

# Siena to Florence

8 Day Trip  
Independent Walking up to 65.9 miles

Route Open • 16th April to 31st October



PICTURESQUE CHIANTI HILLS AND VINEYARDS

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## Features

- Walk from Siena, the best-preserved great medieval city in Europe, to Florence, the birthplace of the Renaissance
- Picturesque Chianti hills, with vineyards, olive groves and forests, punctuated by hilltop castles, fortified stone villages and cypress trees
- Traverse the Chianti Classico wine-growing area and sample the range of magnificent wines, with food to match!
- Enjoy two supreme art capitals – with over 60% of the greatest works of art in the western world

## Itinerary

**Day 1 • Arrive in Siena**  
The best-preserved great medieval city in Europe. Magnificent cathedral, the Piazza del Campo (scene of the Palio horse-race), and an abundance of outstanding 14th and 15th century art and architecture.

**Day 2 • Siena to Dievole**  
Follow tracks across hills with stone-walled olive groves, oak forest, and world-renowned Chianti Classico vineyards, to Dievole, set amongst its own vineyards (12.4 miles, 6 hrs).

**Day 3 • Dievole to Gaiole-in-Chianti**  
Cross a valley to the fortified Romanesque church of San Polo in Rosso, where paths lead to Gaiole-in-Chianti, a centre of Chianti wine production, overlooked by the Castello di Spaltenna and its 11th century Romanesque church (7.9 miles, 4 hrs).

**Day 4 • Gaiole-in-Chianti to Panzano**  
Farm roads (strade bianche) lead to a ridge, from where a track descends to the valley, continuing past stone farmhouses and vineyards to a second ridge with extensive views, and the characteristic medieval hill town of Panzano (13.2 miles, 6 hrs).

**Day 5 • Free day in Panzano**  
Short optional walk to Greve-in-Chianti, a busy centre of the wine industry, with some fine medieval buildings and arcaded central piazza (5.1 or 5.8 miles, 2.5 hrs).

**Day 6 • Panzano to Strada-in-Chianti**  
Undulating paths across fertile valleys, with two fine castles built to protect the rich wine estates, end with a climb to Strada-in-Chianti (13.5 or 14.7 miles, 8 or 8.5 hrs).

**Day 7 • Strada-in-Chianti to Florence**  
Tracks and strade bianche lead through farmland to the outskirts of Florence, before minor roads and pathways for the final two miles emerge at a panoramic view of the city and descent to the Ponte Vecchio (12.7 miles, 6.5 hrs). 'Birthplace of the Renaissance' and with the Uffizi, Pitti galleries, cathedral, churches and museums, Florence is the world's greatest 'Art City'.

**Day 8 • Departure day, or...**  
Extend your holiday in Siena or Florence (see pages 68-69 or contact the office for rates).

CYCLING ITINERARY ALSO AVAILABLE  
SEE PAGES 64-67 FOR DETAILS



## Siena to Florence Trip Information

### Finding Your Way

The ATG Route Booklet includes detailed directions and maps, as well as up-to-date information on towns visited, places of interest, local history, restaurants, cafés and shops en route.

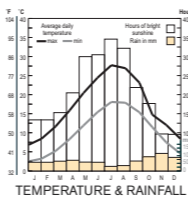
Your Route Manager is there to ensure your trip runs smoothly. They will brief you before you set out, move your luggage along the route, offer advice and answer your questions, and they're contactable by phone to help out in case of emergencies.

### Restaurants, Food & Wine

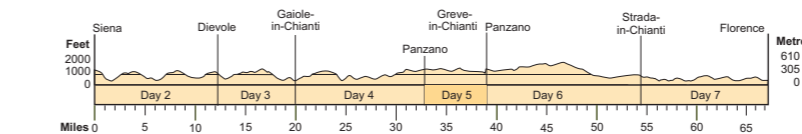
Good *trattorie* everywhere on route and some very good restaurants, including a number in the *Guide Michelin*.

Traditional Tuscan cooking following the seasons with game, steak, beans, wild mushrooms, truffles, homemade pasta, sheep's cheeses, wonderfully colourful fruits and vegetables. If you are interested in ingredients (or not!) a visit to Florence's food market is highly recommended.

On booking you will be sent further trip information: details of how to get to/from the route, what to bring and other practicalities.



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### Prices

You can plan your Footloose trip for any time within the route opening dates, subject to availability.

TRIP OPTIONS	TRIP PRICES (excluding flights)	DOUBLE FOR SINGLE OCCUPANCY (per night)
• 8 Day Standard	• £ 835 / \$1,460	• £34 / \$ 60
• 8 Day Superior	• £1,295 / \$2,265	• £60 / \$105

### Extend Your Stay

To extend your stay anywhere on the route, please contact the ATG office. See pages 68-69 for extension hotel rates in Siena or Florence.

## Accommodation

- NIGHT 1** • SIENA *Athena* ★★★★★  
Modern hotel within the city walls
- NIGHT 2** • DIEVOLE *Villa Dievole* ★★★★★  
Villa in working wine estate with swimming pool
- NIGHT 3** • GAIOLE-IN-CHIANTI *Fonte del Cicco* ★★★★★  
Restored town house off the main square
- NIGHT 3** • GAIOLE-IN-CHIANTI *Castello di Spaltenna* ★★★★★  
Medieval castle with swimming pools and Romanesque church
- NIGHTS 4 & 5** • PANZANO *Fattoria Valle* ★★★★★  
Converted farmhouse with outdoor pool
- NIGHTS 4 & 5** • PANZANO *Villa Le Barone* ★★★★★  
Patrician villa with pool, gardens and tennis court
- NIGHT 6** • STRADA-IN-CHIANTI *Il Leccio* ★★★★★  
RESIDENZA D'EPOCA  
17th century villa with pool  
Superior rooms are larger
- NIGHT 7** • FLORENCE *River Hotel* ★★★★★  
19th century *palazzina* next to the River Arno
- NIGHT 7** • FLORENCE *Degli Orafi* ★★★★★  
Breathtakingly central location!

NUMBER OF NIGHTS HB (DINNER INCLUDED)  
Standard: 0 / Superior: 2

- STANDARD OPTION
- SUPERIOR OPTION
- STANDARD & SUPERIOR OPTIONS