

Siena and San Gimignano

8 hour

Often described as Tuscany's most beautiful hill town and home of the world's first bank, Siena is most famous today for the great horserace, the Palio, held during July and August each year.

Depart your hotel in Florence at 9:00 a.m. for Siena, where you will meet your guide and enjoy a two hour tour of the major monuments of this historical city, including the stunning Piazza del Campo where the Palio is held, the Palazzo Pubblico and Siena's fascinating Duomo, home to a collection of works by Bernini, Michelangelo and Donatello.

Enjoy lunch in a local trattoria (to be paid separately), then drive through the Sienese hills to San Gimignano, a 10th century hill town called the "Manhattan" of Tuscany because of the 15 medieval towers that form its skyline. Wander the charming cobblestone streets and enjoy the afternoon on your own before returning to your hotel.

Optional add 1 hour for Contrada Museum: The best way to understand the special tradition of the Palio horse race is to visit the headquarter of a Contrada with the room of Victories where they take all the banners that Contrada won during the centuries. We can see the costumes that people wear during the historical parade before the Palio horse race and beautiful works of art that belong to the Contrada and to follow we can go to the church of the Contrada where they do the blessing of the horse.

Special reservation/entry fees for Duomo are additional and will be prepaid. If the client cancels the tour or changes the date of the tour, the ticket cost is NOT refundable.

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