

ITALY - Florence & Siena

When we were in Tuscany, we rented a villa with 3 families to share. That was our home base. From there, we did excursions all around Tuscany.

Things We Did FLORENCE

We did Florence by foot, seeing the city and its sites. To keep it interesting and engaging for our kids (who were 8-11) we like to "keep 'em moving"!

Kid "Academia" Tour w Michelangelo's David

This was a fun and engaging walking tour. During the walk, the kids played scavenger hunt games and were tasked with finding certain statues/monuments. We were able to see all the big monuments and then had a skip-the-line to see the "David". It was only a few hours, so it was perfect in the morning before we had lunch.



Tuscan Tour with Pisa

This day trip from Florence was fun for fall. We hit the hills of wineries for a Tuscan lunch and wine tasting (optional). We roamed the streets of San Gimignano, visited Pisa to "hold up the tower" and climb to the top - what a great view.



Other Sites We Saw

We stayed on foot but stopped at some classic locations for great picture-taking and souvenir-grabbing:

- Ponte Vecchio Bridge** - fun shops alongside & great photo spots
- Gold Market Shops** - near the bridge, lots of jewels, people-watching
- Bartolucci Pinocchio Shop** - history of the story, awesome kid stop
- Piazza Della Republica** - old-fashioned carousel & gelato



Things We Did SIENA

Siena is a fabulous city for a day trip from outside towns of Tuscany.

Truffle Hunting In the Hills

If you like adding a bit of physical activity to the mix this is so much fun. You go into the Tuscan countryside to join a local forager and his pups on a truffle dig through the woods. You end back in Siena.



Siena Duomo Skip the Line

We had an amazing guide take us through Siena. We visited Piazza del Campo while learning all the history. From there we went to the Duomo (a stunning cathedral) and walked right in to show our kids Gothic architecture and art by Donatello, Bernini, and Michelangelo!



Other Sites We Saw

We walked the city later in the day to see some classic sites:

- Siena Cathedral** - gorgeous marble & stained glass
- Palazzo Pubblico** - main town hall of the city
- Piazo Del Campo** - the main medieval square with lots of restaurants (if you visit in July or August, there is a horse race in the square Palio De Siena)
- Nannini** - one of the oldest bakeries in Siena - so delicious!
- Banchi de Sopra** - great shopping area/street



Follow Us



Packing Essentials
Click Here



journeyfriendsy

As Amazon Associates, as well as affiliates for Viator and Expedia we earn a small commission from qualifying purchases.