



Driving Tour: 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 4 days

1 Start your journey in the cradle of the Renaissance, **Florence**. Admire the dome of Brunelleschi's Duomo, 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** (www.osteriadiassignano.com) in Badia a Passignano, about 20 minutes from Greve.



3 The medieval cityscape of **Siena** is one of Italy's most 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.

5 Head east to the Val d'Orcia and pretty **Pienza**. Check out the magnificent Renaissance buildings in and around Piazza Pio II, which went up in just four years in the 15th century and haven't been remodelled since.

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



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

