

HEAR **THE** ROAD

MOTORCYCLE TOURS ITALY

MAGICAL ITALY

A dedicated tour for the readers of Women Riders Now

Map Overview



Day 1 Arrival day

Arrival in Rome (preferably by 12.00 noon).

After having collected your luggage a private van will take you to your hotel in Rome.

Here you will find Enrico waiting for you to give you a warm Italian welcome. The first afternoon you are free to explore the city by yourselves. In the evening we will get together for a welcome dinner. During dinner we will provide you with a general briefing of the trip and give you your complimentary travel pack (includes a detailed road book, map of Central Italy, the “wordless” travel book, courtesy mobile phone with 10 euros of credit, and Hear the Road T-shirt). Above all this will be a good opportunity for getting to know each other. Overnight in Rome.



Welcome dinner in Rome



Rome by night

Day 2 Rome to Viterbo - 77 miles

After your first Italian breakfast we will go to collect the bikes. Before lunch we will discover Rome while riding our bikes: the Colosseum, San Peter's, Castel Sant'Angelo and other beautiful monuments of the Eternal City that will fill your eyes with wonder!

We will stop for a light lunch in a typical Roman Trattoria and then we are ready to start our trip along the scenic roads of Magical Italy.

We leave town heading North on the Strada Statale Cassia and at the Settevene exit we turn left, continuing on the road along the shores of Lake Bracciano. At Bracciano we visit Castle Odescalschi, a celebrated example of military and civil architecture. After the visit to the Castle we follow North towards Viterbo riding again on the Strada Statale Cassia. We are in the heart of the Tuscia area, once inhabited by the pre-roman population known as the Etruscans. This is also one of Italy's biggest hazelnut-grove areas, the small nut that Ferrero magically transforms into the famous Nutella spread. With the sunset on our right we reach Viterbo where we will spend the night. Overnight in Viterbo.



A short ride round Rome before starting the trip



The Odescalschi Castle in
Bracciano

Day 3 Viterbo to Siena - 149 miles

Today will be a beautiful day: plenty of windy roads for riding and magnificent small towns to visit. We leave Viterbo heading North on the coastline road of Lake Bolsena. Our first stop is Civita di Bagnoregio known as "il paese che muore" (the dying town), perched atop a plateau of friable volcanic tuff, overlooking the River Tiber valley. After the visit of Civita we get back on the bikes and we reach Acquapendente where we stop for a lunch at Albergo Toscana still owned by "Nonna" (Grandma) Alinda and her husband. After lunch we head North towards Siena. There are 3 wonderful places that we can't miss before reaching Siena: Radicofani with its famous Castle that overlooks and dominates the Val D'Orcia; Pienza, a unique example of the Renaissance period; Montalcino, the birthplace of one of the most famous and expensive wines in the world: the Brunello di Montalcino. Back on our bikes, we go North to Buonconvento heading towards the final lap of this fantastic day: Siena. Overnight in Siena.



On the way to Siena



The beautiful village of Civita di Bagnoregio

Day 4 Siena to Siena (a day at the beach) -155 miles

Today we will combine a little relaxation with some riding. We will spend the day at the sea, on the beach of the beautiful inlet of Baratti to do what any typical Italian does: spread towels out on the beach, sunbathe and swim in the warm water! The hotel will provide us with a fantastic Italian picnic. On the way we will visit the Abbey of San Galgano, home of our very own "sword in the rock", and on our return, heading back towards Siena, we travel along roads that wind through the woods of central Tuscany. Before reaching Siena we stop to visit Monteriggioni, a Medieval walled town, located on a natural hillock. After having seen Monteriggioni we head back to Siena to our well-deserved dinner! Overnight in Siena.



A day at the beach



A windy road going towards the beach



The magnificent Abbey of San Galgano



Back to Siena...
a superb glass of wine before dinner

Day 5 Rest day

You can visit Siena on your own. Here are just some little suggestions: First stop is Piazza del Campo, or – as the Italian simply call it: “Il Campo”, where the famous Palio horse-race is held. The town is a trophy of Medieval Art, the most prolific period of Siena. The square has the shape of an amphitheatre, looking at the Publico Palace, a masterpiece of Civil Gothic architecture. The square is on a gentle slope, climbing gently towards the Fonte Gaia, by Jacopo della Quercia. Above the building you’ll see the Mangia Tower, antagonist of the nearby Cathedral. The civic centre is only a few steps away from the religious part of Siena, where you can admire the gothic lines that merge with the Medieval architecture of the Duomo dell’Assunta, one of the most beautiful buildings of this period. Around the Cathedral there are several beautiful buildings: the Palazzo Arcivescovile, the Spedale di Santa Maria della Scala (now the National Archaeological Museum) the Palazzo del Governatore, the Opera Metropolitana Museum and the 14th century Palazzo Piccolomini, also known as Palazzo delle Papesse. And between a church and a historic building you will be able to do some wonderful shopping. But, for those who prefer riding today as well, they can take their bike and go for a ride. We don’t want you to lose the habit! We meet together for dinner under the Tuscany sky. Of course Enrico is always at your disposal for any kind of request. Overnight in Siena.



Piazza del Campo in Siena...priceless!



Shopping, shopping, shopping...

Day 6 Siena to Orvieto - 288 miles

Are you ready to be blown away by the roads of Tuscany and Umbria: spectacular landscapes, art, first-class food and wine? In the first part of the morning we head North riding on roads that are a true paradise for bikers: wide bends, straight stretches of asphalt, incredible landscapes, miles of vineyards and dozens of stately Villas. First stop is San Gimignano – known as “la città delle torri”. (the city of towers) After the visit to San Gimignano we get back on the bikes and we challenge the beautiful roads of the Chianti, first heading North to Greve in Chianti and then South towards the Umbria region. Greve is Giovanni da Verrazzano’s birthplace – the famous Italian explorer who first sailed into New York Bay, where today thousands of people cross the bridge dedicated to him. But on the square of Greve in Chianti there is not only the statue of Giovanni, there is also the great Antica Macelleria Falorni that prepares different kinds of “salumi” (prosciutto, salami, capicollo etc.etc.), which of course we will enjoy for lunch! After lunch we get back on the saddle continuing South towards the Crete Senesi, and then we enter Umbria and traveling along the twisty strada Umbro-Casentinese we reach Orvieto. Overnight in Orvieto.



Riding along the roads of “Green Umbria”



Orvieto: the Cathedral

Day 7 Orvieto to Norcia - 140 miles

In the morning we spend a couple of hours visiting Orvieto, especially its famous Duomo. After the visit to Orvieto we ride on the exiting Strada Provinciale 79 a famous stretch of road called, by the local bikers, "La Strada delle Mille Curve" (the road of 1000 curves): 10 kilometres of infinite curves, a real roller-coaster for true bikers! Then we go towards Todi where we will stop for lunch. After lunch we saddle up again for a fantastic plunge in the Monte Sibillini National Park. This is another memorable moment of riding. From Norcia a 28 kilometre climb up towards Castelluccio, famous for its huge and colorful plane, and then down towards Visso and back to Norcia. A stunning loop to ride along with ease, throttle, eyes and heart wide open...

Dinner and night in Norcia, famous for its local Umbrian cuisine especially the local truffle. Overnight in Norcia.



Unexpected encounters



The colourful plane of Castelluccio



Ancient traditions are still alive

Day 8 Norcia to Rome - 207 miles

We leave Norcia heading South toward Amatrice, the birthplace of Pasta Amatriciana, and then we go towards Lake Campotosto. A short stop for a cup of coffee on the lake, and then off again on the slopes of the Capannelle Pass. At the Capannelle Pass we turn left and we enter the Gran Sasso and Monti della Laga National Park, riding on the road of Campo Imperatore, known as Italy's "Little Tibet". Here the views are stunning: virgin forests and alpine meadows, curves and bends and long stretches of straight roads. In the background the beautiful peaks of the Gran Sasso and the Corno Grande Mountain (2012 metres high).

At lunch time we stop at one of the many local restaurants for a grilled meat feast. Back on the bikes we reach Castel del Monte, L'Aquila and Antrodoto where we join the Strada Statale Salaria, our last, beautiful road that brings us to Rome where we return the bikes. A quick shower and then we all go together for dinner to celebrate this wonderful Italian experience.



The stunning road of Campo Imperatore, a real paradise for passionate bikers



Last night in Rome

Day 9 Departure day

Time to say good bye, collect the souvenirs and cameras and pack the bags. After breakfast, guests will be transferred to the airport.

Suggestions for lunch

Acquapendente (day 3)	<u>Trattoria Dall'Andina</u> , still owned by Nonna Aldina and Nonno Mondo ((Grandma and Grandpa)
Greve del Chianti (day 6)	<u>Antica Macelleria Falorni</u> famous for its homemade "salumi" to enjoy sitting in the main square of the village
Todi (day 7)	<u>Ristorante Umbria</u> with a beautiful terrace facing the breathtaking view of the Martani Mountain

Suggestions for dinner

Welcome dinner in Rome	<u>Trattoria da Lilli</u>
Viterbo	Fantastic Italian BBQ's night by Villa la Cerretana's swimming pool
Siena	<u>Osteria Bigelli</u> , <u>Osteria La Chiacchiera</u>
Norcia	<u>Ristorante Vespasia</u>
Farewell dinner in Rome	<u>Pizzeria da Baffetto</u>

Suggested hotels

Rome	<u>Hotel Locarno</u>
Viterbo	<u>Villa La Cerretana</u>
Siena	<u>Hotel Garden</u>
Norcia	<u>Palazzo Seneca</u>

PRICES

Motorcycle Model	COUPLE IN DOUBLE (ONE BIKE)	SOLO RIDER SHARED ROOM	SOLO RIDER IN SINGLE ROOM
GUZZIV7 - BMWF700GS - BMWF800R	€ 4.840	€ 3.050	€ 3.500
BMW F800 GS - DUCATI HYPERSTRADA	€ 4.920	€ 3.150	€ 3.600
BMW R1200 GS - BMW R1200 RT	€ 5.000	€ 3.250	€ 3.700
BMW K1600 GTL - HONDA GOLDWING	€ 5.120	€ 3.350	€ 3.800

- For rented bikes a deposit between € 2.500 and € 3.500 is requested, depending on the chosen model
- All bikes include unlimited milage and are equipped with top case and 2 panniers, lock alarm, a tubless puncture repair kit

Available Extras

- GPS: € 10,00 per day
- Tank bag: € 2,00 per day
- Modular helmet: € 5,00 per day
- Technical jacket: € 5,00 per day

What is included:

- motorcycle rental with side cases, top case, locks and alarm, plus tubeless puncture repair kit. (For rented bikes a deposit between € 2.500 and € 3.500 is requested, depending on the chosen model)
- the bike rental prices include costs for public-liability insurance and insurance for any road assistance in case of break-down. Extra insurance for the bikes can be added on.
- welcome and farewell dinners in Rome plus 2 dinners that we are glad to offer during the trip
- accomodation: 2 nights including breakfast in 3 or 4-star hotels in Rome, and 6 nights including breakfast in 3 or 4-star hotels in the towns where we will stop during the tour.
- transfer from and to the airport
- tour leader.
- courtesy van to pick up and leave the bikes.
- support van driven by Enrico's assistant. The van will be carrying a tool-kit for small repairs. You'll be able to leave your cases (1 suitcase + 1 handbag per person) in the van, as well as any souvenirs you pick up along the way. The van also has a couple of seats that passengers might like to use if they feel they need a little rest from the bikes!
- a detailed Road-book with all the information you'll need; a map of Central Italy; the "Wordless Travel Book", a courtesy mobile phone with 10 euros of credit and a Hear the Road T-shirt.
- insurance for any accident that may occur while you are off the bike.

What is not included:

- subscription fee (20 euros)
- fuel for your motorcycle.
- tolls on motorways.
- entrance fees to museums or other sites.
- gratuities and tips.
- all meals except for the welcome and farewell dinners, and for other 2 dinners that will provide by the organisation
- flights to and from Rome.

Terms of payment:

Booking fee *(to be paid by bank wire)*

- Couple in double room euro 540 (subscription fee: 40 euro, plus booking fee 500 euro) on reserving a place on the tour.
- Solo rider in shared room euro 370 (subscription fee: 20 euro, plus booking fee 350 euro) on reserving a place on the tour.
- Solo rider in single room euro 400 (subscription fee: 20 euro, plus booking fee 380 euro) on reserving a place on the tour.

(The booking fee is totally refundable in case we don't reach the minimum number of participants).

Balance *(to be paid by bank wire)*

- 20 days before the starting date when you get confirmation from MACEDONIA TOUR.

In case of cancellation:

If you decide to cancel the tour for whatever reason that does not depend on MACEDONIA TOUR, these are the penalties that will incur:

- up to 21 days prior to starting date you lose the whole booking fee, plus subscription fee (20 euros)
- between 20 and 10 days prior to the starting date you lose 50%.
- 9 days prior to starting date you lose 100% of the fee.