



ART TREASURES, FOOD AND WINES OF TUSCANY

(Pistoia)



FLORENCE OR PISA I PISTOIA

Upon arrival proceed to baggage claim. you will be met by our local representative and transferred to your hotel in Pistoia. With its medieval streets and irregularly-shaped piazzas, prestigious palaces and small tower-houses, unexpected series of churches and cloisters, Pistoia is perfect for travelers who appreciate elegance and refined beauty.



PISTOIA I FLORENCE I PISTOIA

After enjoying breakfast, you will board your train to Florence. Start your tour with a visit of the Accademia, famous worldwide for housing one of Michelangelo's masterpieces – the "David". From the classic elegance of Brunelleschi's Duomo and Baptistery to the magnificent Piazza della Signoria and the breathtaking city view from the famous Boboli Gardens.



PISTOIA I SIENA I SAN GIMIGNANO I PISTOIA

Today you will spend an unforgettable day savoring the essence of Tuscany. A scenic drive through gentle rolling hills dotted with lush vineyards, green olive trees and sunflowers fields will take you to Siena, a medieval city made up of yellow-ochre buildings, terracotta rooftops and green shutters. Learn about the world's oldest bank, the spectacular Duomo and Piazza del Campo.



PISTOIA I PISA I LUCCA I PISTOIA

Today you will visit two more Tuscan treasures: Pisa and Lucca. Gateway to the Tuscan hills, Pisa is a medieval city of architectural masterpieces, and in its heyday, one of Italy's most powerful maritime republics. Native son Galileo Galilei may be long gone, but students still come here to study at the prestigious university where he once taught. During your guided tour you will see Pisa's symbol - the Leaning Tower. Originally intended as a bell tower it's the most well-known of the buildings comprising the Campo dei Miracoli.



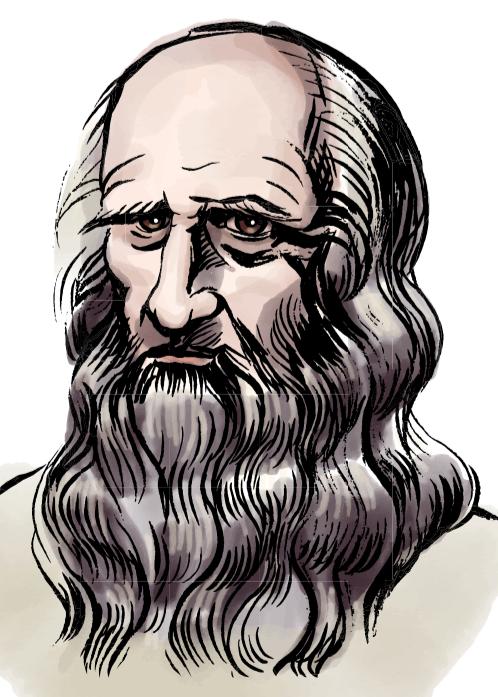
PISTOIA I CHIANTI I PISTOIA

Today's tour will be an exploration of the heart of the Chianti Classico, the oldest wine region in the world that lies just South of Florence and North of Siena, amid a rolling carpet of lush green hills, sentinel cypress trees, ancient olive groves and sunflower and poppy fields, An included lunch at a local restaurant and wine tasting.



PISTOIA I VINCI I PISTOIA

Today your local guide will take you on a walking tour of Pistoia. See the Romanesque church of S. Andrea, the Ospedale del Ceppo with the famous Giovanni della Robbia's startlingly colorful frieze, Piazza del Duomo with its cathedral, baptistery and intact medieval buildings, and Piazza della Sala, home to a typical Italian food market. After lunch at a local "trattoria" you will travel to the town of Vinci for a guided tour in the footsteps of Leonardo da Vinci, the most brilliant mind of all times!



PISTOIA I FLORENCE OR PISA TO USA (OR EXTEND YOUR STAY)

PISTOIA I FLORENCE OR PISA TO USA (OR EXTEND YOUR STAY) Morning transfer to the airport for your return flight home.

