

	PRICE PER PERSON IN DOUBLE ROOM: FROM 660,00 €	TOUR LEVEL: ACTIVE RIDER
	HOTEL: HOTEL 3 AND 4 STARS - AGRITURISMO	DURATION: 6 DAYS/5 NIGHTS

THE PERMANENT ROUTE OF L'EROICA IN 4 STAGES

The Permanent Route of L'Eroica is a unique experience that allows you to live the adventure of L'Eroica all year round.

The permanent route cover a total of 209 km in the heart of the 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 technical roads 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 112 km of the total distance completed. Part of the Eroica route is the same of the "Strade Bianche" professional race.



The package can be organize starting from Radda in Chianti or Gaiole in Chianti.

DAY 1 – "BENVENUTI IN TOSCANA"

Individual arrival in Siena, dinner on your own and accommodation in 3 stars hotel. Hotel 4 stars available on request with extra charge.

At your arrival we will give you our best advice on how best to tackle each stage to Eroica

HOTEL	INCLUDED MEALS	
Hotel ★★★	Breakfast	

DAY 2 – FROM SIENA TO MONTALCINO

56 km – elevation gain: 1150 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 village of Murlo will be the landscape of the easiest segment of the whole permanent route. Climbing Castiglion del Bosco, one of the most engaging segments of L'Eroica permanent route, you will reach Montalcino over the beautiful and panoramic lands of the Brunello of Montalcino. Montalcino, also famous for olive oil and honey, it's a nice village that merits a visit, even to admire the incredible panorama opening on the Val d'Orcia area.

Dinner on your own and accommodation in 3 stars hotel located in the town center of Montalcino.

HOTEL	INCLUDED MEALS	
Hotel ★★★	Breakfast	

DAY 3 – FROM MONTALCINO TO ASCIANO

63 km – elevation gain: 1030 meters

The descent from Montalcino will be a dive surrounded by the Brunello vineyards and will take you to the Val d'Orcia and Lucignano d'Asso, where you can take a rest with a typical snack or just to refill your water bottle. The gravel road between Torrenieri and Lucignano d'Asso it's one of the most fascinating and characteristic of the Eroica route. Pedaling surrounded by the landscape of Val d'Orcia region is a privilege for the eyes and mind that restores the fatigue caused by the up and downs roads.

From the vineyards and rolling hills to the suggestion of the lunar landscape is a short step. Left the villages along the Cassia you'll immerse in the Crete Senesi region, with the characteristic gullies. The oak and cypress indicate isolated farms where they produce cheese and tables are enriched by the diamond of Crete Senesi: the white truffle.

An alternative route will take you to visit the Abbey of Monte Oliveto and the small village of Chiusure, before to reach Asciano.

Dinner on your own and accommodation in agriturismo.

HOTEL	INCLUDED MEALS	
Agriturismo	Breakfast	

DAY 4 – THE CRETE SENESI, MONTE SANTE MARIE AND THE 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 you back in the Chianti area.

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 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 5 – GAIOLE IN CHIANTI AND THE CASTLE OF 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 official 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 cycling holiday. 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. The ordinates cultivation of vines is fading into a more various landscape, painted with terra di Siena color.

Dinner on your own and accommodation in 3 stars hotel. Hotel 4 stars available on request with extra charge.

HOTEL	INCLUDED MEALS	
Hotel ☆☆☆	Breakfast	

DAY 6 – “ARRIVEDERCI”

Breakfast and individual departure.

SUGGESTIONS

- ✓ Level: for active riders. The Permanent route include steep climb over 15%. Gravel roads makes harder the ride.
- ✓ Bike suggested: gravel bikes or hybrid bike with knobby tires for an efficient ride on gravel roads. In case of road bikes, we suggest 25 or 28 mm tires.

- ✓ We recommend to bring waterproof and thermal clothing too, in case of unfavorable weather. With the baggage transportations you can bring more than you need and ride light at the same time.

WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- ✓ 5 NIGHTS STAY WITH BREAKFAST IN DOUBLE ROOM
- ✓ BAGGAGE TRANSPORTATION BETWEEN HOTELS
- ✓ INFORMATIONS FOR YOUR DAILY STAGE
- ✓ MAPS WITH ALTIMETRY OF EACH STAGE IN PDF FILE
- ✓ GPX FOR GPS SYSTEM
- ✓ H24 ANIMA TOSCANA PHONE ASSISTANCE

NOT INCLUDED:

- TOURIST CITY TAX
- MEDICAL/BAGGAGE INSURANCE

OPTIONAL SERVICES (PRICES ON REQUEST):

- MEDICAL/BAGGAGE INSURANCE
- ACTIVITIES FOR NON-CYCLIST (COOKING CLASSES, HORSEBACK RIDING, TREKKING AND MORE)
- ACTIVITIES ALONG THE ROUTE (WINE TASTING, TRUFFLE HUNTING EXPERIENCE, ETC.)
- BIKE GUIDE IN ENGLISH, FRENCH, SPANISH OR GERMAN LANGUAGE DURING EACH STAGE
- BIKE RENTAL (TREKKING, MTB, GRAVEL, ROAD BIKE OR E-MTB)
- VAN SUPPORT DURING YOUR DAILY STAGE, TO LET YOU ENJOY YOUR CYCLING HOLIDAY
- GPS RENTAL
- GUIDED TOURS OF CITIES AND VILLAGES

HOW TO BOOK?

Send an e-mail to info@animatoscana.it with the number of people, type of room and date of your arrival.

We'll check the availability and reply until 24h with the confirmation of package and all the informations about the tour.

CANCELLATION POLICY

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

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