





Central Italy

AS FLORENCE'S RENAISSANCE SKYLINE FADES INTO THE BACKGROUND THE OPEN ROAD BECKONS. Motoring through Tuscany's voluptuous, wine-rich hills is one of Italy's great driving experiences and one of the many on offer in this fascinating part of the country.

To the north of Tuscany, Emilia-Romagna is a mecca for foodies, its handsome medieval towns supplying many of Italy's most revered delicacies. Travel to Italy's green, rural heart where you'll come across artistic treasures by Renaissance heroes, ancient Roman ruins and Etruscan tombs.

And all the while the road leads inexorably, often tortuously, towards Rome, the Eternal City.

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15 World Heritage Wonders 14 Days

From Rome to Venice, discover the Unesco-listed treasures of Italy's art cities. (p181)

16 Roaming Around Rome 3 Days

Trawl through ancient ruins and hilltop towns in Rome's fascinating hinterland. (p193)

17 Castelli Romani 2–3 Days

Escape to the verdant hills and volcanic lakes south of Rome. (p201)

18 Abruzzo's Wild Landscapes 6 Days

Immerse yourself in glorious, untamed nature in Abruzzo's magnificent national parks. (p209)

19 Etruscan Tuscany & Lazio 3–4 Days

Explore Etruscan tombs and frescoed treasures. (p217)

20 Monasteries of Tuscany & Umbria 5 Days

Remote sanctuaries, frescoed monasteries and rugged forests. (p225)

21 Piero della Francesca Trail 7 Days

This classic art trail reveals Renaissance masterpieces and unspoiled Apennine landscapes. (p233)

22 Tuscan Wine Tour 4 Days

Red wine fuels this jaunt around historic Chianti vineyards and Tuscan cellars. (p243)

23 Tuscan Landscapes 3–4 Days

From Siena to Orvieto, this trip traverses Tuscany's most scenic landscapes. (p253)

24 Foodie Emilia-Romagna 7 Days

Enjoy local delicacies and elegant medieval architecture in Emilia-Romagna's gastro cities. (p261)

**DON'T MISS****Necropolis
Tarquinia**

The Etruscan tombs at Tarquinia's Unesco-listed Necropolis are a remarkable sight, yet they rarely attract big crowds. Visit on Trip **19**

**Santo Stefano di
Sessanio**

It's a thrilling drive up to this *borgo* (medieval town) in Abruzzo's Parco Nazionale del Gran Sasso e Monti della Laga on Trip **18**

**Palazzo Ducale,
Urbino**

The palatial residence of an art-loving Renaissance aristocrat dominates Urbino's charming historic centre on Trip **21**

Ostia Antica

Overshadowed by the more famous ruins in Rome, one of central Italy's most compelling archaeological sites is visited on Trip **16**

Montalcino

Crowned by a 14th-century fort, this hilltop town is home to one of Italy's top red wines. Indulge yourself on Trip **22**