

### THE PERMANENT ROUTE OF L'EROICA IN 5 STAGES

The Permanent Route of L'Eroica is a unique experience where you can live the adventure of L'Eroica all year round. The permanent route is long 209 km in the heart of the Terre di Siena region, through Chianti, Crete Senesi and Val



d'Orcia. It's a journey into the essence of the legendary Tuscan landscape, characterized by challenging and technical segments that make this route a great opportunity to practice cycling. The route alternates paved and gravel roads and has a total elevation gain around 3800 meters. Gravel roads cover approximately 112 km on 209 km. The length of each stage is between 40 and 60 km, for this reason you can enjoy the landscapes, visit town along the route or taste local products like wine and olive oil.

The Eroica route in 5 stages will bring you also to the Val d'Orcia region, UNESCO World Heritage Site.

### **ITINERARY**

## Day 1 - "Benvenuti in Toscana"

Individual arrivals in Siena, meet and greet with our staff, dinner on your own and accommodation in hotel 3 stars located close the city center. Hotel 4 stars available on request with extra price.

HOTEL	INCLUDED MEALS
Hotel ☆☆☆	Breakfast

# Day 2 - Val d'Arbia and Montalcino

# 55 km – elevation gain: 1130 meters

Just leaving the city of Siena you'll ride through a very typical segment of the route, located between "Colle Malamerenda" and Radi, deep in the gentle hills of Siena, studded of farmhouses, medieval villages, merging your ride with the Via Francigena itinerary. The view of the village of Murlo will be the end of the easiest part of the whole permanent route.

Climbing Castiglion del Bosco, one of the most challenging segments of L'Eroica permanent route, you will reach the medieval village of Montalcino over the beautiful and panoramic lands of Brunello di Montalcino. Montalcino, also famous for olive oil and honey, is a nice village perfect for a stop for lunch or visit to the town center, even to admire the incredible panorama opening over the Val d'Orcia area.

Dinner on your own and accommodation in 3 stars hotel.

HOTEL	INCLUDED MEALS
Hotel ☆☆☆	Breakfast

# Day 3 - Val d'Orcia region

## 38 km – elevation gain: 780 meters

First part of the stage with breathtaking views over the Val d'Orcia and Montalcino.

Follow the ride along the Via Francigena pilgrimage route direction Torrenieri, first possible stop to refill the water bottle or take a coffee.

With a deviation to the normal permanent route you can visit the Val d'Orcia, UNESCO protected site.

Passage from San Quirico d'Orcia, one of the most representative villages of the Val d'Orcia, with the town center full of bars, restaurants and small shops.

Ride along thew Via Francigena in the direction of Bagno Vignoni, cute medieval town where the main square of the village is a big thermal pool which contains the original source of thermal water.

The views of the Val d'Orcia, one of the most evocative places in all Tuscany and UNESCO World Heritage Site. Final arrival in Pienza, the "ideal" city of the Renaissance, also famous for its pecorino cheese. Enjoy a walk in the town center before dinner and look out on the panoramic terrace from which you can admire the entire Val d'Orcia.

Dinner on your own and accommodation in hotel 4 stars.

HOTEL	INCLUDED MEALS
Hotel ☆☆☆☆	Breakfast

### Day 4 - Crete Senesi region

## 52 km - elevation gain: 760 meters

An unforgettable ride surrounded by the beautiful views of the Crete Senesi to the edge of Chianti wine region. After a few kilometers you can decide to visit, with a diversion on the normal road, the monastery of Sant'Anna in Camprena, also famous for the movie "The English Patient".

Back on the Eroica route, you'll cycle the gravel segment direction Lucignano d'Assso, one of the most panoramic of the Eroica and Strade Bianche route.

Ride through Buonconvento, medieval town where we suggest to plan a stop to visit the old town center.

The last part of the road will take you to visit the abbey of Monte Oliveto and the small village of Chiusure before the final downhill along one of the most beautiful and panoramic road in Tuscany!

Dinner and accommodation in agriturismo.

HOTEL	INCLUDED MEALS
Typical Tuscan Agriturismo	Breakfast - Dinner

# DAY 5 - MONTE SANTE MARIE AND CHIANTI REGION

## 53 km - elevation gain: 1230 meters

The first part of the stage includes the challenging gravel road of Monte Sante Marie, very famous sector of the Strade Bianche pro race that will take to the Chianti wine region.

You will reach the Chianti wine region through Castelnuovo Berardenga, the village on the border with the Crete Senesi.

A kind of summary of what you saw and what you will see is the road to Pianella that presents different landscapes. The road to Radda in Chianti will be a sequence of vineyards and woods, passing through pretty villages and farms, that could offer you a wide range of typical products, wine and olive oil tasting, temptations that will delight your itinerary and your senses.

You'll finally arrive at Radda in Chianti that merits a visit to its historical village.

Dinner on your own and accommodation in 4 stars hotel.

HOTEL	INCLUDED MEALS
Hotel ☆☆☆☆	Breakfast

## DAY 6 - GAIOLE IN CHIANTI AND CASTELLO DI BROLIO

# 47 km – elevation gain: 800 meters

After Radda in Chianti you'll be headed to Gaiole, town where L'Eroica was born on 1997, going down through Vertine, a nice little pearl of the Chianti. The Eroica route starts in Gaiole in Chianti, winding among historical vineyards that lead you to Castello di Brolio, with its cypress-lined entrance. The breath-taking panorama below the walls, over the vineyards, represents one of the most wonderful parts of the permanent route. You can decide also to visit the Castle, owned by the Ricasoli family since 1141, or taste a glass of Chianti Classico at the enoteca.



After a few kilometers, near San Giovanni a Cerreto, Siena will appear on the horizon. The visit to this wonderful medieval city with its Dome, Piazza del Campo and the perfect medieval city center will make your trip special.

Dinner on your own and accommodation in 3 stars hotel located very close the city center of Siena. Hotel 4 stars available on request with extra price.

HOTEL INCLUDED MEALS
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## Day 7 - "Arrivederci Toscana"

Breakfast and individual departure.

## WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- ✓ 6 NIGHTS STAY WITH BREAKFAST IN DOUBLE ROOM
- ✓ 1 DINNER, DRINKS NOT INCLUDED
- ✓ BAGGAGE TRANSPORTATION BETWEEN HOTELS
- ✓ INFORMATIONS FOR YOUR DAILY STAGE
- ✓ Maps with altimetry of each stage in pdf file.
- ✓ GPX FOR GPS SYSTEM OR MOBILE APP.
- ✓ H24 ANIMA TOSCANA PHONE ASSISTANCE

# **NOT INCLUDED:**

- **▼** Tourist city tax
- DRINKS
- ▼ Medical insurance

# **OPTIONAL SERVICES (PRICES ON REQUEST):**

- ➤ MEDICAL INSURANCE
- BIKE RENTAL (ROAD BIKES, MTB, GRAVEL, OR ELECTRIC BIKES)
- BIKE GUIDE IN ENGLISH, FRENCH, SPANISH OR GERMAN LANGUAGE DURING EACH STAGE
- Van support during your daily stage, to let you enjoy your Tuscan vacation
- ➤ GPS RENTAL
- Guided Tours of Cities and Villages

TOTAL PRICE: 00000	RIEPILOGO IVA
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	– DM n.340/1999 – Operazione con IVA assolta. La fattura
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### **DATES OF PAYMENT:**

- 25 % Deposit until
- Final payment until

# **CANCELLATION POLICY**

- a) Cancellation until 31 days the date of the arrival: 25% of the total amount
- b) From 30 to 21 days: 50% of the total amount c) From 20 to 0 days: 100% of the total amount



### NOTE

If not included in the price, it is possible to stipulate, at the time of the booking, an insurance for expenses due to accidents and baggage loss.

Attention: Participants must travel with their individual passport or other document valid for all the countries touched by the itinerary. The informations provided in this contract must be the same of the documents used during the trip.

### **GENERAL INFORMATIONS:**

<u>Luggage transfers</u>: please drop your luggage at the reception by 9.00 am. Your luggage will be transferred by the Anima Toscana team every day and will be ready for you in the hotel for the check-in time.

Luggage must be closed with zips/ buckles/straps so that no clothes or other objects can be taken out. It is not permitted to carry liquids or food in unsealed packages.

Assistance during the trip: during the meeting with our staff an emergency number will be provided, also active on Saturday and Sunday.

Please use this phone number to immediately report inefficiencies, problems on the bikes or during the tour. In case of minor problems, which does not compromise to complete the daily stage, we suggest to report this at the end of the ride so we can intervene promptly.

<u>Travel documents:</u> The final itinerary, hotel vouchers, GPX tracks and maps in PDF format will be only sent after the final balance of the package, approximately 7-10 days before the arrival.

### **CONTACTS**

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