

Roman Roads to Orvieto

8 or 5 Day Trip
Independent Walking up to 47.9 miles

Route Open • 16th Apr to 30th Jun; 27th Aug to 16th Oct



PAVED ROMAN VIA CASSIA TO PANORAMICALLY SITUATED MONTEFIASCONE

Features

- Walk from the papal city of Viterbo to magnificently situated Orvieto
- Ancient 'flattened' volcanic landscapes punctuated by the wide crater containing Lake Bolsena with its islands, beaches and fertile farms
- Thermal springs, lakeside beaches for swimming, and opportunities for boat excursions on the lake
- Villa Lante Gardens – some of Italy's finest
- Succession of lively towns with historic medieval centres – castles, cathedrals, palaces, Romanesque churches and picturesque alleys

Itinerary

- Day 1 • Arrive in Viterbo**
Walled city with historic papal palace, cathedral, fine Romanesque churches and medieval quarter.
- Day 2 • Free day in Viterbo**
Opportunities for city walk, exploring Viterbo (2 miles, 1 hr). Walk (or bus) to Bagnaia to visit the Villa Lante Gardens, Vignola's Renaissance master-piece, using the natural flow of water (closed Mondays) (5.2 miles, 2.5 hrs).
- Day 3 • Viterbo to Montefiascone**
Gravel lanes lead across a plain, via ancient thermal pools (swim!) to a fine section of paved Roman Via Cassia...to panoramically situated Montefiascone (2,070ft), with its castle, and church of San Flaviano with a famously inscribed tomb of Bishop Fugger (9.7 miles, 5 hrs).
- Day 4 • Montefiascone to Bolsena**
Follow the route of the ancient Via Cassia until it disappears into woods. Then paths and farm tracks with fine views lead down along sand beaches beside the lake (swim!)...to Bolsena (1,080ft) (10.4 miles, 5.5 hrs).
- Day 5 • Free day in Bolsena**
Explore Bolsena, its ancient streets, castle, Etruscan temples, and 'triple' church of Santa Cristina, site of the miracle of Corpus Christi (1263). Lake excursions and swimming. Optional walk from Acquapendente through the low Monti Volsinii (12.4 miles, 6 hrs).
- Day 6 • Bolsena to Orvieto**
Follow the old pilgrim route across a high plateau (2,000ft) with extensive views, towards Orvieto. The first view of the crag-top city is unforgettable (10.2 miles, 5.5 hrs).
- Day 7 • Free day in Orvieto**
Optional city walk (approx. 2 hrs), including Orvieto's magnificent cathedral and Capella della Madonna di San Brizio, with outstanding frescoes by Fra Angelico and Signorelli, Etruscan tombs, museums and remarkable well (completed in 1537 by Antonio Sangallo) – 'one of the second seven wonders of the world'.
- Day 8 • Departure day, or...**
Extend your holiday in Orvieto or Rome (see pages 68-69 for rates).

5 DAY ITINERARY:
ONE NIGHT AT EACH STOP ON ROUTE

CYCLING ITINERARY ALSO AVAILABLE
SEE PAGES 64-67 FOR DETAILS



Roman Roads to Orvieto Trip Information

Finding Your Way

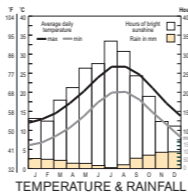
The ATG Route Booklet includes detailed directions and maps, as well as up-to-date information on towns visited, places of interest, local history, restaurants, cafés and shops en route.

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

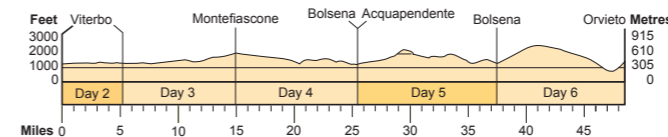
Very interesting cuisine combining influences of robust Tuscan cooking with strong flavours of Roman cooking and the delicate cuisine of Umbria, with truffles, fish from Lake Bolsena, etc., (we visit this area just to eat!). Some notable trattorie en route, and outstanding restaurants in Viterbo and Orvieto.

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



Terrain Fitness: 20+ (see page 12 for fitness calculation)

Roman/Etruscan roads. Volcanic ash paths, farm tracks, occasional mule and forest paths and (near towns) stretches of asphalt.



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	• £650 / \$1,140	• £26 / \$46
• 8 Day Superior	• £725 / \$1,270	• £27 / \$47
• 5 Day Standard	• £385 / \$ 675	• £26 / \$46
• 5 Day Superior	• £425 / \$ 745	• £27 / \$47

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 Orvieto or Rome.

Accommodation

- NIGHTS 1 & 2** **B&B** **VITERBO**
Tuscia
★★★★
Modern hotel within the medieval city
- NIGHT 3** **B&B** **MONTEFIASCONE**
Italia
★★★★
Modern hotel on central piazza
- NIGHT 3** **B&B** **MONTEFIASCONE**
Urbano V
★★★★
In historic centre with panoramic terrace
- NIGHTS 4 & 5** **B&B** **BOLSENA**
Columbus
★★★★
Modern hotel close to lake
- NIGHTS 4 & 5** **B&B** **BOLSENA**
Royal
★★★★
Near lake, with pool in summer
- NIGHTS 6 & 7** **B&B** **ORVIETO**
Corso
★★★★
Historic building in city centre
- NIGHTS 6 & 7** **B&B** **ORVIETO**
Palazzo Piccolomini
★★★★
16th century hotel overlooking medieval Piazza Ranieri
- EXTENSION** **B&B** **ROME**
Manfredi
★★★★
Central hotel in 16th century building furnished with antiques
- EXTENSION** **B&B** **ROME**
Cesari
★★★★
Quietly situated near the Pantheon in central Rome
- EXTENSION** **B&B** **ROME**
D'Inghilterra
★★★★★
Central hotel in elegant 17th century palazzo

- STANDARD OPTION
- SUPERIOR OPTION
- STANDARD & SUPERIOR OPTIONS