

## Tour Operator - Tuscany Quintessence SRL

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## Pre-contractual information



Within the meaning of Directive (EU) 2015/2302, the combination of travel services offered in this document is a package therefore, this contract falls under all EU rights applying to packages.

Tuscany Quintessence SRL is fully responsible for the proper fulfillment of this package.

Tuscany Quintessence SRL has all the protection in place, as required by law, to refund your payments in the event that it becomes insolvent. Insurance number: 5002002210/K issued by “Consorzio Fogar” Piazza Giuseppe Gioachino Belli, 2 – Roma (00153).

More information on key rights under Directive (EU) 2015/2302 can be found here (<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content>).

## **“Via Francigena, 2 day e-bikepacking adventure” e-bike PRIVATE tour - min 4, max 8 pax**

**Via Francigena, is a wonderful scenic path** that connects Tuscan jewels like Lucca, San Miniato, San Gimignano, Siena, just to name a few. This itinerary became famous when Sigerico, the archbishop of Canterbury, went to Rome to receive his pallium from the pope. It was around year 990. On his way back home to Canterbury, Sigerico wrote on his travel diary, the details of the itinerary and all the stops he made. Today’s Via Francigena is the “reverse engineering” of Sigerico’s travel diary.

Francigena bike tour is like living in a "parallel universe". You can go from one city to another one just cycling in the middle of nature with stunning views, hearing the sound of the forest, while the rest of the world keeps running on big, crowded and noisy streets. This magic road offers the beauty of Tuscany countryside and great opportunities to visit/explore small jewels - like churches called Pieve (medieval origin) or Etruscan/Roman thermal bath still open and free where you can stop for a refreshing “swimming session”.

## Itinerary: total dist. 83km, evel. gain 1320mt

### Day 1 - From San Miniato to San Gimignano

- Starting point of the tour: Florence.
- Transfer to San Miniato by train.
- Lunch – Agritourism in Gambassi Terme.
- Night & dinner - in agritourism nearby San Gimignano (shared double).
- Total distance by e-bike 42km/26mi, evel. gain 727mt/2385ft.

### Day 2 - From San Gimignano to Siena

- Breakfast - San Gimignano.
- Lunch – Monteriggioni.
- Night & dinner - in agritourism nearby Siena (shared double).
- Total distance by e-bike 40.8km/25.3mi, evel. gain 594mt/1948ft.
- Expected arrival in Florence around 8:00pm/9:00pm

## Key information:

- Bikepacking style tour: each biker should carry his/her soft and lightweight luggage (provided) on the bike. 37L. See below.
- Video from Drone - Free - "best moments video"; view from the top using flying drone with camera.
- Departure between 7:30am. to 9:00am. depending on the distance.
- This offer does include fees related to train, agritourism, breakfast, lunch and dinner as reported above.
- Small group tour, maximum number of travelers is 8 min 4.
- This tour is offered only with electric bikes. The adoption of electric bikes is a strategic decision for us; electric bikes are designed to help if/when needed; a great enabler to joy and share a cycling tour with family or friends.
- Cycle a touring pace, good physical fitness is required as well as ability to ride a mountain bike.
- High level maps of the e-bike tour (daily distance, elev. gain) attached below.
- The tour is offered in English or Italian. Other languages upon request (to be quoted).
- The bike is setup with standard saddle and high grip flat pedals. If you like, you are welcome to bring your saddle and MTB pedals. If you bring your clipless cycling MTB shoes with cleats, please bring your MTB pedals that are specific to your type of cleat. We will put your pedals on and take them off for you at the end of the tour.
- In case you have extra luggage, during the bike tour we offer free luggage storage in Florence.



- This tour is not recommended for children under 12 years. Please contact us in advance in case you have specific needs.

**Note:** Flight arrangements including passport and visa requirements to be managed directly by the customer, not in scope of Tuscany Quintessence SRL.

Please refer to Tuscany Quintessence T&Cs (attached) for the following aspects: Liability, Privacy policy and On-line security, Tour policy, Payment arrangements, Minimum number of persons required (not applicable to this tour), Confirmation, Cancellation penalty, Governing law.

## **Additional notes:**

**Free video from Drone** - "best moments video"; view from the top using flying drone with camera.

**Electric bike** (e-bikes) - The adoption of electric bikes is a strategic decision for us. Electric Bikes are designed to help if/when needed; a great enabler to joy and share a cycling tour with family or friends. Cycling Tuscany together is wonderful!

**Environment, Health & Safety** - Environment, health and safety are priorities for us. Expect safety debrief before tour. Use of camera/mobile while cycling is not allowed; frequent stops to enjoy views & pics. Bike tours are designed to be safe and fun; it is not a race.

**Stay connected** - Free - WIFI during tour with our hot-spot. You can share photo and video real time.

**Small groups** - For a superior customer experience, we focus on small groups (max 8 Pax).

## Tuscany Quintessence - Equipment:

### Our e-bikes - Fantic XF2 INTEGRA – NEW Hard Tail by Fantic – 2019.

With its 29" front and 27'5" rear wheels and *Hubs with Boost* technology the perfect mix between athlete and motor comes alive and it is transferred to the ground.



The Sram NX 11V (42 teeth) lets you climb basically anywhere, the Rock Shock Recon RL 120mm fork, lets you attack the most technical downhills.

The XF2 hard tail is a perfect combination to tackle any adventure.

The XF2 has an INTEGRATED battery long run to 630 Wh. With this bigger battery we have recorded up to 80km/50mi of range with one charge. It takes 3.5 hours to fully recharge the battery and 2.5 hour to get it up to 80% charge from zero.

This bike is equipped with a Brose DRIVE S motor, the leader in the industry.

For additional technical specification, please refer to <http://fantic-bikes.com/en/bikes/xf2/>

Special notes: The bike is setup with standard saddle and high grip flat pedals. If you like, you are welcome to bring your saddle, MTB pedals, helmet.

**Waterproof luggage model Lifeplus Roswheel 37 liters - 2019.**



**Our helmets – Specialized Align, MIPS technology certified – 2019.**

Important: MIPS is a technology developed to help reduce the effect of rotational forces on the head and brain in the event of a crash, which can be as damaging as straight-on blows.

It is effectively a low-friction layer in the helmet, forming an interface between your head and the helmet shell. In the event of a crash, this layer will absorb some of that rotational force.



## Packing List – Our suggestions:

- Passport required (check now the expiration date)
- Insurance information - health and travel information including policy numbers and phone numbers
- Mobile phone, charger, power bank
- Small backpack – make sure that the area where the pack comes in contact with your back has a built-in mesh frame that holds the pack away from your back, allowing air to circulate across your back, keeping you cooler. In terms of capacity, 8/10 liters should be fine. Frequently this kind of backpacks have also a dedicated bag for water (around 3 liters).

**General Tips for Clothing & Shoes.** Layering is key to remaining comfortable while on an active trip. To achieve maximum comfort with minimum weight, you need versatile layers that mix and match to create the right amount of ventilation, insulation, and weather protection.

### Cycling cloths:

- 1-2 pair padded cycling shorts
- 1-2 brightly colored (for visibility) cycling jerseys
- 1-2 pair cycling socks
- 1 long-sleeved, performance-type fabric shirt jersey for layering
- Water-resistant wind breaker
- Cycling tights or leg-warmers and arm warmers
- Rain jacket and pants
- Head warmer (hat and/or headband or buff)
- Cycling sunglasses

**Cycling shoes** - stiff-soled athletic shoes or MTB cycling shoes with cleats. If you bring your clipless cycling shoes with cleats then also bring your pedals that are specific to your type of cleat, we will put your MTB pedals on and take them off for you at the end of the tour.

### City Clothes:

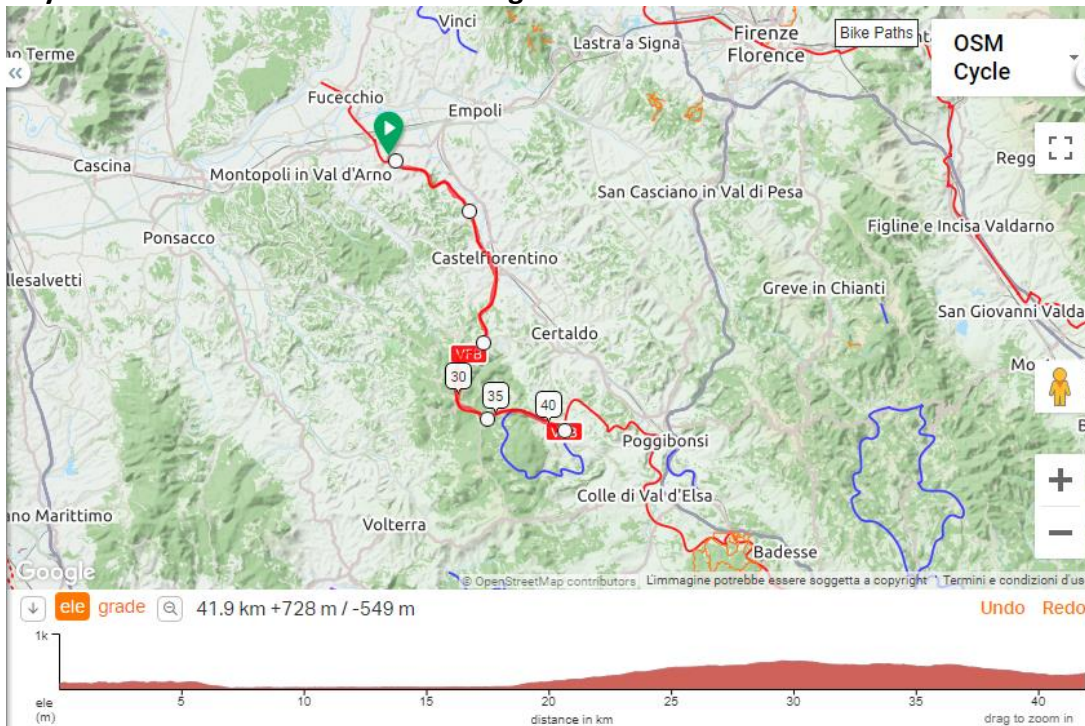
- 1 pair casual pants and/or skirts
- 1-2 wash and wear shirts
- 1 pair pants/shorts
- 1 light to medium weight long-sleeve/fleece top for layering
- 1-2 pair socks
- Underwear
- Swimsuit for swimming or sunning
- Small towel
- Hat/Bandanas
- Personal care products and medicines
- Mosquito repellent organic cream
- Sun cream

Remember: “Less is more”. The phrase is often associated with the architect and furniture designer Ludwig Mies Van Der Rohe (1886-1969), one of the founders of modern architecture and a proponent of simplicity of style.



# High level maps with daily distance and elevation gain:

## Day 1 – From San Miniato to San Gimignano



## Day 2 – From San Gimignano to Siena

