

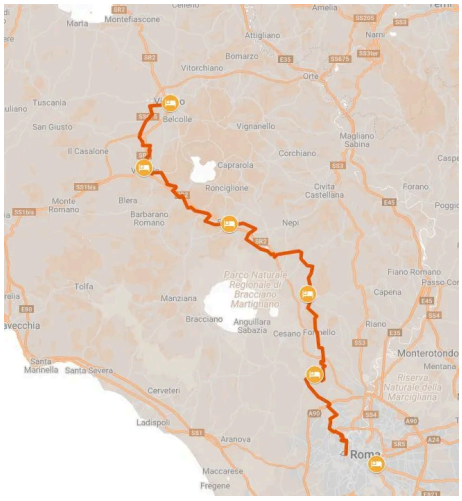
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Via Francigena: Stage 8, Viterbo to Rome - Italy

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7 days, PRICE FROM *€ 649*



This last section of the **Northern Via Francigena** will amaze you: would you ever expect to find an ancient **Etruscan road** right outside Viterbo? And a **Roman amphitheatre** built in tufa stone? The **remains of ancient towers** rising through the chestnut trees? **Enchanting forests**, waterfalls and Roman remains hidden deep in the woods?

This part of Lazio, called **Tuscia** (the land of the Tusci, the Etruscans), has all of this and more to offer, surprising you with every step you take on the **Via Francigena Viterbo to Rome Pilgrimage**, as you walk **closer and closer to Rome**.

On the last day of the walk, there it is — the **St. Peter's Dome**, visible from Monte Mario park. Then come the final steps through the lively Vatican streets and beneath the great columns of St. Peter's Square — and there you are, in the place every traveller longs to reach: **the heart of the Eternal City**.

Route

Day 1 Viterbo

In Viterbo, the ancient seat of the Pontiff, you will be able to admire the **loggia of the Popes**, and meditate in the silence of the enchanting cloisters of **Santa Maria Nuova**, one of the oldest churches in the town. Have fun looking for the symbol of the **Lion**, the town emblem, on the buildings and drink a toast to the walk that is about to begin in the **pilgrim's quarter**, enjoying the tasty local cuisine. Can't you make up your mind? Try the **acquacotta**, the traditional dish of the Tuscia.

Day 2 From Viterbo to Vetralla, 22 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.

Distance: 22 km

Elevation gain: +525/-538 m

Day 3 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.

Distance: 24 km

Elevation gain: +400/-400 m

Day 4 From Sutri to Campagnano, 25 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.

Distance: 25 km

Elevation gain: +350/-350 m

Day 5 From Campagnano to Giustiniana, 25 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. You will then encounter the little village of **Isola Farnese**, clinging to a cliff surrounded by woods and dominated by the **Castello Farnese**: visits can be booked by internet and they offer a panoramic view of the surrounding valleys. The last stretch through the Roman countryside leads you to the small hamlet of Giustiniana, where you will overnight.

Distance: 25 km

Elevation gain: +580/-690 m

Day 6 From Giustiniana to Rome, 16 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!

Distance: 16 km

Elevation gain: +310/-450 m

Day 7 Rome

Last day included. Service ends after breakfast.

Accommodation

Nights in double room in **/ *** hotels , B&B and agriturismi with breakfast



Hotel Riario - Viterbo
Hotel Riario is located in the center of Medieval Viterbo, in a builiding of the 16th century. Rooms are furnish in elegant way, comfortable and well-finished. These offer TV, free Wi-Fi, air conditioning. Breakfast is good and rich.



Albergo Da Benedetta - Vetralla
This hotel is a family business in the small town of Vetralla, 12 km south of Viterbo and it's suggests to those who have no many demands. Rooms are basic and simple with private bathroom, TV, free Wifi, air conditioning, but not well soundproofed. Staff is not very much present and breakfast is normal.



B&B Notti d'Oriente - Sutri
The B&B is located in the center of Sutri: the structure overlooks an ancient and picturesque street, while the interior of the B&B is in a rather modern style. Kind and friendly welcome of the owners, great breakfast.



Hotel Benigni - Campagnano
Hotel Ristorante Benigni is located in central Campagnano Di Roma surrounded by Veio's Park and by volcanic complex of Monti Sabatini. Rooms are simple and basic with private bathroom, air conditioning, TV, telephone and free Wifi. Restaurant is very esteemed. Average breakfast.



Resort La Rocchetta - Giustiniana
This Hotel is set in the little village of Giustiniana, and enjoys a quiet position despite being really close to the Capital. Rooms are furnished in a simple way, but they are spacious and comfortable. Staff is welcoming and helpful. Good italian breakfast.



Hotel Domus Sessoriana - Roma
The rooms of Domus Sessoriana are obtained from the cells of the monastery attached to the Basilica of the Holy Cross in Jerusalem. These are spacious, basic and clean. They have these comfort: air conditioning, satellite TV and free WiFi in common areas. Staff is courteous and helpful. Italian breakfast is served on the terrace.

Practical info

From any of the airports indicated (PEG, FLR, CIA, FCO), you can reach the central train station by public transport, and then take a train to Viterbo. Trains are direct from Rome, whereas you need to change either once or twice if you are travelling from Perugia or Florence.

From Rome, you can reach the main airports by either bus or train.

Check train timetables on www.trenitalia.com.

Thanks to our special APP, you will be able to follow the track of the whole trip on your mobile phone, with no need for internet. GPS tracks are available on request.

Included

What is included

- 6 Nights in double room in **/*** hotels , B&B and agriturismi with breakfast
- luggage transportation from hotel to hotel (1 item per person, max 20 kilos, size 65x40x30 cm)
- 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.