

## ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1 THURSDAY - SAN DONATO IN FRONZANO-FIGLINE  
 Day 2 FRIDAY - SAN DONATO LOOP  
 Day 3 SATURDAY - SAN DONATO - SIENA  
 Day 4 SUNDAY - SIENA  
 Day 5 MONDAY - SIENS - VOLTERRA  
 Day 6 TUESDAY - LOOP TO SAN GIMIGNANO  
 Day 7 WEDNESDAY - ELBA  
 Day 8 THURSDAY - ELBA (OPTIONAL REST DAY)  
 Day 9 FRIDAY - ARRIVEDERCI

**Day 1: THURSDAY - SAN DONATO IN FRONZANO-FIGLINE**  
 We have a rolling ride to Regello where there are great pastry and ice cream shops. Take a warm-up to ride to make sure all the gears and breaks work. If you feel like getting a good work out you can also try the climb to Vallombrosa.

**Day 2: FRIDAY - SAN DONATO LOOP**  
 Today's ride explores an often overlooked but intriguing part of Tuscany, The Pratomagno. From San Donato the ride is heavenly & easy through Reggello, curving in and out of the foothills of the Aretina. We are following the "Via di Sette Ponti", street of the seven bridges, a road used since the times of the Etruscans.

**Day 3: SATURDAY - SAN DONATO - SIENA**  
 This may be considered the classic Chianti route winding through the heart of the Chianti wine region and across the "Monti di Chianti". We start with a panoramic climb up to the top of Passo Sugame, a favorite climb for local cyclists. We climb to the village of Panzano. From Panzano we descend along a lovely ridge before dipping down into a quiet river valley dotted with ancient stone farmhouses. We climb 200 meters up to the charming village of Radda in Chianti. From Radda we have the option of an uphill ride to Castello di Brolio. From Castello di Brolio we descend to the village of Pianella.

**Day 4: SUNDAY - SIENA**  
 Today is a rest day in Siena. There is an optional loop ride out of Siena in the morning for those interested in cycling. We will have an afternoon walking tour with our local guide and a wine tasting at a local enoteca.

**Day 5: MONDAY - SIENS - VOLTERRA**  
 Today's ride offers an entirely different side of the Tuscan landscape. Begin with a rolling ride to Sovicille. Climb again as we cross the valley and head up into La Volterrana. The panorama opens its arms wide with views for miles across to "Le Colline Metallifere" -literally mineral-rich hills. After our picnic it's on to Volterra, a delightful Etruscan hill town that is perched at the summit of a hefty.

Price per person	Dbl	Sgl	Trl
Land Only	\$3,650	\$4,150	N/A

May 726  
 June 9  
 September 22

Special departures on request with supplement

**Day 6: TUESDAY - LOOP TO SAN GIMIGNANO**  
 OPTIONAL REST DAY. We have an afternoon walking tour of Volterra and there are many archaeological sites in the area to be explored by foot or by bike. The loop ride is to San Gimignano, one of Tuscany's best-preserved medieval cities.

**Day 7: WEDNESDAY - ELBA**  
 We begin with a glorious descent from the heights of Volterra and down for 5 miles. The land is much more rugged than the hills of Chianti, today we are heading toward an area in Tuscany known as La Maremma. We take a 60-minute ferry from Piombino to Portoferraio. From Portoferraio we cycle 6 more miles to our hotel overlooking a peaceful bay.

**Day 8: THURSDAY - ELBA (OPTIONAL REST DAY)**  
 The entire loop is about 38 miles and fairly challenging but spectacular. You will be seeing two different faces of Elba one linked to the island's maritime tourism and the other reflecting its long history of mining, especially of iron. Today we cycle through Porto Azzurro towards the northernmost town on the island, Cavo.

**Day 9: FRIDAY - ARRIVEDERCI**  
 After breakfast we provide one group shuttle to the port in Portoferraio to catch the ferry back to the mainland. If you decide to leave at a later time, you can take a cab. Please allow 3-6 hours to get to your post-tour destination.

**Total mileage: 240**

**Daily average: 30**

### Included:

- All accommodations
- Six dinners & two Ciclismo Classico picnics
- A cooking demonstration
- Two wine tastings
- One visit to an olive oil press
- Three cycling clinics
- One evening of music
- Two scheduled tours with local guides
- Shuttle from Figline train station to the Fattoria
- Shuttle from Elba hotel to Portoferraio
- Ferry ticket from Portoferraio to Italy's mainland

### Not Included:

- A 27-speed lightweight road or 24-speed hybrid bicycle (available in Italy at additional \$170.00 rental cost)
- Transport of bike case (for guests who bring their own bike; shipping available in Italy for additional fee)
- Wine and alcoholic beverages
- Most lunches
- Airfare
- Transfers to the starting point or from the finishing point unless specified; we can assist you in planning and arranging for any necessary shuttles
- Helmets (Bring your own, can not be rented in Italy)
- Personal expenses (laundry, supplies, phone calls, etc)
- Guide tip

### Selected Hotels

FATTORIA DEGLI USIGNOLI	San Donato in Fronzano (2 nights)
VILLA PATRIZIA	Siena (2 nights)
PARK HOTEL LE FONTI	(2 nights)
VILLA OTTONE	(2 night)