

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.

START 1

RA3

Badia a

Passignano

San Godenzo

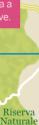
Parco Nazionale delle Foreste Casentinesi, Monte Falterona e Campigna

Monte Falterona



2 Pick up the SR222 (Via Chiantigiana) and head south to Chiantiwine 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.



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SR2

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



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.

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

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