy it lit up, perhaps after eating a risotto dusted with the typical **white truffle**, the pride of the local area.

If you think that this stage may be too long for you too walk, don't worry: you can make it shorter by taking brief stretches by public transport.

Day 31 From San Miniato to Gambassi Terme, 24 km

A demanding leg, but one with unique beautiful scenery, awaits you. From San Miniato you will walk along an asphalted section of road, amply compensated by the following part which passes through the splendid crests of the **hills of the Val d'Elsa**: along the road you can cross the threshold of the **Pieve di Chianni**, following in the footsteps of entire generations of pilgrims. For a fitting end to the day you can enjoy a healthy bath in the hot springs of **Gambassi**, surrounded by a park of ancient trees.

Day 32 From Gambassi Terme to San Gimignano, 13,5 km

This leg of the journey, short but rich in splendid natural scenery, will lead you to **San Gimignano**, one of the most beautiful towns along the Via Francigena: you will get a foretaste of your arrival when you see the **famous towers** that make its skyline unmistakeable. Do not miss the view of the medieval town and its surrounding valleys from the top of the **Torre Grossa**, or if you don't run out of energy, venture up the steps of the **Rocca di Montestaffoli,** for an even more special view. During the evening, take a quiet stroll to admire the illuminated town before enjoying a good glass of **Vernaccia** in one of the taverns of the old town centre.

Day 33 From San Gimignano to Colle Val d'Elsa, 12 km

From San Gimignano you will continue, up and down, through the Tuscan hills. In one point of the journey not yet well marked you will come to **Sce Martin in Fosse**, one of the halting places along the ancient route of **Sigerico**. Today's destination is **Colle Val d'Elsa**, a Tuscan village which will take you back in time, with its charming old town centre and narrow alleyways winding through the stone walls.

Day 34 From Colle Val d'Elsa to Monteriggioni, 15,5 km

Prepare yourselves for one of the most beautiful sections of the Via Francigena: a meditative route, along which you can admire the Pieve di Strove (unfortunately just from the outside) and stand in the quietness of the splendid **Abbadia at Isola**, another stage in the journey of the **Archbishop Sigerico,** where time stopped 1000 years ago, when he passed through. Your breath will be taken away when you see the castle of **Monteriggioni**, with its crown of towers, built on a hill in order to defend the ancient Republic of Siena. Within it, a small ancient world, with the beautiful square and small gardens where you will be able to gather your breath, before climbing up onto the walls to admire the surrounding view.

Day 35 From Monteriggioni to Siena, 20 km

From Monteriggioni you will start your walk again along the white roads of the **Sienese countryside,** passing thought the old, no longer inhabited medieval village of **Cerbaia**: you will experience the same feelings as the ancient pilgrims when you pass through **porta Camollia**, the traditional Francigena entrance to the town of **Siena**. An unforgettable way to celebrate? A plate of pici all'aglione in the illuminated **Piazza del Campo**. And don't forget the panforte!

Day 36 From Siena to Lucignano, 21 km

Let's hope that the sun will be shining during the first day of your journey, because the **Crests of the Val d'Arbia** offer unforgettable views: after saying goodbye to **Siena**, resting on the hills on the horizon, you will travel along the typical dirt roads of Siena as far as the fortified village of **Lucignano**, with its fine church. At the gates of **Monteroni d'Arbia** you will be able to admire the impressive **Grancia di Cuna**, a fortified farm which once held the reserves of wheat destined to the Republic of Siena.

Day 37 From Lucignano to Buonconvento, 13,8 km

From Lucignano you will continue your journey through the **Valle dell'Ombrone to Buonconvento.** You will cross the gate of the walls and enter the fine old town centre of the village, discovering why its name means "happy fortunate place": you will walk through the picturesque streets, where life is lived quietly following the slow rhythms of a countryside village, and if you love art, you will have the chance to admire the works of some of the most famous Sienese painters in the **Museum of Sacred Art of the Val d'Arbia.**

Day 38 From Buonconvento to San Quirico d'Orcia, 21,6 km

Today your journey will take you towards **San Quirico**, over dirt roads and some asphalted ones: these, however, will be compensated by the beautiful views of the **Val D'Orcia**, among hills tinted with charming shades and scattered with vineyards and cypress trees. In San Quirico you will stand enchanted before the gate of the **Collegiata**, trying to recognise the various architectural styles that blend into its decorations, before enjoying a rest among the green hedges of the **Horti Leonini**, a fifteenth-century garden.

Day 39 From San Quirico to Castiglione 9 km

You will continue your journey across the fabulous views of the **Val D'Orcia**: just beyond San Quirico you will enter a timeless world visiting **Vignoni Alto**, and you will be able to enjoy a reinvigorating rest in the thermal waters of **Bagno Vignoni**, with its unmistakable pool in the middle of the main square. The other pearl of the day is **Castiglione**, in the heart of the Val d'Orcia, which you will pass close by as you travel across one of the most beautiful panoramic sections of the whole **Via Francigena.**

Day 40 From Castiglione to Radicofani, 21 km

Today you will test your strength with a short but demanding leg of your journey which will take you as far as **Radicofani**: but it will be worth it, because admiring the view from the Radicofani fortress, tired but satisfied, will repay all your efforts. You will also be able to visit the **Pieve di San Pietro,** a little jewel dating back to the thirteenth century, and take an evening walk in its old town centre, admiring the magic of the **illuminated Fortress.**

Day 41 From Radicofani to Acquapendente, 25 km

From Radicofani you will walk towards one of the most exciting sections of the Via Francigena, leaving the fortress behind you and travelling along the old **Via Cassia**, surrounded by scenery of infinite hills dominated by **Monte Amiata.** Through the valley bottom of the **Val di Paglia** and following the route of the Cassia nuova you will climb for the last time before reaching Acquapendente, the northernmost municipality of Lazio. You will pass through the **Porta della Ripa** before entering its old town centre. You will be able to walk in silence in the Romanesque crypt beneath the **Basilica del Santo Sepolcro,** among decorated capitals and arches. According to tradition, some stones bathed in the blood of Christ are supposed to be kept here.

If you feel like this stage may be too long for you to walk, don't worry: you can make it shorter with brief stretches by public transportation.

Day 42 From Acquapendente to Bolsena, 23 km

Your journey will continue gently as far as the first views of **Lake Bolsena**: from here you will descend into a volcanic crater and you will continue along dirt tracks, alternating thick woods with meadows scattered with olive trees, before reaching **Bolsena**. If you are curious to see proof of the miracle of the Corpus Domini, for which Bolsena is famous, in the **Cappella del Miracolo** some marble slabs stained by the blood pouring from a Host in the thirteen century are kept. If, instead, you are more interested in the typical cuisine. you can taste the products offered by the lake, such as the **Sbroscia**, a local soup made from lake fish and tomatoes.

Day 43 From Bolsena to Montefiascone, 17 km

You will continue through woods and olive groves, on a route that will offer constant views of the lake: you will cross an area famous for the production of **Extra virgin olive oil**, which we recommend you taste on the a piece of fragrant local bread, before arriving in Montefiascone: not to be missed, a climp up to the **Rocca**, where you will be enchanted before a boundless views. After descending from the Rocca, you can go into a typical wine bar and taste a glass of the famous **Est!Est!!Est!!!**, which here tastes even better because it is produced locally.

Day 44 From Montefiascone to Viterbo, 18 km

We return to travelling along the ancient paved road of the **Via Cassia**, in a leg of our journey that takes us over hills dotted with charming views over **Montefiascone and Viterbo**; you will be able to enjoy a pleasant stop at the spa of **Bagnaccio**, recharging your batteries in its thermal waters before proceeding towards Viterbo, the end of your journey. To honour of our trip, do not miss visiting the pictoresque pilgrim's quarter, before admiring the splendid **Palazzo dei Papi** and enjoying the silence of the Longobard cloisters of **Santa Maria Nuova.** And to end on a sweet note, celebrate the end of the journey with the delicious local **frittellacce**!

Day 45 From Viterbo to Vetralla, 18 km

The first leg of the journey will take you towards **Vetralla**, a village in the heart of the ancient Etruscan area. On your arrival, treat yourself to a snack of **rustic bread** and the local extra-virgin olive oil, before enjoying a walk through the alleyways of the old town centre.

Day 46 From Vetralla to Sutri, 24 km

Continuing through the green countryside of **Lazio** you come to **Sutri**, a small town rich in attractions. **The Roman amphitheatre**, completely dug out from the tufo, is something not to be missed. Decide whether to sit on the terraces or to get up onto the stage, but as you leave remember to sign the visitors' register: it is very important for the custodian, and if he is there he will invite you to do so. After this, proceed to the church of **Santa Maria del Parto**, the tufo walls of which are decorated in well preserved frescoes. Look for the group of pilgrims among the images, depicted in prayer with their sticks in their hand.

Day 47 From Sutri to Campagnano, 27 km

From Sutri we go on towards **Campagnano**: during the journey you will flank the **Mount Gelato Waterfalls,** where you can stop for a reinvigorating bathe. A panoramic road of the Veio Nature Park will bring you to the gates of **Campagnano**. Here you can rest in the **Venturi Park**, the home of a three-hundred year old Yew tree the locals call the **"Tree of Death"**: but don't worry, you can sit in its shade without any danger!

If you feel like this stage may be too long, don't worry: you can make it shorter with brief stretches by public transport.

Day 48 From Campagnano to Giustiniana, 22 km

From Campagnano you will continue through the **Veio nature park** with its woody hills, before entering the enchanting **Valle del Sorbo**. Along the way you will be able to admire the sanctuary of the Madonna del Sorbo, but also the old town centre of **Formello**, with its fine medieval buildings. Today your journey will end in the little village of **Giustiniana.**

Day 49 From Giustiniana to Rome, 19 km

So, you have reached the last leg of your journey which separates you from the **Eternal City**. Since this is a metropolis, there is, unfortunately, heavy traffic along the last section of the route: the belvedere di **Monte Mario**, from which you will finally be able to glimpse the dome of Saint Peter's, however, makes the whole journey worthwhile and will soon make you forget the confusion of the big city. From here you will descend towards **Piazza San Pietro**, the arrival point of your journey and of the whole **Northern Via Francigena.** Do not forget to take a triumphant photograph in front of the **Basilica**, before celebrating the end of the journey, fortifying yourselves with spring lamb, pecorino romano cheese, and perhaps a delicious **maritozzo** with cream...you have deserved it!

Day 50 Roma!

Last day included. Service ends after breakfast.

Practical info



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- luggage transportation from hotel to hotel (1 item per person, max 20 kilos, size 65x40x30 cm)
- transfers as described in the program
- official guide of the route, App
- Pilgrim Passport
- Medical and luggage travel insurance
- 24h phone assistance

What is not included

- Transfers to the starting location and from the arriving location of the tour
- lunches and dinners, if not otherwise stated
- visits and entrance fees - tips
- personal expense
- possible sojourn taxes
- everything that is not mentioned in the "What is included" section.

Optional Services

These services can be added to the ones included in the base price of the tour:

- Single room supplement
- cancellation insurance
- Transfers to reach the starting location or to leave the arriving location of the tour, which will be quoted on request.