

## BIKE TOUR - TERRE DI PISA



Discover and savour the excellences of the countryside of the “Terre di Pisa” with our Bike Tour. By bicycle, on roads with little traffic and in complete safety thanks to our technical support, you explore this part of Tuscany, perhaps the truest of the region. Routes through villages, hills and ridges, from which the views sweep over vineyards, wheat fields, olive groves and dirt roads decorated with cypresses that characterize the Val d’Era.

### **COVID-19 PANDEMIC information for our travellers**

**For technical-organizational reasons during the booking or during the journey the itinerary may be subject to changes.**

The program described respects all the national and international government measures in force at the time of its elaboration (September 2021)

The facilities and services proposed in our programs, following the restrictive measures put in place by individual states to contain the contagion from covid-19, may present deficiencies in the use and / or execution of the program and the standard services provided. Our suppliers will follow the safety protocols adopted in respect with the laws in force in the country of destination.

If there are changes that affect the services provided, the quotas may undergo variations, such as for example:

- difficulties in the reopening of some planned Hotel structures, these will be replaced with others of the same category, if existing
- some visits may also be cancelled or replaced with others, depending on any new rules for access to places of interest
- limitations on the maximum number of passengers on means of transportation.

## JOURNEY DETAILS

### 1st day

#### Arrival in Volterra



Arrival at Pisa airport “Galileo Galilei” at 11:15 - 12:20 and transfer from airport to the farmhouse in Valdera. Lunch at the farmhouse.

Guided tour of Volterra: a jewel of etruscan, roman, medieval and renaissance art, the city of Volterra dominates the Val di Cecina to the sea from a hill 550 meters above sea level. Here history has left its mark continuously, through artistic and monumental testimonies that we can admire while walking through the streets of the center, such as the Cathedral, Palazzo dei Priori, the Roman Theater or the Etruscan Acropolis.

Volterra, to make this city famous even today is the extraction and processing of alabaster. Our itinerary includes a visit to an artistic laboratory where we will be able to learn about the ancient processing techniques and some original contemporary creations, a visit to the Guarnacci Etruscan Museum.

Free dinner in Volterra.

Transfer to the farmhouse.

### 2nd day

#### Volterra & Monterotondo Marittimo (Cheese & Beer)



Breakfast at the farmhouse.

Arrival of the guide and delivery of the bikes, helmet and water bottle.

On the cheese bike tour you will cycle around 30 km in the shadow of Volterra, famous for its unique landscape of cliffs and ravines in an area of the “Terre di Pisa” rich in pastures, grains and forage ideal for grazing animals.

The arrival point of this cycling experience will be a company, an excellence of the region, active in cheesemaking for over 30 years. Since the very beginning they have adopted a completely organic production cycle: sowing and harvesting forage, and selective breeding, which, along with the climate, the soil and the artisan production process, influence the final quality of the cheeses. The milk from their sheep is also processed for the production of raw-milk Pecorino, difficult to produce and nowadays a rare find, but with an unmistakable flavour: a great synthesis of technological rigour and ancient knowledge, while maintaining the tradition of the typical flavours of Tuscan sheep farming. Cheese tasting and light lunch.

- Hilly terrain, back roads with low traffic
- Distance 24 km, elevation gain 270 mt.
- Estimated biking times 3 hours

Transfer with minivan/minibus and guide to Monterotondo Marittimo, in the heart of the Metalliferous Hills. The first stop of the visit will be the MUBIA, the Biancane Geomuseum, where you will be able to understand geodiversity, that is to understand how minerals and rocks were formed and why the earth is so warm and white here. It will therefore be time to climb the Biancane, a medium difficulty trekking route in a "lunar" landscape, where there will be wow moments, for the natural landscape that will surround us; thanks to natural manifestations that emanate from the earth emitting heat and steam.

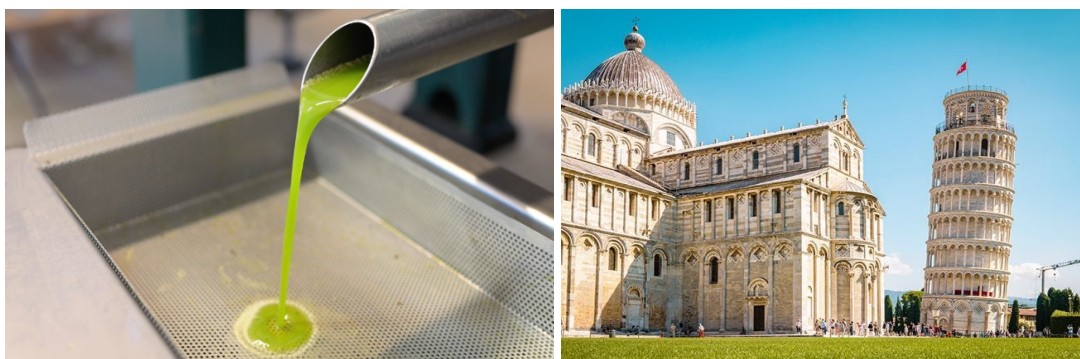
You will then descend towards Sasso Pisano towards a famous brewery, the first in the world to produce craft beer using geothermal steam as a primary source of energy.

A rich dinner accompanied by fresh beer of the highest quality.

Transfer to the farmhouse.

### 3rd day

#### Vicopisano & Pisa (Oil & Pisa with Galileo Galilei)



Breakfast at the farmhouse.

Transfer to Vicopisano.

Starts the bike tour in the Terre di Pisa, it will take you for over 30 km on almost completely flat ground, between the Arno and the Pisan Mountains, partly following the Strada dell'Olio, the theme of the tour, but also taking you on a historical discovery where the Romanico Pisano style will take centre stage... along the way you will encounter no fewer than 5 churches built around the year 1000 AD. You will be ready to cycle for around three hours in the Pisan plains of the Arno, at the foot of the Pisan Mountains, leaving from the medieval village of Vicopisano in the direction of Calci, through the village of Uliveto, famous for its thermal springs, and then passing below the



Upezzinghi Fortress, mentioned by Dante in the Divine Comedy. Shortly afterwards, you will find yourselves in front of the Certosa di Calci, an ex-monastery that is now a Natural History Museum. After catching your breath, it's back on the bike, crossing the Arno and passing through the town of Cascina, which you will cross following its romanesque traces that are scattered around the area. Shortly after, you will be back in Vicopisano.

- Almost flat terrain, back roads with low traffic
- Distance 32 km, elevation gain 110 mt.
- Estimated biking times 3 hours

For lunch you will have a tasting and a light lunch at the mill. In the early afternoon, we move to Pisa with a minivan/minibus transfer.

Here you will be welcomed by our guide who will take you to visit the "Piazza dei Miracoli" with the famous Leaning Tower and the monuments.

Soon after he will introduce you to Pisa through his Galileo Galilei theatrical tour. A journey through time to discover the Galilean places of Pisa accompanied by the famous Pisan scientist, Galileo Galilei. From

his birthplace we will move to the neighborhoods of his childhood, the medieval market where his father Vincenzo worked, the University that hosted him first as a student and later as a professor. We will talk with him about his experiments and solve the age-old dilemma: did he ever carry out the experiment of the bodies from the Tower of Pisa? Let's find out together. Duration 2 hours.

Free dinner in a restaurant in Pisa

## 4th day

### Valdera & Lajatico (Wine & Teatro del Silenzio)



Breakfast at the farmhouse.

Starts the bike tour from the accommodation and it will take you to discover the colours and fragrances of the Val d'Era, following the "Strada del Vino" through the Pisan Hills.

You will be ready to cycle 30km on quiet streets, immersed in the countryside, surrounded by the hills of the "Terre di Pisa". The first stop will be Terricciola, and then you will continue on to Chianni. Here, we recommend stopping for a leisurely coffee in the village bar and enjoying the relaxed atmosphere of our little villages. After catching your breath a little, it's back on the bike towards Morrona. Along this stretch there is no shortage of viewpoints for evocative panoramic photos of the Tuscan countryside.

- Hilly terrain, back roads with low traffic
- Distance 31 km, elevation gain 260 mt.
- Estimated biking times 3 hours

After this cycling experience, you can have a wine tasting with a light lunch at one of our partner wineries in the area, so you will have the opportunity to visit them and taste the excellent local wines.

Transfer with minivan/minibus to the town of Lajatico with a guided tour and walk to the “Theater of Silence”.

The “Teatro del Silenzio” is surrounded by the hills typical of the Tuscan landscape. Here every year, in the summer in July, a concert by Andrea Bocelli takes place whose audience comes from all over the world. Lajatico is the birthplace of the famous tenor.

Dinner at the farmhouse

## 5th day

### Valdera (Pasta) - end of services



Breakfast at the farmhouse.

Start the bike tour from the accommodation. You will discover the northern part of the Pisan Hills in the Terre di Pisa. You will cycle on roads through the hills, immersed in the countryside, from the Pisan Hills into the heart of the "Terre di Pisa", through the villages of Montelopio, Fabbriaca and Lajatico, where there is a fantastic view over the Val d'Era, giving you the opportunity to catch your breath and take some photos.

After, you will arrive at a little regional excellence in pasta production and visit the company and the mill.

The pasta is produced by artisans dedicated to making some of the best pasta in Italy, kneading it, cutting it and drying it slowly on wooden frames. Naturally, the staff at the pasta factory will be available to explain all the phases of production to you.

- Hilly terrain, back roads with low traffic
- Distance 31 km, elevation gain 350 mt.
- Estimated biking times 3 hours

Lunch at the farmhouse.

Luggage preparation and checkout from the farmhouse. Transfer to Pisa airport “Galileo Galilei”.

## OPTIONAL EXPERIENCE - Lavender Tour



On this three-hour bike tour, you will enjoy a route entirely on back roads with very little traffic, sometimes on dirt tracks on the crests of the hills, which you will find luxuriantly green in spring, or strawcoloured once the wheat is ready for harvest. This is all in the western Pisan Hills, in the "Terre di Pisa".

You will visit a company, an excellence of the region, which has been creating natural, organic cosmetics for over 30 years, also from essential oils extracted from aromatic plants, including the lavender grown nearby. Naturally, the staff at the company will be available, if you are interested, to give you the opportunity to find out about the characteristics of the plant, its cultivation, the essential oils, and the curiosities of the distillation process.

You will encounter the villages of Orciano, Lorenzana and Santa Luce, making a stop to see the lavender cultivations before going down to the shores of the lake in the WWF oasis to enjoy the moment.

After catching your breath, it's back on the bike in the certainty that before long you will find the perfect viewpoint to take some fantastic photos, and then a stop for coffee where you can appreciate the relaxed atmosphere of our little villages, whose rhythm of life has changed very little over the years.

Near the end of the tour, you will pass through Orciano.

- Hilly terrain, back roads with low traffic
- Distance 30 km, elevation gain 320 mt.
- Estimated biking times 3 hours

### ACCOMMODATION (or similar):

**Farmhouse / Hotel in Province of Pisa**

## Pricing info:

### GROUP TOUR WITH MINIBUS

#### Price per Person

Minimum of 2 participants	3.280,00 Euro
From 4 participants	1.820,00 Euro
From 6 participants	1.600,00 Euro
From 8 participants	1.380,00 Euro
From 10 participants	1.350,00 Euro
From 12 participants	1.250,00 Euro

Single room supplement	220,00 Euro
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Processing fee	70,00 Euro
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E-bike Supplement	90,00 Euro
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#### The rate includes:

- Tour by private vehicle for the whole circuit (from 2 to 8 minivan 8 seats, from 10 to 12 minibus 16 seats)
- Bike rental + guide
- Overnight stays in a standard double room, with bed and breakfast treatment
- 3 tastings
- 2 dinners in the facilities indicated in the program
- 5 lunches in the facilities indicated in the program
- Guide in Volterra, Le Biancane, Pisa and Lajatico- Travel Gear
- Earth Viaggi Telephone Assistance (active service H24)
- **"Zero Risk Travel" policy:** to cover higher expenses and unused days following unforeseen events and cases of force majeure during the trip, up to € 2,700 per person

#### The rate does not include:

- International flights to/from Florence and transfer to/from San Gimignano
- Processing fee (Euro 70,00)
- Optional excursions and visits, not included in the program (Mubia Museum Ticket 4,00 Euro, Guarnacci Museum Tocket 8,00 Euro and Alabaster laboratory)
- City tax starting from Euro 2,00 per night per person (to be paid on site)
- Early check-in (before 3pm) and late check-out (after 10am) in Hotel
- Meals not included in the program, à la carte menu, drinks, tips, porters, personal extras and anything not expressly indicated

**IMPORTANT:** No service has been booked. The availability of the Hotels is subject to confirmation at the time of the actual booking of the trip.

## WE INFORM YOU THAT...

**Peculiar conditions** of delays or cancellations of internal flights, traffic problems, mechanical damage to means of transport can cause variations in the performance of the services provided and can be modified at the discretion of the various local suppliers with services of the same or higher category.

The occurrence of force majeure such as strikes, adverse weather conditions, natural disasters, civil and military unrest, riots, acts of terrorism and other similar events are not attributable to the organization. Any additional expenses and services that are no longer valid due to these causes cannot therefore be reimbursed. Furthermore, the organization is not responsible for the non-use of services due to delays or cancellations by air carriers.

**Earth** has stipulated, pursuant to art. 47 of the Tourism Code (Legislative Decree no.62 of 21 May 2018), the **Professional Civil Liability** policy no. 100051681 with UnipolSai Assicurazioni S.p.A., for a maximum amount of € 2,065,000.00.

For the greater protection of the traveller, Earth has stipulated an additional policy with the same Insurance Company, raising the total ceiling to **€ 35,565,000.00**.

**Earth** adheres to the **Guarantee Fund** (Fondo Vacanze Felici Scarl - CF & VAT: 09566380961 - Registered office: Via Larga n.6 - Milan - Operational office: Via Vittor Pisani n.12 / A - Milan - Tel. 02 - 92.97 90.50 - Operational Secretariat: segreteria@fondovacanzefelici.it - PEC: fondovacanzefelici@pecspace.it - registration n ° 505) which guarantees, in the event of insolvency or bankruptcy of the Intermediary or Organizer, the reimbursement of the price paid and the repatriation of the consumer, in fulfilment of the obligation established by Legislative Decree no.62 of 21 May 2018.

**The performance of the Policy and the General Contract Conditions for the Sale of Tourist Packages (Leg. Dec. N ° 79/2011) are shown on the website <https://www.earthviaggi.it/condizioni>. NOTICE OF WHAT PUBLISHED ON THE SITE, WE HEREBY COMMUNICATE THE CANCELLATION PENALTIES RELATING TO THIS PROGRAM.**

## Rate

This program is based on timetables, transport rates and ground service costs in effect in October 2021.

The rates are valid until: **30/10/2022**.

The participation rates are expressed in Euros and are intended per person.

The Hotel prices refer to the Hotels indicated, or similar.

The prices of the means of transport remain subject to any new provisions regarding distancing, to future introductions and increases in parking / ZTL, as well as to possible variations in the VAT rate.

If the services indicated are not available and the air and Hotel rates are constantly evolving, at the time of booking Earth reserves the right to change the rates indicated here on the basis of the costs of the new confirmable services and any changes in the rates that have occurred.

A change in the transport rates or costs of the services indicated that occurs within 20 days from the date of departure will result in a revision of the quotas.



## Minimum participants

A minimum number of 2 participants is required for the trip. Any failure to reach the minimum required, and the consequent cancellation, will be communicated by the organizer at least 20 days before the departure date of the trip.

As an alternative to cancellation, the organizer, within the time limit provided, may offer the tourist the same package or an alternative package, quantifying, in writing, from time to time, the adjustment of the participation rate.

If the number of participants in the trip corresponding to the reference quota bracket is missing and / or a person scheduled to be accommodated in a double room is cancelled, the consequent changes in quota will be applied to the participants (different number of participants and single room supplement).

## Excursions

If the traveller takes advantage of excursions planned and carried out by other local agencies / organizations or directly by the Hotels, Earth by Enterprise S.r.l. cannot provide any guarantee.

## Consumer withdrawal (Cancellation penalty)

Notwithstanding the General Contract Conditions published on the website [www.earthviaggi.it](http://www.earthviaggi.it), the consumer who withdraws from the contract before departure, in the event of cancellation, will be charged as a penalty:

- The processing fee;
- The following percentages on the travel fee:
  - up to 30 days before departure: 25% of the participation fee
  - from 29 to 20 days before departure: 50% of the participation fee
  - from 19 to 11 days before departure: 75% of the participation fee
  - after this deadline: 100% of the participation fee.

In addition to the penalties related to airline tickets (special fares, instant purchases, low cost and scheduled flights).

It is specified that:

- the reference is always to "calendar" days;
- for certain destinations, for particular services, for pre-established groups and for certain travel combinations, the aforementioned penalties may be subject to even significant variations;
- for certain tourist and non-tourist services the penalties can be 100% already at the time of the irrevocable proposal or of the booking / confirmation by the tour operator; such changes will be indicated in the documents relating to out-of-catalogue programs or tailor-made trips or trips and services in general that are not fully or partially included in this catalogue;
- in any case, no reimbursement is due to the consumer who decides to interrupt the trip or stay by unilateral will.

Pursuant to art ex art. 47 1st paragraph lett. g. of the Consumer Code, we inform you that **the right of withdrawal** is excluded in contracts concluded at a distance. Pursuant to art. 41 paragraph 7 of the Tourism Code we inform you that in contracts negotiated away from business premises in the case of offers with significantly lower rates compared to competing offers, the right of withdrawal is excluded. The cancellation penalties provided for in the technical data sheet are therefore applicable to the traveller / consumer who withdraws from the contract signed at a distance or away from business premises with significantly reduced rates compared to competing offers.

Pursuant to Article 59 of the Consumer Code, Legislative Decree 6 September 2005, no. 206 amended following Legislative Decree 21 February 2014 n.21, the **right of withdrawal** is excluded in relation to contracts for the supply of accommodation, transport, car rental services, catering or

services relating to leisure activities, if the contract provides for a specific date or period for performance. The cancellation penalties provided for and indicated in each individual service are therefore applicable to the consumer who withdraws from the contract signed remotely or negotiated away from business premises.

### **Travel registration form**

To comply with the booking procedures and guarantee the regular confirmation of the services, as well as to issue the required policies and airline tickets, Earth must be in possession of the specific references indicated in the passenger's passport, by sending the scan of the passport itself.

### **Electronic ticket**

For the booking procedures it is essential to know the data indicated on the passenger's passport. The details of the reservation will be printed on plain paper and sent to the passenger with the travel documents, or by e-mail, fax or ordinary mail.

By indicating your name and surname and the destination of the flight to the check-in desk staff of the chosen company, with your passport, you will be given your boarding pass.

### **European Digital Passenger Locator Form (PLF)**

Starting from 23 March 2021, all passengers wishing to enter Italy through "Covid-tested" flights will be required to fill in the PLF, before entering the national territory, following the instructions on the website [www.euplf.eu](http://www.euplf.eu).

### **Travel documents**

ITALY To travel within national borders it is mandatory to have a valid identity document with you.

For further information and for citizens of nationalities other than Italian, we recommend that you consult the website [www.viaggiasesicuri.it](http://www.viaggiasesicuri.it) or your consulate.

It is also always advisable to carry a valid health card with you.

### **Sanitary dispositions and useful information**

[www.earthviaggi.it](http://www.earthviaggi.it)

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### **Mandatory communication pursuant to article 17 of law 38/2006**

Italian law punishes crimes relating to prostitution and child pornography with imprisonment, even if committed abroad.