



TUSCAN DREAM VACATION

The Booking-Order Cheat Sheet

What to reserve, and the order that keeps your days from unravelling

Here is the thing that ruins good trips: booking the right sights in the wrong order. Reserve the Uffizi and the Accademia back to back and you'll spend a morning marching across Florence instead of standing in front of the David. Do it in this sequence, from the moment your dates are set, and the whole week clicks into place around a few fixed points.

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AS SOON AS YOUR DATES ARE FIRM

Book the Uffizi and the Accademia — on different days.

These are the two that sell out first and the two you must never schedule together. Put one early in your Florence days, the other later in the week, each with a museum-light day around it.

2

SAME WEEK YOU BOOK THE MUSEUMS

Reserve your one Dome climb.

463 steps, timed entry, no elevator. Pick the morning slot when your legs are freshest and the stairwell is coolest. One signature climb for the whole trip — collect the rest with your eyes.

3

ABOUT A MONTH OUT

Lock the day-trip trains and the San Gimignano connection.

Siena and Lucca run on rail; San Gimignano needs the Poggibonsi bus transfer. Note the return times before you go out, not after lunch when the next one is two hours away.

4

TWO TO THREE WEEKS OUT

Reserve dinners for your first and last nights only.

Arrival night, you'll be too tired to hunt. Last night, you'll want somewhere that matters. Leave the middle evenings loose for the trattoria you stumble into and remember forever.

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THE WEEK BEFORE YOU FLY

Screenshot every confirmation into one offline folder.

Signal is a rumour at the Siena bus stop. If it isn't saved to your phone's photos, assume it doesn't exist when you need it most.

At a Glance

Pin this to the fridge while you plan

WHAT	WHEN TO BOOK	WATCH FOR
Uffizi Gallery	Dates firm	Never same day as Accademia
Accademia (David)	Dates firm	Small; timed entry sells out
Dome climb	Dates firm	463 steps, one climb only
Siena & Lucca trains	~1 month out	Check the return time
San Gimignano	~1 month out	Poggibonsi bus transfer
First & last dinners	2-3 weeks out	Leave mid-week evenings free
Confirmations saved	Week before	Offline, in one folder

The full route, day by day, is waiting.

THE FLORENCE & TUSCANY 8-DAY ITINERARY