

Via Francigena from Lucca to Siena



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This travel plan provides a **day-by-day outline** of a sample trip, giving you a clear idea of what to expect. Keep in mind that this package can be fully **tailored** to your preferences. As a **2024 Traveler's Choice Award winner** on **TripAdvisor**, we're proud to be trusted by hundreds of travelers who praise our **seamless service**, expert **guidance**, and unforgettable **experiences**. Before you set off, take a moment to read some of their stories.



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LIZ F.



Walking the french camino is one of the best experiences of my life.

I was a bit anxious before starting my Camino walk but once I was into it , I had a brilliant time.

Follow the Camino planned my trip and everything went seamlessly , so all I had to do was concentrate on walking ! Il be back for sure.

LARA K.



Wonderful all round experience

Follow The Camino delivered on everything they promised with accomodation selection great and transfer of luggage seamless. The actual walk was wonderful and matched or exceeded my expectations. Wouldn't hesitate to use them again for my next Camino. Loved it!!!!

RANDY R.



Follow the Camino Frances

The Camino Frances was the best vacation experience I've ever had. Fitness, new friends, and fantastic country. Highly recommended.

GRETA O.



Follow the Camino with an eighty year old

Follow the Camino was excellent. Hotels included dinner and breakfast. Clean and good food. Luggage transfer seamless. Well done.

ITINERARY

 Stage 13 of 16

 131.2km

 8 days

 Comfort

 Easy

Starting from
€1043

Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec

Popular Time Good Time Off/Low Season Not Possible

Overall

Distance:

13.4 min | 21.9km average | 28.4 max

Ascent:

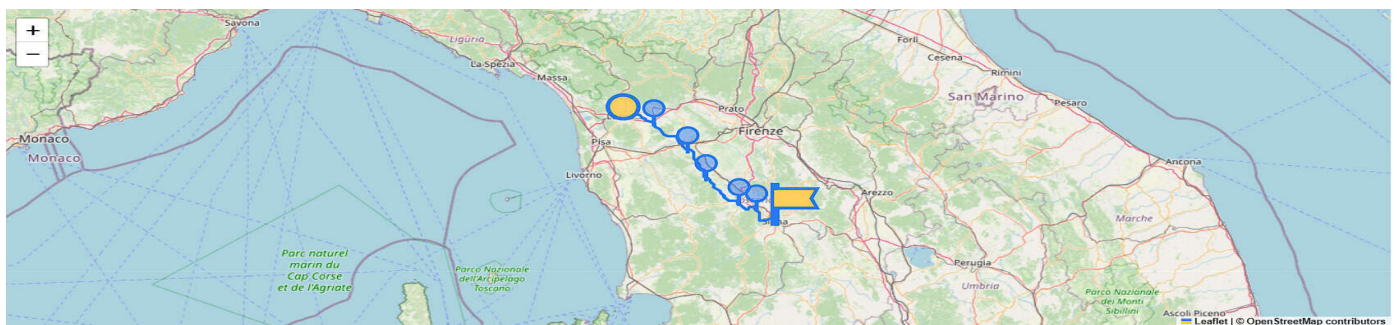
82.8 min | 446.5m average | 736.1 max

Cardio:

2 3 4

Stretching from Lucca to Siena, this portion of the Via Francigena takes you along roadsides, over various bridges, rolling hills, and numerous earth tracks. Throughout the entire walk, you will be surrounded by beautiful fields, lush woods and streams in the stunning Italian countryside. This is the quintessential essence of Tuscany in one walk.

Map



Services

Included in this package

- ✓ Bed & Breakfast
- ✓ Specially Hand-Picked Accommodation
- ✓ Our Holiday or Pilgrim Pack
- ✓ 24/7 On-Call Support
- ✓ Virtual Face-to-Face Pre-Departure Briefing

Add-On

- ⊕ Premium Accommodation
- ⊕ Airport Pick-Up
- ⊕ Additional Nights
- ⊕ Dinners
- ⊕ Luggage Transfers from Hotel to Hotel
- ⊕ Day Tours to Local Sites of Interest

Not included: Flights/trains, Insurance, Drinks/Lunch

Day
1
km

LUCCA

While in Lucca, try to see some of the main sights before starting your walk to Altopascio tomorrow: the Romanesque Church of San Michele in Foro, the Piazza Anfiteatro, or the museum Casa di Puccini. Or, just relax and sample some of the local food and wine.

Day
2
17.8 km

LUCCA -> ALTOPASCIO

Leaving for Altopascio, the walk is gentle, mainly along roads and some grass tracks. You will see beautiful churches on the roads and towns along the way, as well as the impressive Abbadia di Pozzeveri. Reaching Altopascio, have a rest and visit the Church of San Jacopo Maggiore. Also, enjoy a nice glass of wine or two in the city.

Day
3
28.4 km

ALTOPASCIO -> SAN MINIATO

Today's walk to San Miniato is a bit tougher as there is some hill-walking and it's a bit longer than yesterday's route. You do get to see the lovely Abbazia di San Salvatore along the way. After passing through Fucecchio, there's one of two routes to choose from to get to San Miniato. Once you've picked a route and have done a bit more walking along grassy tracks, you will enter San Miniato. Here, take a deserved breather and some pizza. If you like, you can also do some sightseeing. The fantastic Duomo dell' Assunta and San Genesio are the main sights. Also, the Torre della Rocca is a recommended sight as it has a surrounding view of the whole beautiful countryside. San Miniato is also famous for its white truffles!

Day
4
24.2 km

SAN MINIATO -> GAMBASSI TERME

The walk to Gambassi Terme today is as challenging as yesterday's route. The distance is similar and there are hills, gravel roads and grass tracks to traverse, but that just makes reaching Gambassi Terme that bit more satisfying. Walking through the lovely countryside is quite peaceful and will help you relax along the way. After passing by the Church of Santa Maria di Chianni, you will enter Gambassi Terme a short while later. Since you've had such a long walk today, a nice glass of wine or beer would be the order of the day! Feel free to visit the brilliant Church of Santi Jacopo and Stefano while in the town.

Day
5
27.2 km

GAMBASSI TERME -> COLLE DI VAL D'ELSA

After walking along the gravel roads and over hills, you will go through the town of San Gimignano. Quite a bit of walking will be done to get here, so stopping for a rest and a drink should definitely be part of the plan. The route is tough due to the hills, grass tracks, and gravel roads; however, it can certainly be done. Entering Colle di Val d'Elsa, you can relax, see some

sights where possible, and treat yourself to some wine and pizza. The Museo Civico and the Castello are two standout sights to see if you have the time.

Day

6

13.4 km

COLLE DI VAL D'ELSA -> MONTERIGGIONI

This is a much shorter walk than the previous three days, and you have two options to choose from to get to Monteriggioni. One option is picturesque, going by the Abbazia a Isola, and the other option is less scenic and follows minor roads. After following one of the routes, the path becomes a series of grass tracks and gravel tracks, eventually leading into the walled town of Monteriggioni. There is some sightseeing you can do - the splendid Church of Santa Maria Assunta from the 13th Century is there, as well as the Romanesque Church of San Lorenzo a Colle Ciupi. However, firstly relax and have a beer with some of the local food and rejuvenate after the day's walking.

Day

7

20.1 km

MONTERIGGIONI -> SIENA

The final push to Siena consists of walking through beautiful fields and by gorgeous olive trees. There is some hillwalking but it is not too strenuous. You will then have two routes to choose from: one route going along minor roads, by road traffic, and the other route is longer, quieter, and having more shade. After picking a route, it won't be too long before you reach your destination.

Day

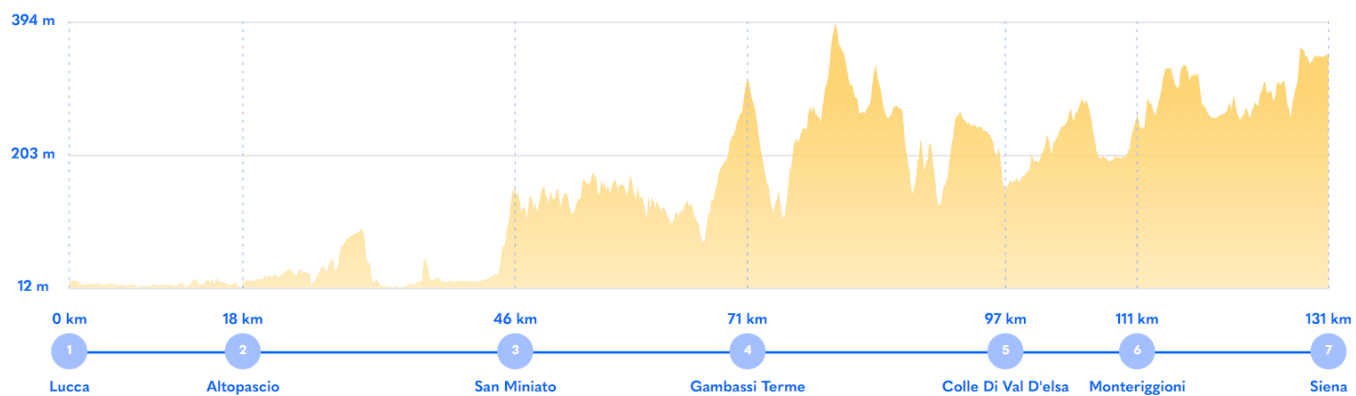
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km

SIENA

After breakfast we bid you farewell. Now that you're in Siena, check out the amazing sights that it has to offer. One of the main sights in Siena is the incredible black-and-white striped Duomo (Siena Cathedral) from the 12th Century. The Gothic Palazzo Pubblico and the standout Piazza del Campo are two other popular attractions worth visiting.

Elevation Chart



NOTES & QUESTIONS FOR MY CAMINO PLANNER

We know that planning your Camino is a personal journey, and we want to make sure everything is just right for you. Use this space to **jot down your thoughts, questions, and preferences**. Here are some ideas to discuss with your Camino planner:

- Are the daily distances suitable for me, or should I split them into shorter walking days?
- Where would you recommend taking a rest day?
- Would I like to add a tour or special experience along the way?
- Do I need transfers to and from the airport?
- Are there any accommodations I would like to upgrade?
- Would I like luggage transfers for lighter walking days?
- Are there any dietary preferences or special requests I should mention?

Feel free to write down any other thoughts or questions below:

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