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Itinerario - Itinerary SIENA MONTERIGGIONI

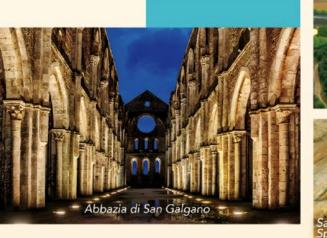
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Representation Points of interest: Certosa di Calci, Pisa, Lucca.













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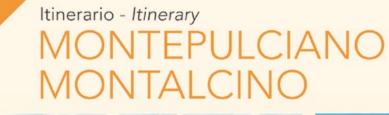


Castello di Brolio



Lunghezza - Path length: km 140-186

Runti di interesse - Points of interest: Bargino - Cantina Antinori, Badia a Passignano, Greve in Chianti, Panzano in Chianti, Castellina in Chianti, Radda in Chianti, Castello di Albola,







Lunghezza - Path length: km 220-250

A Punti di interesse - Points of interest: Montepulciano, Pienza, Bagno Vignoni, Montalcino, Abbazia di Monte Oliveto Maggiore, Buonconvento.









I↔I Lunghezza - Path length: km 66-96

Runti di interesse - Points of interest: San Gimignano, Certaldo, Colle di Val d'Elsa.

Extra tour: San Miniato, Vinci.

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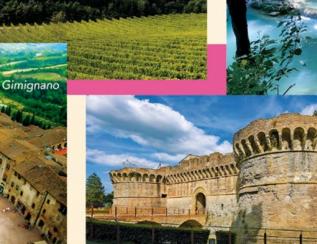


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Certaldo



Radda in Chianti

Colle di Val d'Elsa





Itinerario - Itinerary MASSA MARITTIMA POPULONIA

I↔ Lunghezza - Path length: km 160-217

Punti di interesse - Points of interest: Larderello, Sasso Pisano, Massa Marittima, Populonia, Golfo di Baratti, Miniera di Campiglia Marittima, Suvereto, Castagneto Carducci, Bolgheri, Bibbona.





Campiglia Marittima Etruscan Mine

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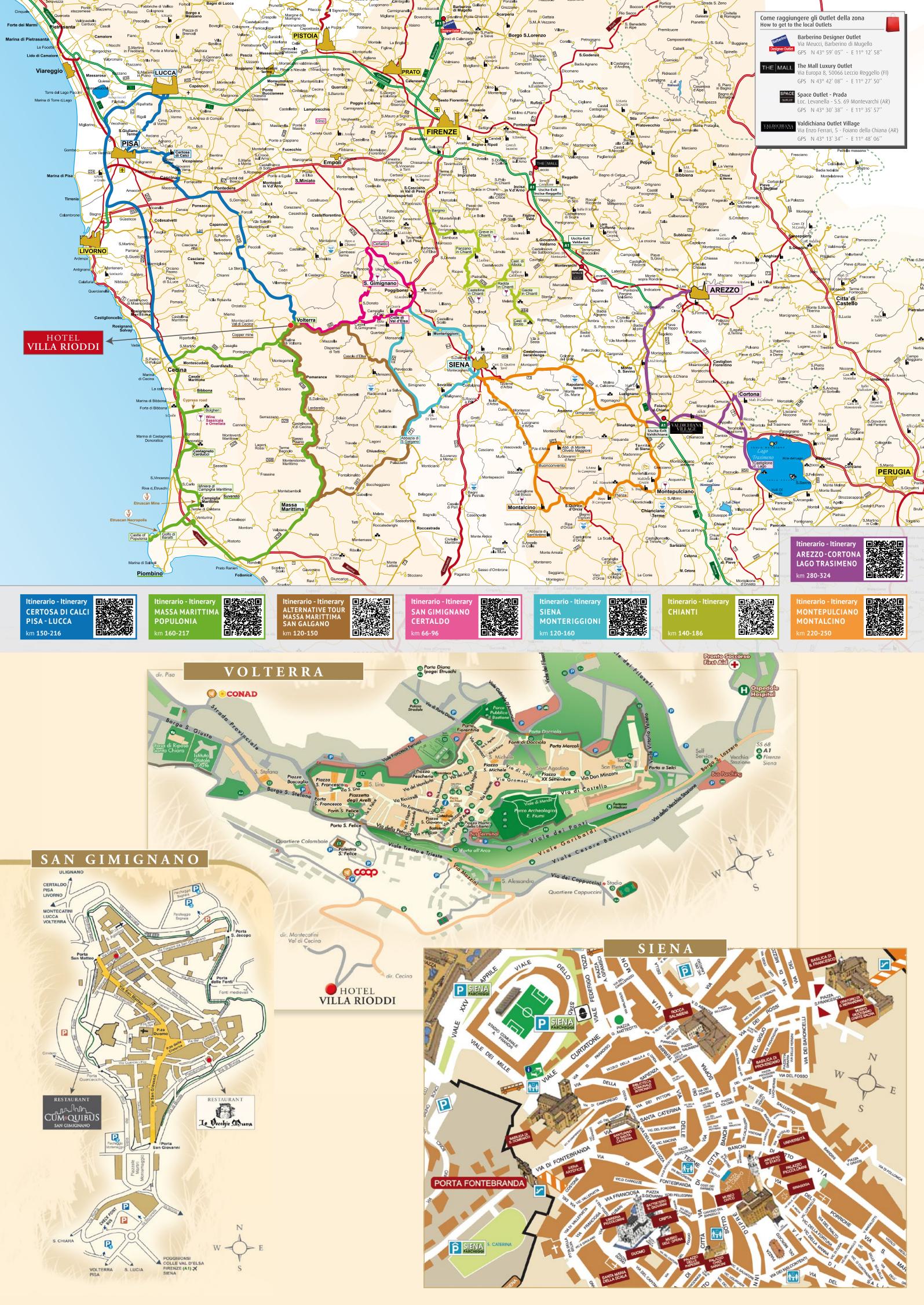






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TOUR Monteriggioni-Siena-San Galgano

Welcome to your car tour through three enchanting destinations in Tuscany: Monteriggioni, Siena, and San Galgano. These locations will offer you a unique experience of medieval history, breathtaking architecture, and fascinating legends. Get ready to immerse yourself in the past as you explore these captivating places.

Your first stop will be Monteriggioni, a perfectly preserved medieval village surroundedby mighty walls. The main feature of Monteriggioni is its imposing towers, which stand majestically like sentinels of a bygone era. Here, you can visit the Armory Museum, which will take you back in time and show you a rich collection of medieval armor, helmets, swords, and shields. You can admire these fascinating artifacts and delve into the lives of knights and soldiers who once guarded the castle.

Next, you will travel to Siena, a charming city full of history. One of Siena's most iconic attractions is its magnificent Piazza del Campo, one of the most spectacular medieval squares in Europe. Here, you can admire the famous Palazzo Pubblico, an architectural marvel with a tall tower called Torre del Mangia, which offers breathtaking panoramic views of the city. You will also have the opportunity to visit the Siena Cathedral, a masterpiece of Italian Gothic architecture, richly decorated with precious marbles and extraordinary frescoes.

Finally, your tour will take you to San Galgano, a magical and legendary location. Here, you can explore the Abbey of San Galgano, which houses one of Tuscany's most mysterious attractions: the Sword in the Stone.

According to legend, the knight San Galgano thrust his sword into a rock as an act of renunciation of violence. The sword is still there, embedded in the rock and shrouded in an aura of mystery and spirituality. You can admire this incredible spectacle and immerse yourself in the history and legends surrounding this place.

In conclusion, your car tour of Monteriggioni, Siena, and San Galgano will offer you an unforgettable experience amidst medieval castles, artistic treasures, and fascinating legends. Whether you are a history enthusiast, architecture lover, or in search of legendary adventures, these places will not disappoint your expectations. Get ready to be fascinated by the cultural richness and beauty of this wonderful region of Tuscany. Have a great journey!

TOUR Certosa di Calci-Pisa-Lucca

Welcome to your car tour of Certosa di Calci, Pisa, and Lucca! This adventure will take you through a fascinating combination of history, art, and natural beauty. Get ready to immerse yourself in a world rich in culture and discoveries.

Certosa di Calci:

Certosa di Calci is a Carthusian monastery located near the town of Calci, just a few kilometers from Pisa.

This monumental complex, founded in the 14th century, is a hidden gem that deserves a visit. Inside, you can admire the magnificent Baroque church, the convent spaces, and a treasure trove of artworks. Explore the monks' cells, the cloisters, and the corridors that tell the story of monastic life in the past. The Certosa also houses the Museum of Natural History, which displays a vast collection of minerals, fossils, archaeological artifacts, and taxidermied animals. Visitors can admire the local fauna and learn more about the geological history of the region. Make sure not to miss the wonderful Gallery of Birds, which showcases a wide range of exotic species.

Pisa:

Your next stop will take you to the famous city of Pisa, renowned worldwide for its iconic Leaning Tower. The Piazza dei Miracoli, a UNESCO World Heritage site, is an architectural complex that houses the Tower of Pisa, the Cathedral, the Baptistry, and the Monumental Cemetery.

Admire the grandeur of these buildings and make sure to climb the Leaning Tower to enjoy a breathtaking panoramic view of the city. Along the Arno River, you can stroll along the romantic Lungarno and admire the ancient palaces that line its banks..

Lucca:

Lucca, with its perfectly preserved medieval walls, will enchant you with its unique charm. For a unique experience, rent bicycles and ride along the city walls, enjoying a beautiful panoramic view. Visit the majestic Cathedral of San Martino, with its Romanesque façade and rich interior, and climb the Guinigi Tower to admire a panoramic view of Lucca. Get lost in the medieval streets and discover charming squares like Piazza dell'Anfiteatro and Piazza Napoleone. Don't forget to taste the famous Lucchese cuisine, which includes specialties such as farro soup and buccellato, a traditional dessert.

This tour offers you a captivating mix of history, art, and natural beauty. Whether you're a history enthusiast, art lover, or simply want to enjoy the unique atmosphere of these Tuscan cities, Certosa di Calci, Pisa, and Lucca will not disappoint. Get ready for an unforgettable experience that will leave you with lasting memories.

TOUR Chianti

Welcome to the Chianti tour, a picturesque region renowned for its breathtaking landscapes, lush vineyards, and exquisite wines. Get ready to explore one of the most captivating wine regions in the world, offering a perfect blend of culture, history, and gastronomy.

Our first stop is the Antinori Winery in Bargino, known as the "Cathedral of Wine." This extraordinary winery was designed by a renowned Italian architect and is a true masterpiece of design. Admire the modern and futuristic architecture as you immerse yourself in the enchanting atmosphere of the surrounding vineyards. A guided tour will take you through the aging rooms, cellars, and vineyards, offering you the opportunity to taste the delicious wines produced here.

Our next destination is Badia a Passignano, an ancient monastery nestled in an idyllic setting. This Benedictine abbey dates back to the 11th century and is surrounded by vineyards and green hills. Enjoy a peaceful walk through its courtyards and gardens, admiring the Gothic architecture and serene atmosphere.

You can also visit the church inside the abbey and discover its fascinating history. Next, we head to Greve in Chianti, a charming town that boasts one of the most captivating squares in the region. Stroll along the cobbled streets and discover the small artisan shops offering local products and gastronomic specialties. The market square, surrounded by historic buildings, is the vibrant heart of the town. Take some time to taste the cheeses, olive oil, and, of course, the Chianti wines at local wine shops.

Our tour continues to Castellina in Chianti, a lovely medieval village perched on a hill. Explore its narrow cobblestone streets and admire the remnants of the ancient walls that surround the historic center. You can visit the Archaeological Museum of Chianti Senese, which houses a collection of artifacts dating back to the Etruscan and Roman eras. Enjoy the panoramic view from the castle walls and savor a glass of wine at one of the local restaurants.

We proceed to Radda in Chianti, another medieval gem immersed in the Tuscan countryside. This charming village is known for its narrow alleys, ancient towers, and well-preserved walls. Explore the artisan shops and local wine cellars, where you can taste a variety of premium wines. Don't forget to visit the Wine Museum, where you can delve into the history and wine culture of Chianti.

Our next point of interest is Castello d'Albola, a magnificent wine estate that offers a panoramic view of the Chianti Valley. This 15th-century castle is surrounded by vineyards and olive groves and offers a guided tour of its historic cellars, where high-quality wines are produced. Discover the winemaking process and sample a selection of their award-winning wines.

We continue to Gaiole in Chianti, another charming village that will make you feel immersed in the past. This town is surrounded by gentle hills and vineyards, creating a fascinating landscape. Wander through the narrow streets and discover the ancient churches and stone houses. Gaiole in Chianti is also famous for the Eroica, a renowned cycling event that attracts enthusiasts from around the world.

Our final stop is **Castello di Brolio**, an imposing medieval fortress overlooking the Chianti Valley. This historic castle is surrounded by a vast park and lush vineyards. Visit the private residence of the Ricasoli family, one of the oldest families in Italy, and admire the beautiful Italian gardens. Take the opportunity to taste the wines produced here, including the famous Chianti Classico.

This self-drive tour through the Chianti region offers you the opportunity to discover some of the world's finest wineries, immerse yourself in the wine culture, and enjoy the natural and historical beauties of the area.

Happy travels!

TOUR Massa Marittima-Golfo di Baratti-Bolgheri

TOUR Montepulciano-Pienza-Montalcino

TOUR San Gimignano-Certaldo-Colle val d'Elsa

Welcome to your car tour exploring some of the most charming places in Tuscany!

Welcome to the enchanting Val d'Orcia, one of the most fascinating

Welcome to your car tour in the Vernaccia area, one of

This itinerary will take you through a variety of destinations that offer history, breathtaking landscapes, and culinary delights. Get ready to explore Larderello, Sasso Pisano, Massa Marittima, the Castle of Populonia, the Etruscan Necropolis of Baratti, the Gulf of Baratti, the Etruscan Mine of Campiglia Marittima, the Petra Winery in Suvereto, Castagneto Carducci, the Cypress Avenue of Bolgheri, and Bibbona.

Your journey begins in Larderello, famous for being one of the world's first geothermal centers. Here, you can visit the Geothermal Museum, which will provide you with a fascinating overview of geothermal energy and the history of Larderello. Explore interactive exhibits, scale models, and learn more about clean energy production in this region.

Next, your itinerary will take you to Sasso Pisano, where we recommend taking a 5 km walking tour in the Devil's Valley. This route will lead you through a suggestive volcanic landscape, with thermal springs, fumaroles, and boiling mud pools. You can admire the natural beauty and extraordinary rock formations that characterize this unique valley.

From Sasso Pisano, continue towards Massa Marittima, a charming medieval town. Here, you can visit the magnificent Cathedral of San Cerbone, dating back to the 13th century, and stroll through the picturesque streets of the historic center. Enjoy the enchanting atmosphere, admire the Renaissance architecture, and taste Tuscan cuisine in local restaurants.

Your tour continues to the **Castle of Populonia**, located on a panoramic hill. This impressive medieval fortress offers a spectacular view of the Gulf of Baratti and the surrounding coast. Explore the ancient walls, visit the museum inside the castle, and immerse yourself in the history of this Etruscan town.

From Populonia, head to the Etruscan Necropolis of Baratti, one of the most important Etruscan necropolises in the region. Here, you can admire the Etruscan tombs carved into the hill and delve into the millennia-old history of this ancient civilization. Enjoy a walk in the archaeological site and admire the evocative beauty of this area.

Your tour continues to the **Gulf of Baratti**, a wonderful bay with golden sandy beaches. Here, you can relax on the beach, take a swim in the crystal-clear waters, and admire the coastal scenery. Enjoy a refreshing break and appreciate the natural beauty of this corner of paradise.

Next, visit the Etruscan Mine of Campiglia Marittima, a unique archaeological site that allows you to explore the ancient Etruscan mines. Here, you can discover the secrets of mining and learn about the lives of Etruscan miners. Take a walk along the trails and immerse yourself in the history of this fascinating place.

Continuing your journey, you will reach **Suvereto**, where we recommend visiting the Petra Winery. This modern and innovative winery offers a tasting of high-quality wines produced with cutting-edge techniques. Admire the unique architecture of the winery and savor the exquisite Tuscan wines.

The journey proceeds to **Castagneto Carducci**, a charming medieval village nestled among the hills. Take a stroll through the cobblestone streets, admire the historic buildings, and enjoy the tranquil atmosphere of this evocative place. Stop by one of the local restaurants to taste authentic Tuscan cuisine.

Finally, visit the picturesque Cypress Avenue of Bolgheri, one of the most beautiful roads in the world, lined with tall cypress trees leading to Bolgheri. This iconic avenue was described by Giosuè Carducci in his famous poem "Davanti a San Guido." Admire the beauty of the cypress trees stretching along the road and be enchanted by the charm of this evocative place.

To conclude your tour, make a stop in **Bibbona**, a charming village surrounded by hills and olive fields. Here, you can stroll through the streets of the historic center, visit the Church of San Ilario, and savor local typical products in traditional restaurants.

This itinerary will take you through a combination of historical attractions, natural beauty, and culinary experiences, allowing you to discover the richness and variety of Tuscany. Enjoy your car tour and be captivated by the magic of these unique places. Have a great journey!

areas in Tuscany. Get ready for an unforgettable car tour as you explore the picturesque villages and cultural treasures of this unique region. During your journey, you'll have the opportunity to visit places like Montepulciano, Pienza, Bagno Vignoni, Montalcino, the Abbey of Monte Oliveto Maggiore, and Buonconvento.

Your itinerary begins in Montepulciano, a charming medieval village perched on a hill. Piazza Grande, the pulsating heart of the town, welcomes you with its majestic beauty. Here you can admire the splendid façade of the Palazzo Comunale and the Tower of Pulcinella. Take a stroll along the cobbled streets and discover the numerous wineries of Montepulciano, renowned for their Vino Nobile wine.

Not far from Piazza Grande, you'll find the Cathedral of Santa Maria Assunta, an impressive structure dating back to the 13th century. Explore the interior and admire the frescoes and artistic treasures it houses. A few kilometers from Montepulciano, you'll encounter the Temple of San Biagio, a Renaissance gem nestled in the Tuscan hills. Its majestic architecture and serene atmosphere will leave you breathless.

Continuing your tour, you'll arrive in Pienza, a Renaissance town considered one of the jewels of Italian architecture and declared a UNESCO World Heritage site. Here you can admire Piazza Pio II, surrounded by historic palaces and the splendid Cathedral of the Assumption. Get lost in its narrow streets and discover the artisan shops where you can buy typical Tuscan products, such as the famous pecorino cheese from Pienza.

Your journey will then take you to **Bagno Vignoni**, a one-of-akind place. This enchanting thermal village is famous for its free thermal waters, which flow into a large medieval pool located right in the main square of the town. Admire the beauty of the surrounding panorama and enjoy a moment of relaxation in these natural hot springs.

Next, you'll reach Montalcino, another gem of the Val d'Orcia. This fortified village is known for the production of the renowned Brunello di Montalcino wine. Explore the streets of the historic center and visit the local wineries to taste this exquisite wine. Don't miss the opportunity to visit the Fortress of Montalcino, which offers breathtaking panoramic views of the surrounding countryside.

Your itinerary continues with a stop at the Abbey of Monte Oliveto Maggiore, a Benedictine monastery situated in a beautiful location. Admire the frescoes by Luca Signorelli and the Renaissance cloister, immersing yourself in the spiritual tranquility of this sacred place. Finally, your adventure concludes in Buonconvento, a charming medieval village surrounded by ancient walls. Take a stroll through the picturesque streets and discover its hidden treasures, such as the Church of San Pietro and the Palazzo Comunale. Enjoy the authenticity of this Tuscan village, immersed in a postcard-perfect landscape.

This car tour through the Val d'Orcia offers you a unique experience, allowing you to immerse yourself in the beauty and history of these enchanting places. Enjoy the journey and create unforgettable memories along the way. Have a great trip! the most charming regions in Tuscany! This tour will take you through three enchanting locations: San Gimignano, Certaldo, and Colle Val d'Elsa.

Whether you are art and history enthusiasts or simply looking to immerse yourself in the beauty of the Tuscan countryside, you will find something extraordinary in each of these destinations.

Your first point of interest is San Gimignano, known as "The City of Beautiful Towers." This ancient medieval town will welcome you with its unique skyline dominated by perfectly preserved medieval towers. You can stroll through its charming cobblestone streets, admiring the stone buildings and majestic towers that rise up. Make sure to visit the famous Piazza del Duomo, where you can marvel at the magnificent San Gimignano Cathedral and the Baptistery. Don't forget to taste the Vernaccia di San Gimignano, a dry white wine produced in this region.

Continuing your tour, you will arrive in **Certaldo**, a hidden gem perched on a hill. The medieval village of Certaldo Alta will captivate you with its winding streets and Gothicstyle houses. Visit the Palazzo Pretorio, an imposing noble residence, and climb the Tower of the Baluardo to enjoy a breathtaking panoramic view of the surrounding countryside. Don't miss the opportunity to visit the House of Boccaccio, where the famous Italian writer Giovanni Boccaccio lived for many years. This house-museum offers a fascinating glimpse into medieval life and Italian literature.

Lastly, your final stop will be **Colle Val d'Elsa**, a charming town with a rich historical and artistic heritage. Here, you can explore the old part of the town, called Colle Alta, which will enchant you with its narrow winding streets, ancient churches, and medieval palaces. Don't miss the chance to visit the Crystal Museum, as Colle Val d'Elsa is famous for its crystal production. You can admire unique artistic creations and discover the process of working with this precious material.

Throughout your tour, you will be surrounded by picturesque Tuscan landscapes, with rolling hills, vineyards, and olive groves as far as the eye can see. Enjoy the scenery as you drive along the scenic roads connecting these three destinations, stopping along the way to appreciate the beauty of the Tuscan countryside.

This tour offers an extraordinary combination of history, art, and natural beauty. Get ready to have an unforgettable experience as you explore the Vernaccia area and discover everything these fascinating locations have to offer. Have a great trip!