



Eastern Tuscany

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Why Go?

The eastern edge of Tuscany is beloved by film directors who have immortalised its landscape and medieval hilltop towns in several critically acclaimed and visually splendid films. Yet the region remains refreshingly bereft of tourist crowds and offers uncrowded trails for those savvy enough to explore here. Attractions are many and varied: spectacular mountain scenery and walks in the Casentino; magnificent art and architecture in the medieval cities of Arezzo, Sansepolcro and Cortona; one of Italy's most significant Catholic pilgrimage sites; and Tuscany's best *bistecca alla fiorentina* (chargrilled T-bone steak) in the Val di Chiana. Your travels may be solitary, and for the most part, you'll need your own wheels to get around – but they'll always be rewarding.

Road Distances (km)

Arezzo	94			
Cortona	65	29		
Sansepolcro	76	38	52	
Poppi	132	36	62	71
	Assisi	Arezzo	Cortona	Sansepolcro

Eastern Tuscany Highlights

- 1 Marvelling at frescoes in **Cappella Bacci** (p258) and one of Tuscany's most beautiful squares, **Piazza Grande** (p258), in Arezzo.
- 2 Admiring the work of Renaissance painter Piero della Francesca at the **Museo Civico** (p263) in traditional lace-making centre Sansepolcro.
- 3 Exploring a well-preserved medieval castle in the fortified hamlet of **Poppi** (p267).
- 4 Communing with nature on a pilgrimage to secluded medieval monasteries in **Parco Nazionale delle Foreste Casentinesi, Monte Falterona e Campigna** (p269).

