

WALKING IN TUSCANY

43 walks including Val d'Orcia, San Gimignano and the Isle of Elba

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The glorious landscapes of Tuscany make it a perfect walking destination, and its mild climate means it can be enjoyed at any time of the year. Each one of the 43 graded routes in this guidebook can be fitted into a single day. Most are easy, on clear paths, with some brief, trouble-free climbs/descents, but there is something for everyone, including strenuous climbs up panoramic peaks for the more experienced.

The walks take in the Renaissance splendour of Florence and Siena, the World Heritage scenery of Val d'Orcia and San Gimignano and the stunning island of Elba. The landscapes are dotted with pristine hill villages and hamlets, dense forests, rugged mountains and long, sandy beaches. Taking advantage of historical pathways used by traders, pilgrims and armies, the walks follow in the illustrious footsteps of the ancient Etruscans, the Romans, Saint Francis, Dante, Leonardo da Vinci, Michelangelo, Milton and DH Lawrence – to mention a few.

The walks have been grouped into nine areas. Each chapter illustrates the area's distinctive character and history. Topo maps are provided with each detailed route description and there is essential practical information on public transport and food and drink, as well as a comprehensive list of accommodation, a useful Italian–English glossary and a route summary table.

Key marketing points

- The area has visitors from throughout the UK and world, with easy access from the UK
- Year round walking destination

About the author

Gillian Price was born in England but has lived in Venice for many years. Gillian has steadily explored the mountain ranges of Italy, and Corsica, and brought them to life for visitors in a series of outstanding guides for Cicerone. She is an active member of the Italian Alpine Club (CAI) and Mountain Wilderness.

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