

Tuscany & Umbria:

Walking & Biking Short Breaks

With your choice of Chianti, Central Tuscany or Umbria
4 days / 3 nights



The beauty of the rolling Italian hills of Tuscany and Umbria are famous. The four starting points to choose from, San

Gimignano, Siena, Montalcino or Perugia, all historic medieval and renaissance villages set in the rolling Italian hills made famous in books such as Frances Mayes "Under the Tuscan Sun".

On a short-break, you have a first day at leisure to explore your town then for two days you explore the countryside around your villa by bike or on foot, winding through olive trees and vineyards, visiting fortified villages, wineries, castles, abbeys and churches. The villas that host you all include breakfast and dinner, homemade food and sumptuous wines. Try one package for a short break or string together several for a longer vacation.

Your 4-day Walking or Biking Short Break includes

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| • 1 night city hotel | • 2 nights villa |
| • Arrival, departure & luggage transfers | • 2 dinners in your villa |
| • Breakfast daily | • Hotel taxes and service charges |
| • Bianchi bike rental (for biking packages) | • Maps and suggested itineraries |

~ Additional pre and post nights available upon request ~

Booking notes ~

1. These packages are not for beginners, but can be modified with advance notice.
2. Detailed maps and information will be at your first night's hotel so you can review your route in advance.
3. Please provide an estimate of the distance you want to hike or bike each day so as to provide you with the most enjoyable route and itinerary for you.
4. Bike Short Breaks:
 - Please provide your height when booking so the appropriated size bicycle can be provided.
 - Bring your own bicycle helmet – as your package does not include this.
 - Helmets may be purchased locally.
 - Your Bianchi bicycle will be delivered to your first hotel in the evening of your first day.

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Chianti

Hiking or Biking short break
4-days / 3-nights



Siena with its Piazza del Campo and Fountain of Joy



San Gimignano's skyline of medieval towers

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Day 1 ~ Siena or San Gimignano: Arrive at the rail station for the city of your choice, and transfer to your hotel. Maps and descriptions of your hiking or biking route will be waiting for you at your hotel for your review. (Accommodation, Siena or San Gimignano)



- **Siena ~ Santa Caterina Hotel**, (left) an 18th-century patrician villa in Siena's city center, traditionally decorated with Tuscan influence, long a popular Avanti choice. (If staying in Siena, no arrival transfer)
- **San Gimignano ~ Hotel Bel Soggiorno** (Right) Housed in a 13th-century building, with 21 comfortable rooms and a restaurant offering a range of local and international dishes. (Arrival transfer included from Poggibonsi Station.)



- **Bicyclists** Your Bianchi rental bicycle is delivered to your hotel this evening. Remember, you must provide your own helmet for your protection. Your luggage will be transferred for you from your hotel on the morning of day two.

Day 2 & 3 ~ Villa Laura: Enjoy this family owned and operated country hotel featuring “nice rooms, nice meals and quiet” with a garden and swimming pool for after a day of hiking. Includes home-cooked breakfast and dinner. Dinner includes fresh vegetables from the family garden. (Breakfast, dinner & accommodation, Villa Laura)

- Your luggage is transferred for you from your day 1 hotel and will be awaiting your arrival at the villa.

Day 4: Depart Villa Laura: After breakfast, depart with a private transfer to Poggibonsi rail station as you head for your next Avanti destination. (Breakfast, Villa Laura)

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Central Tuscany

Hiking or Biking short break
4-days / 3-nights



Siena, with its Piazza del Campo and Fountain of Joy



Montalcino, a walled hilltop town surrounded by vineyards

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Day 1 ~ Siena or Montalcino: Arrive at the rail station for the city of your choice, and transfer to your hotel. Maps and descriptions of your hiking or biking route will be waiting for you at your hotel. (Accommodation, Siena or San Gimignano)



- **Siena ~ The Chiusarelli**, (right) a neo-classical home with frescoed ceilings and inlaid floors and a restaurant serving local cuisine located in the center of this remarkable medieval city. (No arrival transfer)
- **Montalcino ~ Hotel Il Giglio** (Left) Once a coach stop updated to modern standards with wrought iron bed frames, painted ceilings and travertine stone bathrooms and a restaurant with a superior selection. (Includes arrival transfers)



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Days 2 & 3 ~ Villa Elena: A large 400-acre working farm with a restaurant and bar, outdoor swimming pool, tennis courts, fitness center, sauna, heated indoor pool, horse-back riding and a breathtaking view. (Breakfast, dinner & accommodation, Villa Elena)

- Your luggage is transferred for you from your day 1 hotel and will be awaiting your arrival at the villa.

Day 4 ~ Depart Villa Elena: After breakfast, depart with a private transfer to Buonconvento rail station, ready for your next Avanti destination. (Breakfast, Villa Elena)



View across Villa Elena pool

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Umbria

Hiking or Biking short break 4-days / 3-nights



Perugia, home of painter Pietro Vannucci, teacher of Raphael

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Day 1 ~ Perugia: Arrive at the rail station for the city of your choice, and transfer to your hotel. Maps and descriptions of your hiking or biking route will be waiting for you at your hotel. (*Accommodation, Perugia*)

- **Perugia - Fortuna Hotel** (Left) In the old town center of *Perugia* near fashionable bars and shops, this hotel is a converted *palazzo* dating back to 1200 A.D., carefully restored to 52 rooms, many with fine views over *Perugia*.
- **Bicyclists** Your Bianchi bicycle is delivered to your hotel this evening. Remember to provide your own helmet. Your luggage will be transferred from your hotel the morning of day two.
- **Hikers** This short break requires 4 hours of hiking per day.

Days 2 & 3 ~ Umbrian Villa: After breakfast each day, you set out on your pre-planned and pre-tested route of the day, returning tired but ready for a fine dining experience and relaxation in the comforts of your choice of villa. (*Breakfast, dinner & accommodation, Umbria*)

- **Rustic Country House** standard with halfboard. Information on villa will be provided once deposit is paid and property confirmed.
- **Villa Rosy - di Montesolare**, an ancient patrician villa converted into a luxury hotel in 1989. Villa Rosy offers charm and tranquility with courtesy and distinction designed for guests who appreciate privacy and personal attention, offering fine cuisine and a wine list was recognized as having widest range of Umbrian wines in the world.
- Your luggage is transferred for you from your day 1 hotel and will be awaiting your arrival at the villa.

Day 4 ~ Depart Umbria: After breakfast, depart with a private transfer to the rail station, ready for your next Avanti destination. (*Breakfast, Umbria*)

- **Traveling to Florence** - transfer to *Perugia*.
- **Traveling to Rome** - transfer to *Foligno*.

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