

ANTICA GRANCIA HISTORIC RESIDENCE · SERRE DI RAPOLANO

From La Grancia to Tuscany

10 tours from half a day to a full day in the Crete Senesi, the Val d'Orcia, the Val di Chiana, Siena and Chianti

FROM LA GRANCIA DELLE SERRE AND BACK



Ten tours from La Grancia, from half a day to a full day

Car tours through the Crete Senesi, the Val d'Orcia, the Val di Chiana, Siena and Chianti, starting and ending at La Grancia delle Serre, in the old town of Serre di Rapolano.

We put them together for our guests. You set off in the morning and are back in the early afternoon, with time left for the spas or a little rest.

Four areas

Crete Senesi

Asciano, Monte Oliveto Maggiore, Buonconvento, Murlo, Trequanda, Montisi, Castelmuzio, Petroio.

Val di Chiana

Lucignano, Montepulciano, Cortona and Passignano sul Trasimeno.

Val d'Orcia

Pienza, Monticchiello, San Quirico d'Orcia, Bagno Vignoni, Montalcino, Sant'Antimo.

Siena and Chianti

Siena, Monteriggioni, Castelnuovo Berardenga, Brolio, Gaiole, Meleto, Radda.

Three of these places are UNESCO World Heritage sites: the historic centre of Siena since 1995, the historic centre of Pienza since 1996 and the Val d'Orcia since 2004.

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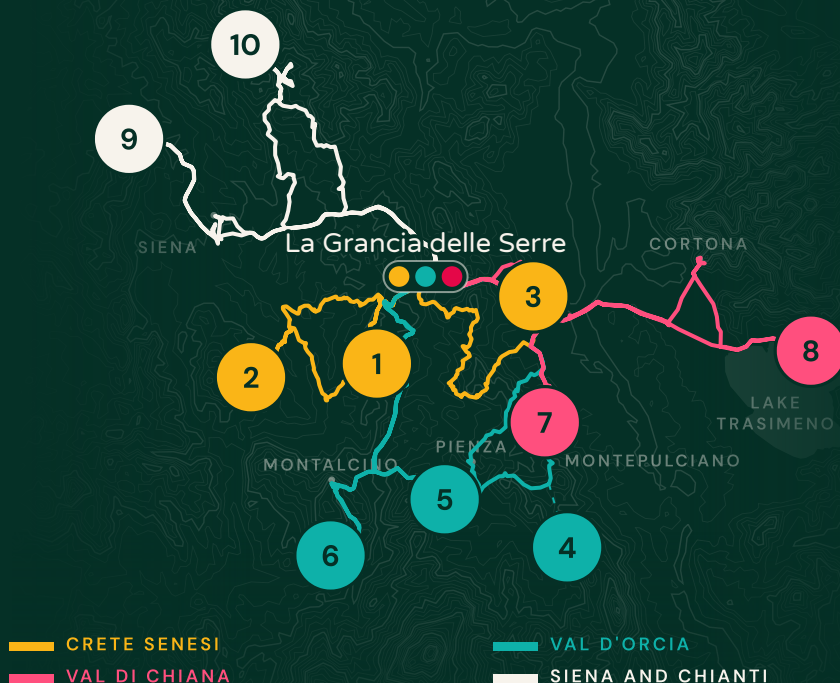
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The ten tours



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1 TOUR 1 • CRETE SENESI

The Crete Senesi and the Abbey of Monte Oliveto Maggiore

The tour closest to the Grancia, among the clay hills: Asciano, Chiusure and the Benedictine abbey of Monte Oliveto.

35

KM

1 h

OF DRIVING

3 h 15

THE WHOLE DAY

3

STOPS



WHERE TO STOP

The tour is short: you can be back at the Grancia by lunchtime, or treat yourselves to a coffee in Asciano on the way.

The day

● ● ● Leave the Grancia

10 min by car · 7.3 km



1 Asciano suggested stop about 45 min

VIA LAURETANA · STRADE BIANCHE: MONTE SANTE MARIE ABOUT 7 KM AWAY

15 min by car · 9.6 km



2 Chiusure suggested stop about 20 min

With a short detour you climb to this hamlet of Asciano, where you can look down over the Crete.

10 min by car · 2.1 km



3 Abbey of Monte Oliveto Maggiore suggested stop about 1 h 15

the frescoed great cloister · the abbey church

25 min by car · 16 km

● ● ● Back at the Grancia

On foot in Asciano

- Corso Matteotti
- Torre della Mencia
- Basilica of Sant'Agata

The old town is best explored on foot, with a stroll along Corso Matteotti. Here stands the Torre della Mencia, the civic tower, which still looks as it did in the 16th century. The Basilica of Sant'Agata, built from the 11th century onwards, is well worth a look too. Asciano is on the Via Lauretana: the route comes in from Vescona and continues to Serre di Rapolano, where the stage ends right at the Grancia.

Why choose it

The easiest way to get to know the landscape around the Grancia, with a medieval town and an abbey on the way. The stops are close together and there is little driving.



Stops, FAQ and the route in Google Maps
livinggrancia.it/en/surroundings/itineraries/crete-senesi-monte-oliveto-abbey/



2 TOUR 2 • CRETE SENESI

Buonconvento and Murlo

A walled village on the Via Francigena and, higher up among the woods, the Etruscans of Poggio Civitate.

77

KM

1 h 45

OF DRIVING

4 h 30

THE WHOLE DAY

3

STOPS



WHERE TO STOP

Before you get back on the road there is time for a coffee or a light lunch.

The day

● ● ● Leave the Grancia

35 min by car · 26 km



1 Buonconvento suggested stop about 1 h 15

VIA FRANCIGENA

20 min by car · 17 km



2 Vescovado di Murlo suggested stop about 20 min

A hamlet of Murlo, formed by joining two neighbouring medieval villages.

5 min by car · 1.4 km



3 Murlo and Poggio Civitate suggested stop about 45 min

the Antiquarium di Poggio Civitate · the village · the surrounding landscape

■ Break for a coffee or a light lunch about 30 min

45 min by car · 33 km

● ● ● Back at the Grancia

A grange along the way

A couple of kilometres from the route, at Monteroni d'Arbia, stands the Grancia di Cuna: one of the best-preserved fortified farms of the Santa Maria della Scala hospital in the Siena area.

On foot in Buonconvento

- Via Soccini
- Museum of Sacred Art
- Porta Senese
- Medieval and Renaissance buildings

It is one of the Borghi più belli d'Italia and a stop on the Via Francigena, between Ponte d'Arbia and San Quirico d'Orcia.

Why choose it

Two quiet villages away from the famous places: a stretch of the Via Francigena at Buonconvento and the Etruscan museum in Murlo.



Stops, FAQ and the route in Google Maps
livinggrancia.it/en/surroundings/itineraries/buonconvento-murlo/



3 TOUR 3 · CRETE SENESI

Trequanda and the nearby villages

Trequanda, Montisi, Castelmuzio and Petroio: four small villages between the Crete and the Val d'Orcia, to enjoy at an easy pace.

62
KM

1 h 30
OF DRIVING

4 h 45
THE WHOLE DAY

4
STOPS

La Grancia



WHERE TO STOP

The distances are short, so you will have time to stop for a few photos and, before heading back, for a light lunch or a tasting.

The day

● ● ● Leave the Grancia

25 min by car · 18 km



1 Trequanda suggested stop about 30 min
the castle · the church of Saints Peter and Andrew



10 min by car · 5.9 km

2 Montisi suggested stop about 40 min

GRANCIA OF MONTISI



10 min by car · 3.3 km

3 Castelmuzio suggested stop about 40 min

SANTA MARIA DELLA SCALA HOSPITAL

the square · the alleys · the walls · the viewpoint



10 min by car · 3.0 km

4 Petroio suggested stop about 40 min

the village · the terracotta workshops



Photo stop and light lunch about 45 min

35 min by car · 31 km

● ● ● Back at the Grancia

Granges along the way

Montisi and Castelmuzio belonged to the Santa Maria della Scala hospital of Siena, just like the Grancia of Serre where your tour starts.

What to see in Montisi

- The Grancia
- The Cassero
- The village lanes

A hamlet of Montalcino on a tuff hill looking out over the Crete.

Why choose it

Four small, quiet villages off the busier routes, and in Montisi a grange of the same hospital that owned the one in Serre.



Stops, FAQ and the route in Google Maps
livinggrancia.it/en/surroundings/itineraries/trequanda-nearby-villages/



4 TOUR 4 · VAL D'ORCIA

Pienza and Monticchiello

The ideal Renaissance town and the countryside of the Val d'Orcia, both UNESCO World Heritage.

96

KM

1 h 50

OF DRIVING

4 h 30

THE WHOLE DAY

2

STOPS

La Grancia



WHERE TO STOP

In Pienza you will find car parks just outside the centre, along Viale di Circonvallazione.

Before heading back you can stop for a coffee or a tasting. If you enjoy photography, we suggest giving the viewpoints a little more time and the table a little less.

The day

● ● ● Leave the Grancia

40 min by car · 39 km



1 Pienza suggested stop about 1 h 15

UNESCO, HISTORIC CENTRE SINCE 1996 · UNESCO, VAL D'ORCIA SINCE 2004

15 min by car · 10 km



2 Monticchiello suggested stop about 45 min

UNESCO, VAL D'ORCIA SINCE 2004

the parish church of Saints Leonard and Christopher · the village streets · the view over the valley



Break for a coffee or a tasting about 45 min

55 min by car · 46 km

● ● ● Back at the Grancia

A grange along the way

Near the route, on the provincial road SP 53, stands the castle of Spedaletto: a grange of the Santa Maria della Scala hospital, remodelled in the 15th century.

On foot in Pienza

- Piazza Pio II
- The cathedral (Duomo)
- Palazzo Piccolomini
- The viewpoint over the Val d'Orcia

Until the mid-15th century it was a village called Corsignano. Enea Silvio Piccolomini, born here in 1405 and later Pope Pius II, had it rebuilt by the architect Bernardo Rossellino as an ideal town: the square, the cathedral and his family's palace were designed together.

Why choose it

In Pienza the square, the cathedral and the Piccolomini palace are a few steps apart, and the viewpoint looks out over the Val d'Orcia. Monticchiello is small and quiet, a village to walk without hurrying.



Stops, FAQ and the route in Google Maps
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TOUR 5 • VAL D'ORCIA

San Quirico d'Orcia and Bagno Vignoni

The Via Francigena, a 16th-century garden and the square of thermal water at Bagno Vignoni.

85

KM

1 h 55

OF DRIVING

4 h 45

THE WHOLE DAY

3

STOPS

La Grancia



WHERE TO STOP

In San Quirico d'Orcia there is the public car park in Via dei Fossi, close to the centre.

Before heading back there is time for a coffee or an aperitif.

The day

● ● ● Leave the Grancia

45 min by car · 38 km



1 San Quirico d'Orcia suggested stop about 1 h

VIA FRANCIGENA · UNESCO, VAL D'ORCIA SINCE 2004

10 min by car · 5.3 km



2 Bagno Vignoni suggested stop about 45 min

UNESCO, VAL D'ORCIA SINCE 2004

the Piazza delle Sorgenti · the Parco dei Mulini below the village

10 min by car · 2.0 km



3 Vignoni Alto suggested stop about 20 min

A short detour of about 2 km takes you up to the village of Vignoni.



Break for a coffee or an aperitif about 45 min

50 min by car · 39 km

● ● ● Back at the Grancia

The Siena hospital in San Quirico

The town had a hospital for pilgrims on the Via Francigena run by the Santa Maria della Scala hospital, which owned the Grancia of Serre.

On foot in San Quirico d'Orcia

- The Collegiate Church
- The Horti Leonini
- The historic centre
- The Via Francigena

It was already a stop on the Via Francigena at the end of the 10th century, when Archbishop Sigeric of Canterbury noted it in his travel diary, and the route still crosses the town.

Why choose it

An unhurried tour with little walking. In Bagno Vignoni you can go down to the Parco dei Mulini, below the village.



Stops, FAQ and the route in Google Maps
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6 TOUR 6 · VAL D'ORCIA

Montalcino and the Abbey of Sant'Antimo

The land of Brunello and, among the vineyards, the Romanesque abbey of Sant'Antimo.

95
KM

2 h 05
OF DRIVING

4 h 45
THE WHOLE DAY

2
STOPS



WHERE TO STOP

If you would like a winery tasting, we suggest booking it in advance, so the tour stays within half a day.

The day

● ● ● Leave the Grancia

50 min by car · 38 km



1 Montalcino suggested stop about 1 h 30

BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO DOCG · UNESCO, VAL D'ORCIA SINCE 2004

15 min by car · 9.8 km



2 Abbey of Sant'Antimo suggested stop about 45 min

the abbey church · the surrounding countryside



Tasting, only if booked about 30 min

1 h by car · 47 km

● ● ● Back at the Grancia

On foot in Montalcino

- Piazza del Popolo
- Palazzo dei Priori
- The Rocca
- The historic centre
- The viewpoint

At the top of the town rises the Rocca, the fortress built by the Sienese from 1361. On Piazza del Popolo stands the Palazzo dei Priori, the old town hall, built with its tower between the late 13th and early 14th century. Brunello di Montalcino is made only within the municipality: it has been a DOC since 1966 and a DOCG since 1980, among the first in Italy. Montalcino is one of the five municipalities of the Val d'Orcia park, the landscape that has been UNESCO World Heritage since 2004.

Why choose it

Montalcino, with its Rocca and its Brunello, and then Sant'Antimo, a Romanesque abbey among the vineyards.



Stops, FAQ and the route in Google Maps
livinggrancia.it/en/surroundings/itineraries/montalcino-sant-antimo/



7 TOUR 7 · VAL DI CHIANA

Montepulciano and the Val di Chiana

Lucignano, the village shaped like an ellipse, and Piazza Grande in Montepulciano, the town of Vino Nobile.

77

KM

1 h 35

OF DRIVING

4 h 30

THE WHOLE DAY

2

STOPS

La Grancia



1

2

WHERE TO STOP

Around the old town of Montepulciano you will find numbered car parks.

Late in the morning there is time for a tasting or a light lunch before you head back.

The day

● ● ● Leave the Grancia

20 min by car · 16 km



1 Lucignano suggested stop about 45 min

the historic centre · Piazza del Tribunale · the Civic Museum · the Collegiate Church

35 min by car · 27 km



2 Montepulciano suggested stop about 1 h 30

VINO NOBILE DI MONTEPULCIANO DOCG



Tasting or light lunch about 45 min

40 min by car · 35 km

● ● ● Back at the Grancia

On foot in Montepulciano

- Piazza Grande
- The Palazzo Comunale
- The cathedral (Duomo)
- Via Ricci
- Views over the Val di Chiana

Piazza Grande is the main square and the highest point of the town. The Palazzo Comunale was completed in 1440, with a façade attributed to Michelozzo; the cathedral faces it. Via Ricci runs down from the centre between palaces, and from the walls the view opens over the Val di Chiana. Vino Nobile di Montepulciano has been a DOCG red since 1980.

Why choose it

Two very different old towns in one morning: Lucignano, gathered inside its elliptical walls, and Montepulciano, the Renaissance hill town of Vino Nobile.



Stops, FAQ and the route in Google Maps
livinggrancia.it/en/surroundings/itineraries/montepulciano-val-di-chiana/



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TOUR 8 · VAL DI CHIANA

Cortona and Lake Trasimeno

An Etruscan hill town and, just across the border in Umbria, the shores of Lake Trasimeno.

115

KM

1 h 50

OF DRIVING

4 h 45

THE WHOLE DAY

2

STOPS

La Grancia



1

2

WHERE TO STOP

In Cortona you can leave the car in the car park in Piazza Mazzini.

Before leaving Passignano, we suggest a coffee or a light lunch near the lake.

The day

● ● ● Leave the Grancia

40 min by car · 42 km



1 Cortona suggested stop about 1 h 30

VIA LAURETANA, END



30 min by car · 22 km

2 Passignano sul Trasimeno suggested stop about 1 h

the old village inside the walls · the Rocca and the Boat Museum · the lakefront



Break for a coffee or a light lunch about 30 min

40 min by car · 51 km

● ● ● Back at the Grancia

The songs of Franco Migliacci

Cortona, home of lyricist Franco Migliacci's family, is the «village on the hill» of «Che sarà» (Sanremo 1971), and the «rotonda sul mare» of Fred Bongusto's 1964 hit is in fact the terrace of the Hotel Lidò in Passignano, which inspired Migliacci.

On foot in Cortona

- Piazza della Repubblica
- The Palazzo Comunale
- Via Nazionale
- Piazza Signorelli
- The Basilica of Santa Margherita
- The viewpoint over the Val di Chiana

It was one of the twelve cities of the Etruscan league. The Palazzo Comunale looks onto Piazza della Repubblica. Via Nazionale, almost level and easy on foot, leads to Piazza Signorelli. Higher up is the Basilica of Santa Margherita.

Why choose it

Cortona, the Etruscan hill town, and then a pause on the shore of Trasimeno, the largest lake in peninsular Italy.



Stops, FAQ and the route in Google Maps
livinggrancia.it/en/surroundings/itineraries/cortona-lake-trasimeno/



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TOUR 9 · SIENA AND CHIANTI

Siena and Monteriggioni

Piazza del Campo, the cathedral, the hospital that owned the Grancia and the walls of Monteriggioni.

108

KM

1 h 40

OF DRIVING

4 h 30

THE WHOLE DAY

2

STOPS

2

1

La Grancia



WHERE TO STOP

In Siena, traffic and parking take longer than on the other tours: we suggest setting off early.

The day

● ● ● Leave the Grancia

30 min by car · 33 km



1 Siena suggested stop about 2 h

UNESCO, HISTORIC CENTRE SINCE 1995 · VIA FRANCIGENA · SANTA MARIA DELLA SCALA HOSPITAL

GRANCIA

25 min by car · 22 km



2 Monteriggioni suggested stop about 45 min

VIA FRANCIGENA

the town walls · the square

GRANCIA

45 min by car · 52 km

● ● ● Back at the Grancia

The hospital and its granges

Santa Maria della Scala organised its farmland in fortified farms, the grance: the Grancia of Serre was one of them.

On foot in Siena

- Piazza del Campo
- The Palazzo Pubblico
- The Torre del Mangia
- Via di Città
- The cathedral (Duomo)
- Santa Maria della Scala

The historic centre has been a UNESCO World Heritage site since 1995. Shell-shaped Piazza del Campo hosts the Palio twice a year; on the square stands the Palazzo Pubblico with the Torre del Mangia, about 88 metres high, built between 1338 and 1348.

Why choose it

Siena in one morning, with the Campo, the cathedral and Santa Maria della Scala, the hospital that owned the house you are staying in.



Stops, FAQ and the route in Google Maps
livinggrancia.it/en/surroundings/itineraries/siena-monteriggioni/



10 TOUR 10 · SIENA AND CHIANTI

Castelnuovo Berardenga and the castles of Chianti

The Chianti Classico closest to the Grancia: a fortified Sienese village, two castles among the vineyards, Gaiole and Radda.

109

KM

2 h 25

OF DRIVING

5 h

THE WHOLE DAY

5

STOPS



WHERE TO STOP

Brolio and Meleto charge for visits and keep their own hours: we suggest checking them before you go and, for Meleto, booking the guided tour.

It is the tour with the most driving, all on hill roads.

The day

● ● ● Leave the Grancia

20 min by car · 20 km



1 Castelnuovo Berardenga suggested stop about 25 min

CHIANTI CLASSICO DOCG

the historic centre · the Propositura of Saints Justus and Clement · Villa Chigi Saracini

25 min by car · 13 km



2 Brolio Castle suggested stop about 50 min

CHIANTI CLASSICO DOCG

20 min by car · 11 km



3 Gaiole in Chianti suggested stop about 25 min

CHIANTI CLASSICO DOCG · L'EROICA SINCE 1997

the village · the gravel roads of L'Eroica

10 min by car · 3.1 km



4 Castello di Meleto suggested stop about 15 min

CHIANTI CLASSICO DOCG

the castle · the 18th-century theatre, on the guided tour

15 min by car · 10 km



5 Radda in Chianti suggested stop about 40 min

CHIANTI CLASSICO DOCG

the Palazzo del Podestà · the walls · the historic centre

55 min by car · 53 km

● ● ● Back at the Grancia

What to see in Brolio Castle

- The gardens
- The Ricasoli Collection
- The view over the vineyards

Why choose it

Brolio and Meleto, two castles among the Chianti Classico vineyards. If you travel by bike, you will find the gravel roads of L'Eroica in Gaiole.



Stops, FAQ and the route in Google Maps
livingrancia.it/en/surroundings/itineraries/castelnuovo-berardenga-chianti-castles/



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Stay at the Grancia

Four Junior Suites from 55 to 75 m² in the old town of Serre di Rapolano, overlooking the Crete Senesi. Set off in the morning and come back to your own room in the evening, with no need to repack.

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