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Weekend on Tuscan Via Francigena from San Gimignano to Siena - Italy

4 days, PRICE FROM € 400



A long weekend walking the Via Francigena from San Gimignano to Siena, through the rolling hills of Tuscany. This short self-guided tour is designed for those who want to experience one of Italy's most iconic routes at a relaxed pace, without giving up comfort.

Starting in San Gimignano, a UNESCO World Heritage Site you will follow well-marked trails across vineyards, olive groves and quiet countryside to Colle di Val d'Elsa, known for its historic centre and crystal production. Just below the town, the Parco Fluviale dell'Elsa offers a refreshing break with clear waters, lush vegetation and shaded paths. Continue to Monteriggioni, a perfectly preserved walled village and one of the highlights of the Via Francigena, before reaching Siena, where you can explore Piazza del Campo and its remarkable Gothic architecture.

Each day combines manageable walking distances with rewarding scenery, making this itinerary ideal even for those approaching their first walking holiday. Along the way, you will also enjoy the region's food and wine traditions, with plenty of opportunities to taste local specialties and experience authentic Tuscan hospitality. This short walking holiday is an ideal introduction to the Via Francigena.

Route

Day 1 San Gimignano

San Gimignano is a small medieval gem set among hills and vineyards, famous for its unmistakable skyline of towers rising above the landscape. We recommend getting lost in its cobbled streets, discovering corners rich in history, before climbing one of its towers to enjoy sweeping views over the Tuscan countryside. Take a break in Piazza della Cisterna to try an artisanal gelato—said to be among the best in the world—then continue to the Duomo, with its remarkable frescoes. In the evening, when the crowds fade and the light softens, the village regains its most authentic atmosphere, perfect for a relaxed dinner in a local trattoria.

Day 2 From San Gimignano to Colle Val d'Elsa, 12 km

From San Gimignano, you will walk up and down through the gentle Tuscan hills. Along the way, at a point that is not always clearly marked, you will reach Sce Martin in Fosse, one of the ancient stopping places along Sigeric's route. Today's destination is Colle di Val d'Elsa, a charming Tuscan town that feels frozen in time, with its historic centre and narrow streets winding between old stone walls.

Distance: 12 km

Elevation gain: +287/-222 m

Day 3 From Colle Val d'Elsa to Monteriggioni, 16 km

Get ready for one of the most beautiful sections of the **Via Francigena**: a peaceful, almost meditative walk. Along the way, you can admire the **Pieve di Strove** (from the outside) and **stop at the quiet Abbey of Abbadia a Isola**, another historic halt on Sigeric's journey, where time seems to have stood still for over a thousand years.

The highlight comes with the first view of Monteriggioni, its iconic ring of towers rising above the hill, once built to defend the **Republic of Siena**. Inside, a **small medieval world awaits, with a charming square** and quiet corners to rest before walking along the walls and enjoying the surrounding views.

Distance: 16 km

Elevation gain: +287/-222 m

Day 4 From Monteriggioni to Siena, 20 km

From **Monteriggioni**, continue along the **classic white roads of the Sienese countryside**, passing through the abandoned medieval hamlet of **Cerbaia**. As you approach **Siena**, you will experience one of the most symbolic moments of the journey: **entering the city through Porta Camollia, the traditional gateway for pilgrims on the Via Francigena**.

To celebrate your arrival, head to the illuminated **Piazza del Campo and enjoy a plate of pici all'aglione**. And of course, don't forget to try **panforte**, Siena's traditional dessert.

Distance: 20 km

Elevation gain: +300/-250 m

Practical info



Arrival:

To reach **San Gimignano**, the easiest option is to first travel to **Poggibonsi train station (Poggibonsi-San Gimignano)**, which is well connected with Florence and Siena.

From Poggibonsi station, you will find the **bus stop for lines 130 (or 133**, depending on the schedule), which connect **directly to San Gimignano**. The journey takes about 20–25 minutes and drops you near the historic centre. Buses run frequently during the day, but it is advisable to check the timetable in advance, especially on weekends and public holidays.

Departure:

Siena is well connected to Florence by both train and bus, with frequent departures throughout the day. The journey takes approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes.

From Florence, you can **easily reach Florence Airport (Peretola) or other Italian airports**.

Included

What is included

- 3 Nights in double room in ****/**** hotels , B&B and agriturismo with breakfast
- 1 dinner in Monteriggioni
- 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
- Luggage transfer from hotel to hotel
- Lunches and dinners, if not otherwise stated
- Visits and entrance fees - tips
- Personal expense
- 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
- Luggage transfer from hotel to hotel (1 item per person, max 20 kilos, size 65x40x30 cm)
- Extra nights
- Cancellation insurance
- Transfers to reach the starting location or to leave the arriving location of the tour, which will be quoted on request.