



## Wine, villages and art: Siena, the Chianti Classico wine area and San Gimignano

Whenever you think about Tuscany, your imagination wanders among hills, **medieval towns and art cities, perfect landscape** for a vacation enriched by food and wine. This is exactly what you will experience on the tour.

The first stop is Siena, for a travel back in time in a city where not a single stone has changed during the centuries and that still mostly looks as it did in the 14th century, with unique, **coherent medieval architecture** that is one of the main reasons to visit this charming city. In only a few decades the striking City Hall and the famous Cathedral were constructed, as too was the Torre del Mangia, the breathtakingly beautiful Piazza del Campo was paved with travertine ribs to design the distinctive shell shape and where the city hosts the audacious horse race "Il Palio", a twice-yearly occurrence in which the city's neighbourhoods, known as contrade, compete.

We then continue driving through the Tuscan countryside to enter the **Chianti Classico land**, where food and wine reach one of the highest level of quality in the whole Italy. Enjoy the tasting of extra virgin olive oil, Vin Santo, Grappa and of course remarkable wines, with our expert guide and the local producers describing the wine making process and the secret recipe of this worldwide renowned wine, all within a countryside setting surrounded by typical Tuscan cuisine.

Following, the visit of San Gimignano, declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1990 as is **one of the small pearls of the Chianti area**. San Gimignano is a small fortified city halfway between Florence and Siena, is famous for its architecture and for its beautiful medieval towers that make the city profile truly



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unique. In the most prosperous period, the wealthy families of San Gimignano came to build 72 towers as a symbol of their well-being and power. Of these, 14 remain today which contribute to making the town atmosphere even more fascinating and to deserve the nickname of “The Manhattan of the Middle Ages”.

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