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Why Go?

Despite being barely a blip on many visitors' radars, Southern Tuscany is really a region for the Italy connoisseur. Here you'll encounter the intensely atmospheric Città del Tufo, a trio of still-inhabited hill towns that have been sculpted from volcanic rock since Etruscan times. Further north, more Etruscan gems await at Roselle and Vetulonia, and one of Tuscany's most charming hilltop towns, Massa Marittima. Around all of these destinations, extraordinary archaeological sites, Renaissance settlements, churches and museums lie waiting to be explored.

An embarrassment of natural riches means you can travel from sandy beaches to snowy mountains in just a few hours, passing wildlife-packed marshes and vine-covered slopes en route. The activities on offer are irresistible: swim, hike, horse ride and mountain bike by day before recharging over flavoursome Maremmese food and wine in secluded *agriturismi* (farmstays) by night.

Road Distances (km)

Massa Marittima	38			
Grosseto	52	48		
Pitigliano	129	120	75	
Parco Regionale della Maremma	28	67	20	56
	Vetulonia	Massa Marittima	Grosseto	Pitigliano

Southern Tuscany Highlights

1 Parco Regionale della Maremma

(p192) Hiking, bicycling, horse-riding and swimming in this wild and wonderful national park.

2 Massa Marittima

(p180) Joining the *passeggiata* (evening stroll) in one of Tuscany's most magnificent piazzas.

3 Parco Archeologico 'Città del Tufo'

(p189) Walking in the footsteps of Etruscans along the mysterious rock-carved sunken roads known as *vie cave* (sunken roads).

4 Pitigliano

(p184) Admiring spectacular views over the countryside from this hilltop stronghold hewn out of volcanic rock.

5 Monte Amiata

(p183) Discovering towns and a sculpture garden amid forests of beech and chestnut.

6 Riserva Naturale Provinciale Diaccia Botrona

(p191) Following tens of thousands of migrating birds to this evocative marshland.

7 Vetulonia

(p184) Exploring Etruscan excavations at the archaeological sites.

