

Montalcino and Orcia Valley Ride



Five-Day Horseback Tour (6 nights)
an Architectonic, Cultural-Historical,
Landscape and Wellness tour with
Gourmet Experience

Day 1 (Sunday): Montalcino - Arrival at the chosen accommodation according to your requests. Welcome dinner.

Day 2 (Monday): *Montalcino - Colle Montosoli - Badia Ardenga - Castiglion del Bosco - Montalcino*

We ride through the historic medieval town of [Montalcino](#) along its south defensive walls. After crossing the town we go down for a scenic road riding among vineyards and typical farmhouses as far as the hill of Montosoli. Then we ride among the rolling hills along the [Via Francigena](#), the ancient pilgrim road, and we arrive at the ancient Abbey of Ardenga where we stop for a picnic. In the afternoon we continue our ride on a white country road to Castiglion del Bosco until we reach Montalcino along a silent trail through woods of Mediterranean bush. (Ride: 2 hours with different pace in the morning, as well in the afternoon)

Day 3 (Tuesday): *Montalcino - Villa Tolli - Sant'Antimo - Castelnuovo dell'Abate - Bagno Vignoni*

From Montalcino we continue our ride heading South across vineyards and hamlets, then we ride up a path through a woodlands leading us near the hamlet of Villa a Tolli. Following the road we go down riding among the woods until we arrive at the Romanesque [Abbey of Sant'Antimo](#), one of the most beautiful and impressive Abbey in Italy. After a break to visit the Abbey we reach the area for our picnic. In the afternoon we ride up among vineyards and wineries and we arrive on the opposite side of the surrounded beautiful hills where following a path in the Mediterranean bush we arrive at Rocca di Ripa d'Orcia (a rare example of a perfectly preserved medieval fortified settlement). We continue and riding down across woodlands until the Orcia river. We continue riding along the banks of the river and after few kilometres we reach the picturesque village of [Bagno Vignoni](#) where you can regenerate and pamper yourself in the Wellness Area of your hotel choosing from thermal pool, hydro-massage, Finnish and bio-saline sauna and Turkish bath and have massages if requested. (Ride: 2 hours with different pace in the morning, and 3 hours in the afternoon)

Day 4 (Wednesday): Bagno Vignoni - Rocca d'Orcia - Val d'Orcia and Orcia River - Bagno Vignoni

From Bagno Vignoni, along a white road, we reach the village of Rocca d'Orcia (an enchanted village at the foot of the Rock where we can enjoy an extraordinary view over the beautiful landscape). In the afternoon we go down on the opposite side entering in the Orcia Valley until we reach the Orcia River. We ride across fields and rolling hills among farms and classic evergreen cypresses of Val d'Orcia, through one of the most typical and well-known landscape of Tuscany until we return to the magical atmosphere of Bagno Vignoni, where relax and regenerate yourself in the vapours of its warm beneficial waters. (Ride: 2 hours of walk and trot in the morning and 2 hours with different pace in the afternoon)

Day 5 (Thursday): Bagno Vignoni - Vignoni - San Quirico - Montalcino

We start our ride from Bagno Vignoni to Vignoni, the medieval village prior to the current Bagno Vignoni. Following the Via Francigena we ride to [San Quirico d'Orcia](#) where we stop and visit its architectural treasures (the Romanesque Cathedral and the Horti Leonini, an example of Italian garden from the XVI Century). We continue our itinerary to Montalcino. After a picnic in the fields in the afternoon we ride up towards Montalcino, crossing wineries and woodlands, where we arrive in the evening. (Ride: 2 hours with different pace in the morning, and 2/3 hours in the afternoon)

Day 6 (Friday): Montalcino - Tavernelle - Camigliano - Argiano - S. Angelo Scalo

We leave Montalcino and we continue our ride heading South going down among woods and vineyards. We ride in an amazing and typical landscape nearby to the village of Tavernelle and then to Camigliano. Riding in front of the beautiful estate of Argiano we arrive to Sant'Angelo where we stop for our picnic. In the afternoon we continue our ride along vineyards and paths leading down to the valley and the slopes of Mount Amiata, an extinct volcano, until we reach after a last ride S. Angelo Scalo where the tour ends. (Ride: 2 hours with different pace in the morning, as well in the afternoon)

Day 7 (Saturday): Montalcino - Breakfast, departure and see you soon...

Price for rider: 2.307 €

Single supplement: 237 €

Rates include:

- 5 day riding tour
- 6 nights at 3 or 4 stars Hotels with breakfast (4 nights at Montalcino and 2 nights at Bagno Vignoni)
- Wellness Area with thermal pool, hydro-massage, Finnish and bio-saline sauna and Turkish bath at Bagno Vignoni
- 5 dinner in Hotel or Restaurant: four course meals including home wine and mineral water
- 5 outdoor picnics and tastings of local products. Assistance provided by another guide with vehicle for luggages transport
- Transfer for riders at the end of the Tour from S. Angelo Scalo to Montalcino

Rates exclude:

- Last dinner on Friday evening in Montalcino
- Transfer to and from airport
- What is not included in rates include

- we will give you the detailed info and photos of accommodation, restaurant and wineries at the moment of the request

- EXTRA PRICES FOR TRASFER from the airports and train stations to your accommodation

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Period: Spring and Autumn

Tacks: English and American

Riding ability: intermediate and experienced riders

Ride: 4/5 hours' riding per day

Groups: between 4 and 10 riders

Minimum age: 18 years (12 years if experienced rider, accompanied by a tutor)

Accommodation: 3/4 stars Hotels

Compulsory equipment: riding hat. If possible, please bring your own; alternatively, we can lend you one.

Recommended clothing: riding trousers, shoes with half chaps or riding boots;

Horse guide: English and Spanish speaking.

Dates 2014

6th April to 12th

25th May to 31th

8th June to 14th

7th September to 13th

14th September to 20th

28th September to 4th

5th October to 11th