

Tuscany in Detail

From £1,349 per person // 11 days



Travel across the Alps to Florence with stops in Cologne and Innsbruck on the way. Then, spend time exploring the narrow lanes of Siena and Lucca before returning via Pisa and Turin on this Tuscan adventure by rail.

The Essentials

- Take the train to Italy via the stunning Brenner Alpine Pass
- See more of Tuscany than just the mainstays of Florence and Siena
- Enjoy Lucca in the evening after the day-trippers have left
- Comfortable rail connections and varied Alpine scenery in each direction

Tailor make your holiday

- Decide when you would like to travel
- Adapt the route to suit your plans
- Upgrade hotels and rail journeys
- Add extra nights, destinations and/or tours

What's included

- Standard Class rail travel with seat reservations, where required
- 10 nights' handpicked hotel accommodation with breakfast
- Comprehensive directions to your hotels
- Easy-to-follow travel documentation
- Despatch of tickets by email, post or collection from our London office

PLEASE NOTE: Due to a landslide on the rail line between Turin and Paris, we will need to reroute the return journey of this holiday for travel before spring 2025. There are lots of other options which we can discuss with you.

- Suggested Itinerary -



Day 1 - London To Cologne

Leave London St Pancras in the late morning aboard a Eurostar service to Brussels Midi. Here, connect onto a train to Cologne. There's a bar buffet available on both services, or you can enjoy some lunch in Brussels Midi station before your onward journey. When you arrive in Cologne, check in at the conveniently located Mondial am Dom MGallery (or similar) for an overnight stay.



Day 2 - Cologne To Innsbruck

Check out of your hotel after breakfast this morning and pass the steps of the famous Cologne Cathedral en route to the station for your onward journey to Innsbruck. As you travel from Munich, the scenery will become more and more undulating and by the time you arrive in the 'Capital of the Austrian Tyrol, you will be surrounded by mountain peaks. Check in for an overnight stay at the AC Marriott Innsbruck (or similar).



Day 3 - Florence Via The Brenner Pass

Take one of Europe's most scenic journeys as you cross the Alps through Austria's Tyrol region and into Italy over the famous Brenner Pass. After an easy platform change in Bologna, you will arrive in Florence in time for your first Italian evening meal. Upon arrival, check into the Berchielli Hotel (or similar). Florence, the Tuscan capital, was one of the most important cities of trade and finance in the Middle Ages. It's also known as the birthplace of the Renaissance movement.



Days 4 & 5 - Florence

Enjoy two days at leisure in Florence. Don't miss the famous Duomo or a visit to the beautiful Boboli Gardens. You can also see some of the best of Renaissance art here with visits to the Uffizi and the Galleria dell'Accademia, home to Michelangelo's David. TMR RECOMMENDS: If you want to see the Uffizi Gallery during your stay in Florence, we recommend that you buy Skip the Line tickets so that you don't waste any time queuing to get in. You will need at least half a day to see the museum.



Days 6 & 7 - Siena

Take the short ride on a local Tuscan train (payable locally at the station) from the region's capital to one of its most iconic cities, Siena. Here, make your way to the Athena Hotel (or similar) where you will have a 2-night stay. Once you have settled into your hotel, spend the next couple of days discovering the historic architecture, museums, art and cuisine that make this city famous. You can also head out into the Tuscan countryside from Siena on a wine-tasting tour or a visit to the stunning hilltop town of San Gimignano. Please ask us if you would like to add tours to your booking.



Day 8 - Siena To Lucca

Take a scenic ride on Tuscan trains across to the hilltop town of Lucca, in the western part of Tuscany. Check in here for a 2-night stay at the Hotel Ilaria (or similar), located within Lucca's city walls. Located on the river Serchio, Lucca is an historic city famous for its almost complete Renaissance era city walls, which you can walk or cycle along for sweeping city views.



Day 10 - Lucca To Turin Via Pisa

This morning, take a regional train to Pisa. If you would like, you can leave your bags in the left luggage lockers at the station here and enjoy a few hours exploring this historic city, one of the major maritime republics of medieval Europe with its world-famous Leaning Tower. Alternatively, connect directly with the high-speed train to Turin. On arrival, check in at the Starhotels Majestic (or similar) for an overnight stay. Turin is a fascinating city which is often overlooked by visitors to Italy. Discover world-class museums, stately piazzas and delicious Piedmont cuisine during your stay. If you have time, we'd recommend an extra night here so that you have more time to explore.



Day 11 - Turin To London

Take a high speed TGV from Turin's Porta Susa station this morning and travel to Paris where you transfer to the Gare du Nord (we include metro tickets and directions for this). Leave Paris on the Eurostar and head back to London. Alternatively, we can arrange a later service for you so that you have some time to look around the French capital.

Pricing

From £1,349 per person

Low season (Nov-Feb) from **£1,349pp**

Mid-season (March – May) from **£1,499pp**

High season (June-Oct) from **£1,649pp**

These prices are based on two people sharing a twin or double room. Single supplements will apply for sole occupancy. It is based on Standard Class rail travel and includes seat reservations as necessary. It is based on the best fares on the trains. If you travel during a peak period, particularly at short notice, then supplements may apply.