

Via Francigena San Quirico d'Orcia to Montefiascone



From San Quirico to Montefiascone

San Quirico is difficult to reach as it has no railway station. The nearest train station is Buonconvento, then there is a bus (few!). On request we can arrange for a private transfer. The Val d'Orcia, a UNESCO protected landscape, is the scenery of this 7th week. A scenery like the ones represented on the Tuscany calendars: soft hills crested by ancient brick farmhouses at the end of cypress-lined, winding roads. It is a week with several long days. We picked an older version of the route to be able to include the visit of St Antimo abbey, one of the loveliest and important abbeys. At your hotel you will find all the material you need for your trip: hotel vouchers, the detailed description of the walking, the GPS maps and the Pilgrim's "Credenziale". phone assistance

Tour highlights: La Collegiata in San Quirico - St Antimo Abbey - Rocca d'Orcia hamlet - Acquapendente Crypte - the Bolsena lake

Level: Easy to Moderate - **Total Mileage:** 143km - **Daily Average:** 24km - **Duration:** 8 Days – 7 Nights

Day by day walking program

SAN QUIRICO

Day 1 – Arrival in San Quirico d’Orcia

You can reach Buonconvento by half an hour train from Siena; then a local bus will take you to San Quirico, though you may have to wait. (we can arrange for private transfer). At your hotel, a package will be waiting for you containing all the material you need for the week: The credential – The hotels and meals vouchers – the detailed road books and GPS.

SANT’ANTIMO

Day 2 – San Quirico – Sant’ Antimo - Distance 14 km - Walking time: 4h

Because St Antimo abbey is one of the most beautiful places in Tuscany, we decided to chose an older version of the Francigena that doesn’t bypass it. The route from San Quirico is entirely unpaved and partly on trails. It offers beautiful views of the Ripa d’Orcia castle and of the Orcia gorge. The last stretch climbs steadily among the Brunello vineyards.

ROCCA D’ORCIA

Day 3 – Sant’ Antimo – Rocca d’ Orcia – Distance:19km - Walking time:5h00

There are trails which climb to the ridge overlooking the Orcia valley however, depending on the season you may prefer the asphalt road as they are muddy and the “Crete” mud is a sticky clay. The view from the ridge is amazing and the small hamlet where you spend the night is charming.

RADICOFANI

Day 4 – Rocca d’ Orcia – Radicofani – Distance: 28km - Walking time:6h30

You cannot avoid the last 9km climb to Radicofani, partly on tarmac, one of the most important stops on the Francigena. In the shade of its imposing fortress it offers one of the most powerful landscapes of the whole route. You will spend the night in a nice Agriturismo a few km before town.

PROCENO

Day 5 – Radicofani – Proceno – Distance: 25km - Walking time: 5h30

Partly unpaved to Ponte a Rigo(one of the most scenic route of the whole Francigena) partly paved on secondary roads and beautiful landscape. This high road overlooking the Cassia was the official way before the 16th century when the Bridge over the Paglia river was built. Convince the lady of the house to give you a tour of Proceno castle.

BOLSENA

Day 6 – Proceno – Bolsena – Distance : 29,7km - Walking time: 6h3

The main interest is the scenery once you come in view of the lake. Stop to visit the Basilica del Santo Sepolcro, the St Christina church in Bolsena built in memory of the miracle that is at the origin of the catholic celebration of “Corpus Domini”.

If you think the day is too long you may skip the first 6 km to Acquapendente, going with the luggage transfer. The crypt of the cathedral is interesting.

MONTEFIASCONE

Day 7 – Bolsena – Montefiascone – Distance 17km - Walking time:4h0

A short day along a route that offers nice views of the lake from the surrounding hills. Montefiascone is a charming town. Either on the way in or the way out pay a visit to St Flaviano Church which offers a peculiar façade and beautiful frescoes inside.

YOURS DEPARTURE

Day 8 – End of our services

Some of our accommodations



San Quirico



Rocca d'Orcia



Proceno



Radicofani



Bolsena



Montefiascone