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TUSCANY BY SCOOTER

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RIDING DAY 1 : FIRENZE (FLORENCE) - FIRENZE (FLORENCE)

Standard Route (141 km / 88 miles)

We leave busy Florence behind us and start to enjoy riding the winding roads of the Chianti area. This region seems like it was made for scooters; the roads are perfect and the small villages are just the right size for our scooters when it's time for a coffee break!

Many castles and fortresses, most of them privately owned, are scattered along our way. This is also the area well known for its excellent wines, many of them produced in small wineries ensconced in those same castles and fortresses. This evening will be our first chance to get a sample of that luscious wine!

Highlights:

#1: Greve in Chianti



The picturesque little town in the middle of the wine country owes its fame to two peculiarities: the "Macelleria Falorni", which has been producing its famous ham since 1729, and the town's most famous son, Giovanni da Verrazzano. Verrazzano discovered New York harbor. The Verrazzano Narrow Bridge, which connects Staten Island with Brooklyn and whose name is burned into the soul of every runner who has ever participated in the New York Marathon, was named after him.

#2: San Gimignano



Middle Ages" for its skyline.

Due to a lack of Ferraris, Rolex, and Gucci the rich and important families who ruled the region in the past needed to find their way to outdo each other. They came up with building higher towers than their neighbors. Around 1500 there were more than 72 examples of this picturesque nonsense. Today there are only 14 left but the result is still a must-see tourist attraction nicknamed "Manhattan of the

RIDING DAY 2 : FIRENZE (FLORENCE) - FIRENZE (FLORENCE)

Standard Route (178 km / 111 miles)

Today we are moving into the outback towards Imola. Medieval patrician houses and castles line your way. Past the Mugello Race Track we head towards San Benedetto in Alpe over almost unused passes. Before the race track was built in Mugello, the Italians closed these tracks on Sundays and held their races here on two and 4 wheels. In the bar at Passo Muraglione you can still see pictures from these wild times.

Highlights:

#1: Mugello racetrack



The race-crazy Italians have conducted car races in the Mugello area since the 1920s. However, due to safety concerns, the last race on regular roads took place in 1970. The current Mugello circuit was first opened in 1974. The track is regularly used by Ferrari to test their cars, including the Formula 1 race cars, but the main event in Mugello is the Moto GP race. The first race was held in 1976 and the winners' list includes Mick Doohan, Max Biaggi, and – seven times – Valentino Rossi. The fastest motorcycle lap time was set by Fabio Quartararo in 2021: 1:45,187

#2: Passo del Muraglione



This 80 km mountain road was definitely built by a passionate motorcyclist. It is one big roller coaster! The pass divides Tuscany and Emilia Romagna and was once a mountain race track. the cafe at the top of the pass is a well-known motorcycle hangout in the region, even the Ducati engineers come here from time to time for testing.

#3: Firenze (Florence)



The home town of the famous "Medici" family is a museum in itself, and in the beautiful and lively historic city center there are many attractions that you should visit. The dome was built in the 14th century and is the most prominent sight in the city. For art lovers, the "Uffizi" gallery is the most important paintings museum worldwide, a mandatory stop. Another important historic building is the Ponte

Vecchio with the Vasari corridor, the old bridge that crosses the river Arno joining the Palazzo Vecchio with the Pitti Palace.

RIDING DAY 3 : FIRENZE (FLORENCE) - FIRENZE (FLORENCE)

Standard Route (179 km / 111 miles)

Siena is one of Italy's most enchanting cities - you will feel it! We will ride the whole day through the Chianti area! We leave busy Florence behind, and start to enjoy riding the winding roads of the Chianti area. This region seems like it was made for our scooters, with its small villages inviting you for a coffee break along the way. Many castles and fortresses, most of them privately owned, are scattered along our way. This is also the area well known for its excellent wines, many of them produced in small wineries embedded in those same castles and fortresses. We enjoy our first glass in the evening.

Highlights:

#1: Castellina in Chianti



The picturesque location in the middle of the world-famous Chianti region gives the town a special charm. Castellina was founded by the Etruscans and had to defend itself again and again against Roman and Gallic attacks. As a result, the massive fortress was built from which beautiful views of the surrounding Chianti valley open up. The medieval streets are lined with small stores and there are

many opportunities to buy wine.

#2: Siena



The Gothic metropolis of Tuscany. It is the city of the 17 contrade, the districts that compete in the Palio, the famous horse race. City of palaces, banks, fountains, and churches on the surrounding hills. The most beautiful square in Italy, the Campo, the Town Hall, the Palazzo Pubblico, the tower Torre della Mangia, the impressive Cathedral of Santa Maria, all this and much more Siena

offers the visitor.

#3: Radda in Chianti



Surrounded by vineyards, Radda is a tourist hot-spot in Chianti. The charming village is perfect for souvenir shopping and is the place to buy some real Chianti wine. The black rooster is the icon of the Chianti area and you will find it on every bottle of DOC Chianti wine.

RIDING DAY 4 : FIRENZE (FLORENCE) - FIRENZE (FLORENCE)

Standard Route (173 km / 107 miles)

We leave the unique, but also very busy Florence and enjoy the curves of the Passo della Consuma, which the local motorcyclists like to turn into a race track on weekends. Today's highlight is the medieval old town of Arezzo, which in Etruscan times belonged to the "League of the Twelve". Today Arezzo is an important center of the jewelry industry and a great place to choose a small, golden gift for your loved one...

Highlights:

#1: Passo della Consuma (1057 m)



The 25 kilometers of road over the Passo della Consuma is one of the best things that can happen to a motorcyclist in Tuscany. Countless curves, well-maintained asphalt, little traffic - no wonder that this pass attracts many two-wheelers on weekends, and not only those with engines. The pass is over 1000 m high, so it may well get a bit chilly!

#2: Arezzo



The Piazza Grande in Arezzo is surrounded by medieval houses with crenelated towers, the Romanesque apse of Santa Maria della Pieve church, Gothic and Renaissance palaces. The knights, dressed in medieval attire take part in the annual "Giostra del Saracino", a journey in time. Today, Arezzo is famous for its gold manufacturing, more than 10 tons of gold are used every month. Roberto Benigni filmed many scenes of his Oscar-winning film "Life is Beautiful".

RIDING DAY 5 : FIRENZE (FLORENCE) - FIRENZE (FLORENCE)

Standard Route (78 km / 48 miles)

Today is an exciting day with lots of possibilities waiting for us: on beautiful backroads, we leave busy Florence and snake along Bagno a Ripoli into the Arno valley. The area around Reggello is well known for its good olive oil.

From far away you will see the old Villa Pitiana, embedded in vineyards and olive gardens. Could there be a better place to have a cooking class? On the way back you got the chance to get in touch with the famous Italian designers like Prada, Ferragamo, Dolce, and Gabbana.

For those who want to have more sightseeing, you may like to go by train to Pisa with its Leaning Tower.

A cooking class as well as an olive oil tasting are possible. Please talk to your tour guide. Both services are not included in your tour price.

Highlights:

#1: Italian Cooking Class



Let's cook! Pizza doesn't just come out of the freezer and Pasta in Italy is not only bought in supermarkets. With a local cook we will experience first hand how good and easy it is to make all of these fresh delights. Our master class takes place in a typical Italian kitchen and in a gorgeous location! Buon appetito!

#2: Vallombrosa



Vallombrosa is a Benedictine abbey surrounded by forests of beech and firs. It was founded in 1338 by Giovanni Gualberto, a Florentine noble, and became the mother house of the Vallombrosan Order.

It was extended around 1450, reaching its current aspect at the end of the 15th century. Today, the monastery is open for tourists and you can visit the medieval church, its chapels, and sections of the large abbey, including the cloister, sacristy, and refectory. Not to be missed is the "Antica Farmacia" or old pharmacy where you can buy liquors and other things brewed by monks including something called "Elixir Stomachico".

#3: Reggello

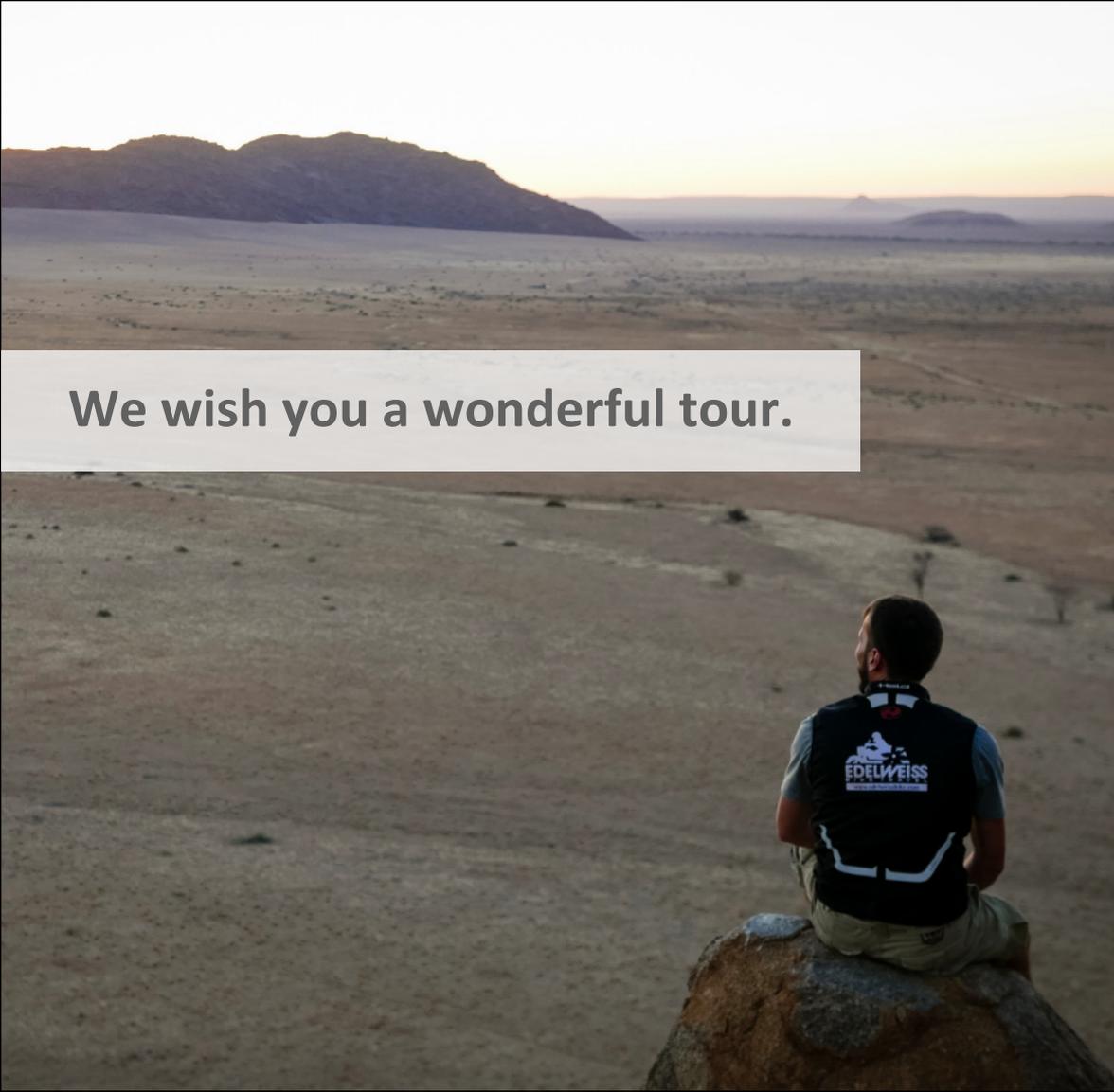


Reggello is also an old Etruscan town and the close by Vallombrosa host an old abbey from the 11th century. The area is very famous for its very high quality olive oil.

#4: Pisa



All the world knows Pisa, the city of the "Leaning Tower" and the "Square of Miracles". The Campanile, whose deviation from the vertical is no less than 4.42 m, was closed for many years because it was in danger of falling over and had to be supported. Invisibly, of course! The Piazza dei Miracoli impresses with the Cathedral, the Baptistery, and the Camposanto, the historic cemetery. The overall composition is absolutely unique!



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