

TUSCAN UNESCO TOUR

From human masterpieces to the energy of the earth

There is an intimate and profound Tuscany where medieval stone merges with the energy of the earth, designed to be explored at a slow pace. This tour is created to enhance the discovery of local landscapes and stories.

The route connects two unique UNESCO World Heritage Sites: San Gimignano, with its historic center dotted with medieval towers, a masterwork of human creative genius, and the Tuscan Mining UNESCO Global Geopark (Colline Metallifere), where the earth's primordial force reveals itself in the geothermal landscapes surrounding Larderello, Sasso Pisano, Radicondoli, and Montecatini Pisano. Completing the itinerary is a short detour to discover the *SentierElsa* river trail.

Snapshot:

- 3 days / 2 nights
- Target: individual travellers
- Price per person starting from € 310,00 (the fee is calculated on a base of 2 people)

Program

Day 1

San Gimignano

Nestled in the heart of Val d'Elsa, the journey begins in San Gimignano, declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1990 for its historical value and the uniqueness of its medieval urban layout.

World-famous for its imposing medieval towers, symbols of the power and wealth of ancient merchant families, the town preserves its 14th-century layout almost intact, offering an extraordinary dive into the atmosphere of the Middle Ages.

The magic of San Gimignano also lies in its inseparable bond with the surrounding landscape: a countryside shaped by Vernaccia vineyards, olive groves, and rolling hills that seem to come straight out of a Sienese School painting. An unmissable stop where history, art, architecture, and agricultural traditions blend in perfect harmony.

After a walk to explore the village, lunch will be enjoyed in a traditional trattoria in the historic center.

SentierElsa – Colle Val d'Elsa

Just a 20-minute drive from San Gimignano, the Elsa River winds for 4 kilometers through lush vegetation, offering enchanting views, waterfalls, and wooden bridge crossings. The "SentierElsa" trail allows for a peaceful walk immersed in nature, just a stone's throw from the town.

Once you complete the trail, we recommend taking a stroll through the historic center of Colle Val d'Elsa.

Dinner and overnight stay in the town center.

Day 2

Radicondoli

Leaving the Val d'Elsa behind, you head into the Colline Metallifere (Metalliferous Hills), arriving in Radicondoli.

Characterized by a stillness suspended in time and surrounded by the dense woods of the Bosco delle Carline, this village offers panoramic views of the surrounding countryside.

Montecastelli Pisano

Continuing toward the geothermal heart of the region, you encounter Montecastelli Pisano.

We recommend a pleasant walk through the small medieval hamlet, dominated by the evocative Pannocchieschi Tower.

Today, the tower houses the Science and Music Foundation, a space where science, acoustics, and music meet thanks to the inspiration and creativity of visiting musicians and researchers.

Dinner and overnight stay in Pomarance, a geothermal village located a short distance from Montecastelli.

Day 3

Larderello

In Larderello, the world capital of geothermal energy, you can visit the Geothermal Museum and witness the opening of a geothermal steam vent: an experience that allows you to observe the power of high-pressure steam emerging from deep underground.

Sasso Pisano

Heading south, you enter the central area of the Tuscan Mining UNESCO Global Geopark. Sasso Pisano is an unmissable stop for experiencing natural geothermal manifestations firsthand. Enjoy a walk along the Fumaroles Trail (*Sentiero delle Fumarole*) through an almost lunar landscape where the earth releases energy amidst steam vents, geothermal pools, and fumaroles that, according to tradition, inspired Dante Alighieri himself.

Lunch at a local craft geothermal brewery, which utilizes geothermal steam as its primary energy source for the brewing process.

Useful information

What's included:

- Lunch in a typical trattoria in San Gimignano
- Overnight stay in Colle di Val d'Elsa
- Dinner at a pizzeria in Colle di Val d'Elsa
- Lunch in Radicondoli
- Overnight stay at a farmhouse (*agriturismo*) in Pomarance
- Dinner at the farmhouse in Pomarance
- Lunch at the geothermal craft brewery in Sasso Pisano
- Guided tour of the demonstration well in Larderello

Exclusions:

- Transfers
- Anything not explicitly listed under "The price includes"

INFO AND BOOKING

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