

Driving to SIENA

from Bibbiena drive to Arezzo and take the SGC Grosseto-Fano

If you like Gold, stop in Lucignano, a middle ages village with impressive walls all around, where the local museum shows an incredible Golden Tree
Then drive the E78

When in Siena, you need to find a car park. The best choice is to drive to Santa Caterina car park, that is linked to the monumental area by escalator (risalita costone-fontebranda) and you will easily reach the Piazza del Campo, the main square where the Torre del Mangia and the Public Palace with Ambrogio Lorenzetti and Simone Martini paintings set, and after a short walk, the Dome and Baptistery.
Piazza del Campo is famous even for the "Palio run" a particular horse race that is held twice each year, on July 2 and August 16, and that is run by mixed breed horses without saddle (even horse that loose his jockey can continue the race). It is a dangerous race, both for horses and humans, in reason of the place. The *Palio di Siena* is more than a simple horse race. It comes from the middle ages and It is the culmination of ongoing rivalry and competition between the *contrade* or city wards . The lead-up and the day of the race are invested with passion and pride.

Siena is famous for dry pastry: Ricciarelli, Panforte and Panpepato are a local tradition. All them can be easily packed and conserved.

After Siena, You can drive 33 more Km to S. Galgano ruins and the sword in the Rock, or go to buy Wines in the vineries In Montepulciano (Vino Nobile) or Montalcino (Brunello and the less expensive but tasteful Rosso)

for the way back, especially if you did not reach the wine places, go back from SP540 crossing Bucine, Levane (In Levanella you find a large outlet, the Mall, and also the Prada factory)

Montevarchi and Terranova Bracciolini, All the area is famous for wine (Chianti colli aretini) and extra virgin oil production. Here set also the "Tenuta Sette Ponti, producine top quality wines like Oreno. After S. Giustino you can visit the famous "Il Borro" wine farm nowadays owned by the Ferragamo group, with restaurant and shop,

than you can

take the setteponti road to go back to Bibbiena

or

You can go back to bibbiena taking the mountain (but not very high) to Passo della Crocina and crossing from Talla.