



Driving Tuscany

Taking in Tuscany's two great medieval rivals, Florence and Siena, Chianti's wine-rich hills, and the Unesco-listed Val d'Orcia, this drive offers artistic masterpieces, soul-stirring scenery and captivating Renaissance towns.

Start Florence
Distance 185km
Duration Four days

1 Start in **Florence**, the cradle of the Renaissance. Admire Brunelleschi's Duomo dome, wander around the Galleria degli Uffizi and greet Michelangelo's *David* at the Galleria dell'Accademia.



2 Pick up the SR222 (Via Chiantigiana) and head south to Chianti wine country. Stop off in the centuries-old wine centre of **Greve**, then continue south to Siena.

Take a Break... Enjoy a meal at **Osteria di Passignano** (055 807 12 78; www.osteriadipassignano.com; Via di Passignano 33; meals €85, tasting menus €90, wine pairing €140; 12.15-2.15pm & 7.30-10pm Mon-Sat) in Badia a Passignano, 20 minutes from Greve.



3 The medieval cityscape of **Siena** is captivating. Be inspired by the Duomo's intricate facade, bustling Piazza del Campo and fine art in the Museo Civico.



5 Head east to the Val d'Orcia and pretty **Pienza**. Magnificent Renaissance buildings in and around Piazza Pio II went up in just four years in the 15th century and haven't changed since.

Classic Photo: The stunning Val d'Orcia offers views of undulating fields, stone farmhouses and rows of elegant cypresses.



4 Take the SR2 (Via Cassia) to **Montalcino**, known to wine buffs around the world for its celebrated local drop, Brunello.

6 Steeply stacked **Montepulciano** harbours a wealth of *palazzi* and fine buildings, plus views over the Val di Chiana and Val d'Orcia. Finish up with a glass or two of the local *Vino Nobile*.