

Cicloposse Bike Tour - First Mile 2024

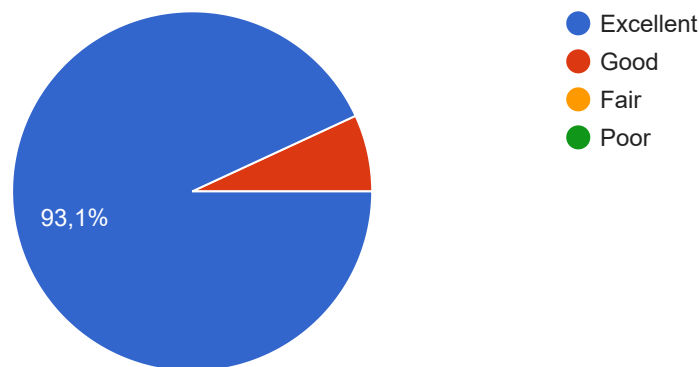
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How did we do?

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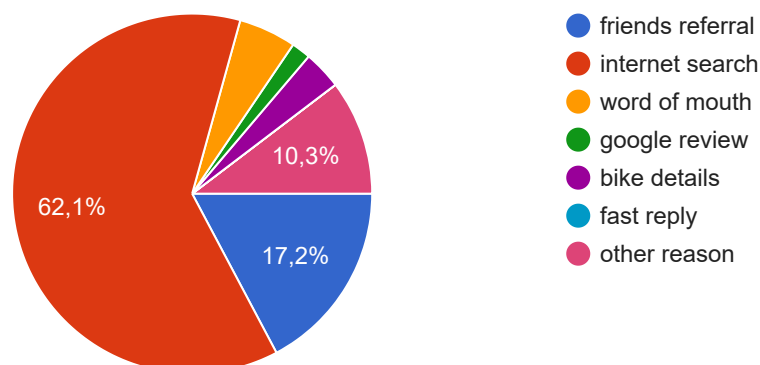
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Why did you book with us?

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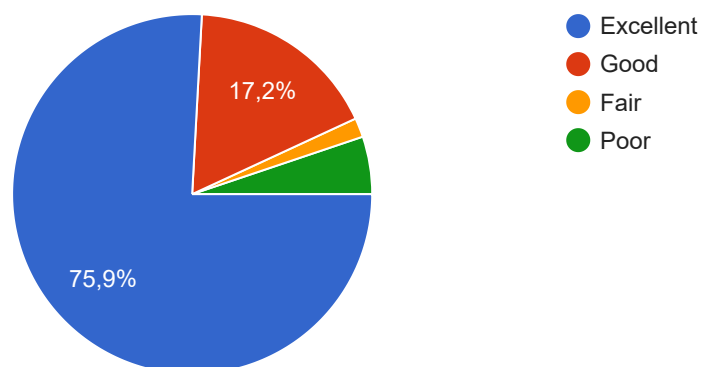
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Bikes - rate the quality

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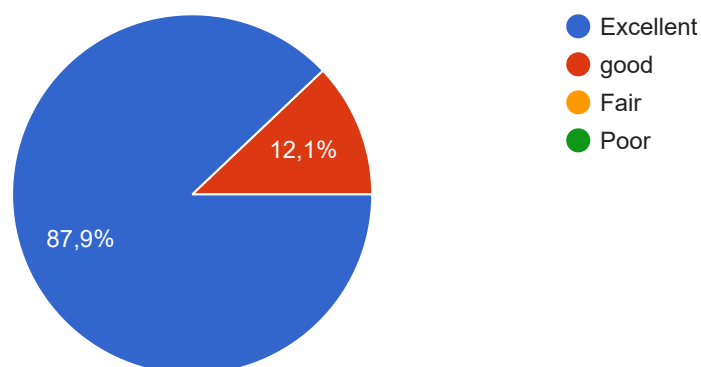
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hotels & accommodation - rate the quality

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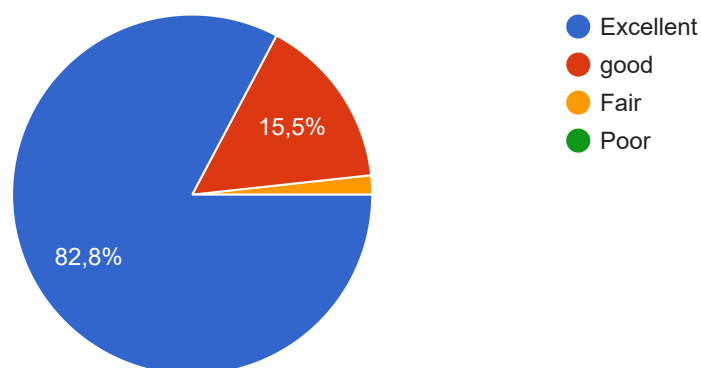
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How satisfied are you with trip info we provided before and during the bike trip?

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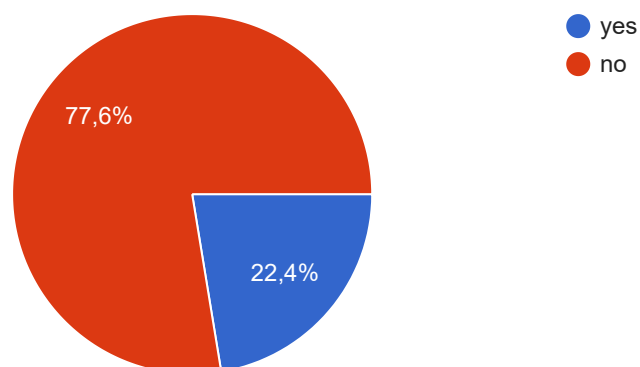
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Did you know we have a sustainability certification with Travelife?

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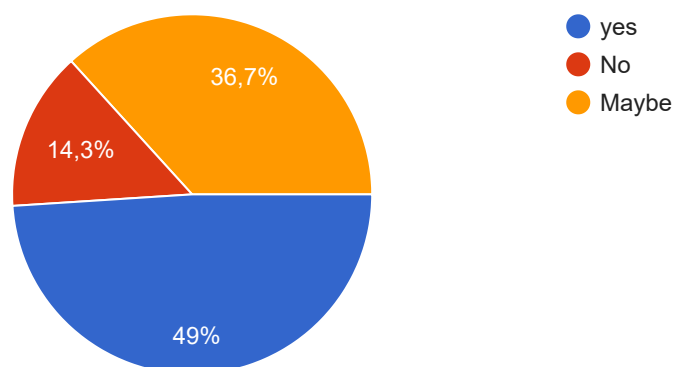
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If you knew, do you think has been important?

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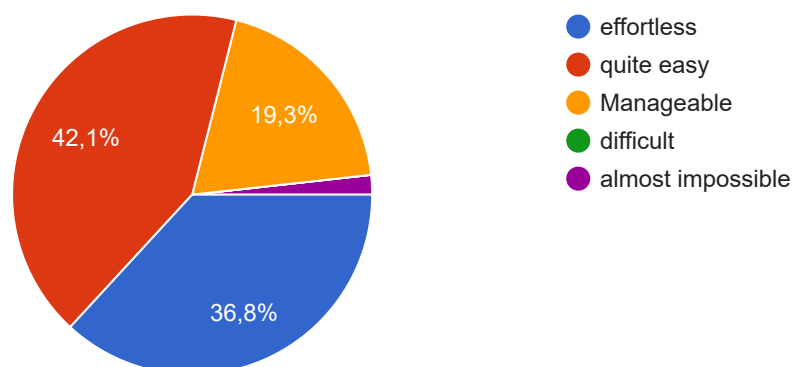
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How easy was to refill the water bottle during the bike trip?

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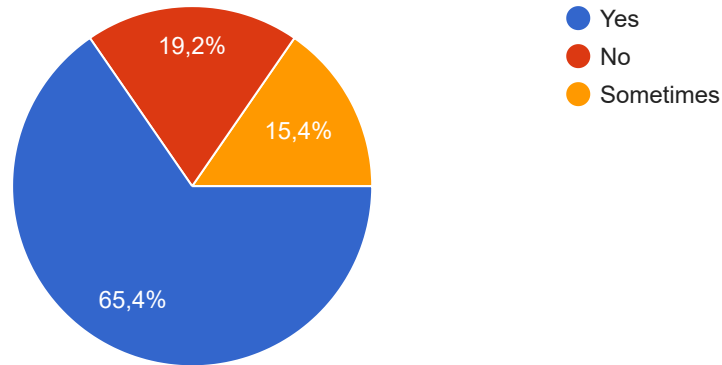
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Were our Ride with GPS app's public fountain & filtered water locations useful?

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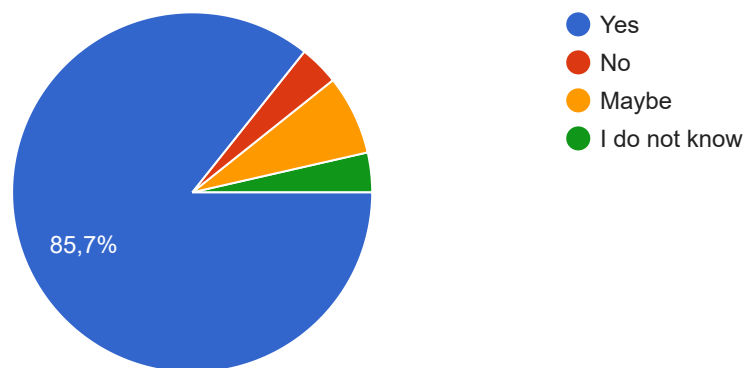
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Do you think you used less single-use plastic thanks to the water bottles & info provided?

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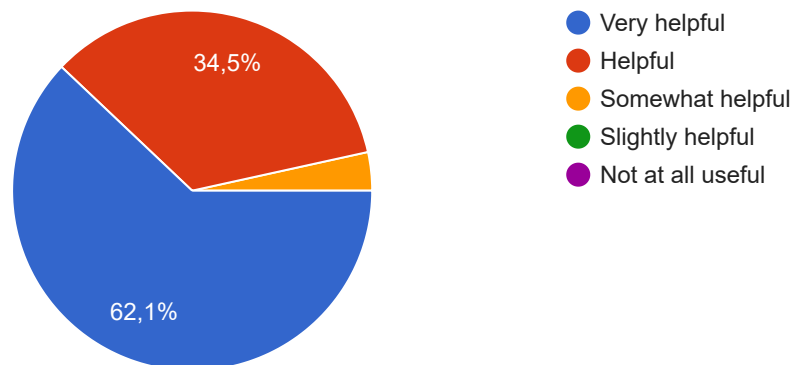
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How could you describe our indications on web site and pre-trip document to get to the start point of the trip?

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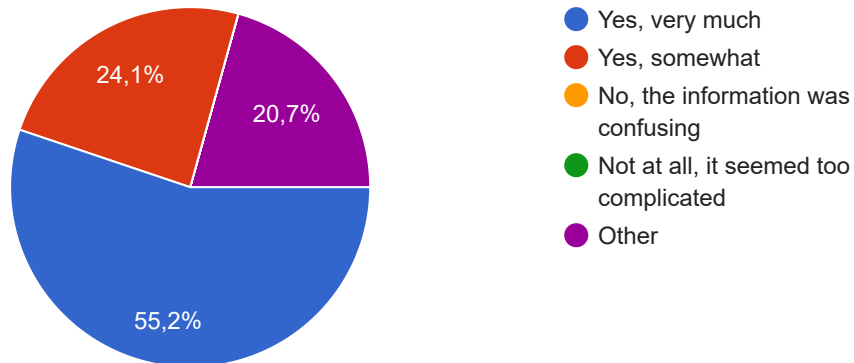
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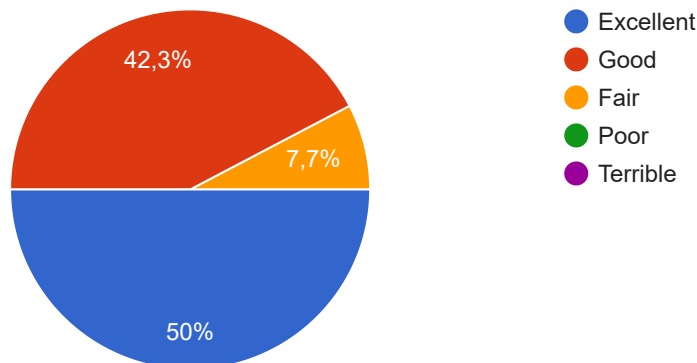
If you used public transportation (train or bus), did you find the information we provided helpful in making your choice?

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If you used public transportation -train or bus - how would you rate the overall service: ticket purchase, comfort, cleanliness, punctuality ?

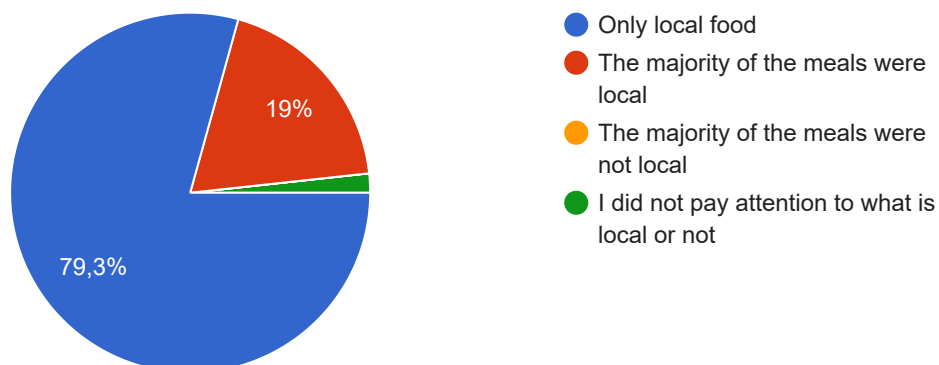
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Local food – we hope our suggestions about regional food and restaurant were useful.

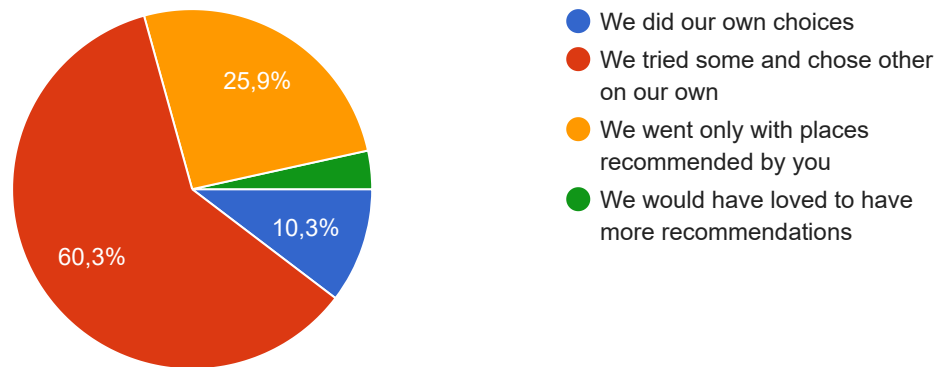
How much local food you consume during the bike trip?

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How helpful were our recommendation for local restaurant?

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What is the most delicious meal you taste during the trip?

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Cooking class first session.

Restaurant at Hotel Giglio, best meal ever!

Ravioli at Bottega del Borgo in Castellini in Chianti

Too hard to say. Everything was fantastic!

Il Pievano. Hard to compete with that one. 2nd favorite - La Bandita in Pienza.

The lasagna on the first night was unforgettable

Truffle risotto

Butcher shop in Gaiole

The meals we cooked with Paolo!

Re Tartu in Montefalco for lunch and Ristorante Locando del Teatro Montefalco for dinner

Montepulciano

Zucchini Flan was my favorite dish and the Montepulciano restaurant.

all were great, but I think La Bandita was the best

All of it was the best

The meal in Pienza at La Bandita was excellent. (And George Clooney was 2 tables away!)

The ravioli on the first night !! Also the cheese pasta and wild boar in Panos town. But honestly everything was SO GOOD

Breakfasts made by Sandra

LA BANDITO

Beef tartare in Pienza, with a subtle Asian twist

La Bandita in Pienza



the homemade ravioli we learned how to make

Wild boar at Il Libridinoso in Murlo Castle

Pienza- La fonte! We enjoyed all meals but also liked osteria al ponte in gaiole

pork, pumpkin flan

Home made pasta with ragu in Pienza

My wife had a pizza in Montepulciano that was the best of her whole trip (Sax Wine Bar).

difficult to choose, but Osteria al Ponte Gaiole

La Bottega di Portanuova - panino burrata e acciughe

Bucca della Fate in Pienza

Pienza, dal Falco

That's hard! I loved so many! Maybe Porta di Bacco but the others were fabulous as well. Even the food provided for the picnic.

Il Carraio, Scansano

On night 1 Paolo made a beef(?) lasagna that I still think about every day. My second favorite is the egg plant Parmesan lasagna he made. Paolo is great!!

Fresh fish baked in a salt crust

All of them

The Pici Pasta made by Sabrina

So many to chose from! Ristorate dal Falco in Pienza was great. Very friendly staff. Also the restaurant at the Hotel Il Giglio.

Mint Cucina Fresca

honestly, all of them. the food was outstanding!

Wonderful evening in Siena

Tornano

Chef dinners were amazing and loved the farewell dinner our last night of beef topped with crispy bacon and asparagus with a square of potato Au gratin



dal Falco, Pienza

Punta Maga

Steak restaurant in Penza

This is a very difficult question as they all were delicious. There was only one town where we stopped which seemed to have nothing in it. Or perhaps the directions did not send us to the center of town?

groota in Polgmano a mare

Last night in Siena

Pica pasta with pine nuts, pecorino and tomato. (Pienza)

It was a baked fish dish from Portu Maga. The presentation by the server, including first offering a choice of first fish, and then removing the meat from the bones, was quick, careful and elegant.

Honestly, all were terrific!

Our chef at Pietranima

Scala in Portopalo, Norma Bistrot in Noto



A good night's sleep is crucial after a day of cycling. Please share your experience regarding the sleeping conditions at the hotels during your tour.

Consider Bed Comfort, Noise Levels, Lighting, Temperature, Bedding

Sleep can be influenced by other factors such as stress, or jet lag, so feel free to share comments positive or not!

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Very comfortable accommodations

All the hotels were excellent

Our room was perfect.

All 3 hotels supported us well and were ready for us.

The sleep accommodations were great

Great bed arrangement, 2 separate beds were provided. Room very dark and quiet.

All the hotels we stayed at had comfortable beds, with fine noise levels, lighting, and bedding. Our trip was during the hottest time of the summer (July 19 to 26) and a few of the hotel rooms were quite hot through the night. When we asked the first of the hotels we experienced this about it, they indicated that the AC unit was working correctly (and as hard as it could be) but it was just that hot outside, there was little that could be done otherwise. Again, it is very understandable considering the older structures within the breathtaking towns we stayed in on our trip, but it is something to make note of.

Wonderful accommodations - no issues at all

Our room and the common area were very comfortable. No complaints.

Was great

Slept like a baby. The only thing that ever woke me up was the fox.

Wonderful....quiet, dark and nice linens

We slept well.

The villa was quiet and peaceful, the rooms and beds were very comfortable.

Sleeping conditions were perfect.



The hotels were excellent. We loved the hotel Giglio in Montalcino, the proprietors were wonderful. The bed a little hard, lighting a little dim but the rest was great. The balcony was fantastic. The hotel in Siena was beautiful and top notch.

I thought the villa was very comfortable, I didn't have an issue sleeping. I think some others who had rooms which faced the communal courtyard area had issues with the lights out there remaining on all night.

no issues.

Overall very well, loved the scenic views from the window!

Montalcino was noisy with church bells and street parties.

all hotels were excellent

Great sleeping

Lodgings were excellent, unique, quite and clean. There were no places to charge bikes in those places that had garages- and we had been told to plan on charging in the garage. So we took the battery to the room. however, when you leave the hotel room, the electricity is cut off so no ability to charge the bike.

We sleep well

Pietranima was fabulous. Great beds, great staff, wonderful food and beautiful grounds. Masseria Lucia Giovanni was not what we expected... it was very large, dark rooms beds Ok. We just prefer smaller inns, more personal experiences.



Any suggestion to improve the overall experience?

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More communication about next day's schedule is always good to help remind us. Maybe some more time off between when we get back to rooms and when we go to cooking class or out to eat would be good to have time to shower, relax, maybe go for swim. At times seemed rushed to get to cooking class, etc.

More relaxation time at the Villa!

nothing, was perfect

Overall we enjoyed our tour and loved the tuscan scenery. Getting to and from the start and end of the tour was not easy. Public transport to Pienza was non existent on Sundays and we had to taxi from Cortona at great expense Euro140. Finishing in Castellini we understood from your instructions that getting a taxi from the hotel to the train station would be easy. However this proved to be hard as Castellini does not have a taxi service. With the help of the hotel we were lucky to arrange a transfer but this could quite easily have cost over 100 euros had they needed to come from Sienna. We would suggest including transport from stations to and from the hotels in your tour cost or starting and finishing at places easy to get to from a train station, as the main reason for booking a tour was for everything to be easy. Most of our rides were 60km. It would have been great to have had some alternative shorter routes. We had a bad weather day and managed to find a 25km route from Sienna to Castellini on google maps that meant we avoided the thunderstorm and heavy rain

Train more prior! hah! We would have liked the option to stay in Montalcino a night instead of returning to Pienza.

Nothing to improve on, this was one of the peak experiences in my life

Include one set of wrenches in backpack with chargers.

1. Since you do not accept American Express to pay for the trip, I used a Visa card and was charged \$108 foreign transaction fee. American Express trip does not charge that fee 2. I wish you had a bike jersey for purchase with your name and map of Tuscany on it. 3. Offer a credit for anyone returning for another trip.

We had such an amazing trip through Umbria thanks to the team at Cicloposse! Each day was better than the one before and each town we visited was unique and beautiful. We truly believe there is no other way we could have experienced this authentic countryside in such a beautiful region of Italy. The environmentally friendly aspect of the trip was a bonus for us as well and traveling by bike was truly epic! Some lasting stand outs were the first stay of the trip in Citta della Pieve. Hotel Vannucci was exceptional -- the staff was so incredibly accommodating, the pool perfect, and both the dinner and the breakfast here were some of the best meals we had during our two weeks in Italy. Another standout was the Palazzo Bontadosi in Montefalco. The hotel was so lovely, the staff was so friendly, and the location could not be beat. I guess one of our only suggestions for "improvement" is that it would have been helpful to have two water bottle holders on our gravel bikes instead of just one.



The routes were a little more than expected. I think the routes were challenging (listed as easy to moderate?)

we were unprepared for the large % of gravel - maybe communicate that earlier? I could have used more guidance with using Ride with GPS (and several days we did not follow it). The tour was listed as easy/moderate, which may be the case for e-bikes, but it was moderate/challenging for road bikes.

You already beat all my expectations, was truly a perfect time, your family/company was with us every step of the way

Only one..it would have been helpful to have bike mirrors to see what is coming up behind.

No, you guys have done an outstanding job

1/2 day spa or massage option

A little more time between cycling and cooking lessons and dinner

Nothing comes to mind

None! We loved it!

More recommendations for lunch stops and more water fountains mapped

We had a wonderful time and don't have anything negative to say! I can't wait to book another trip with you! Thank you!

everything was perfecto

Nothing specific. We really appreciated the local dining recommendations. Also, the suggested stops along the route that we might not otherwise have enjoyed. Adding even more local ideas would be good. Better to hear from you than relying on random google comments and reviews.

My wife was quite anxious the whole time when biking (narrow roads / traffic / etc). Would be nice if there were route options that took us on some gravel roads that were a little quieter. I also think an email follow-up during the trip would be nice to check on how things are going.

maybe include more information about washrooms along the route?

We struggled with the GPS some, perhaps our lack of experience biking with GPS. Sometimes it gave us some false information.

The Hotel Giglio food was overrated.

Probably just knowledge that a coffee maker was available prior to the 8:00 breakfast and maybe a suggestion that if you want wine in your villa in the evenings you might want to get some from the wine store on property the first day.



A minor point but it would have been helpful if all the bikes had had stands

I think it would have been nice to visit one more winery, but overall this has been the best vacation I've ever been on!

Bike Maintenance

Perhaps a nespresso machine in the other villa for coffee

When we picked up our bikes I told them mine was too big. They assured me it wasn't. Unfortunately it was and the seat was already at its lowest and could not be adjusted lower. As a result after day 2 I had pins and needles in my fingers (particularly on the left hand) and loss of strength. The loss of strength in my left hand has still not fully recovered and I am having treatment for it - trying to regain strength.

All was well thought out. Flawless. I had concerns about length of bike rides however all worked well. Staff exceptional!

Option to make up rained out ride

Thanks so much for the trip, we thought the whole package was excellent and well put together. The following points are very minor but hopefully are useful: The bikes were great, personally I prefer slightly wider tyres (35-38mm) for gravel riding and also a GRX group set but this is very personal. The route was brilliant and the distances were ideal; we liked that the final day was a contrast, mainly being on road which covered the distance a bit quicker.

When someone is standing at a crossroad, just motion or point instead of saying 'turn left'.
Minor thing

GPS was inconsistent. Some days fine, other days it froze and another day wadis not provide voice prompts. More suggestions around places to have a good coffee and a light lunch would have been useful. Routes carrying on in and out of places of interest on GPS would have helped. Also suggested itineraries each day would be useful - those provided were general but more specific

Everything was perfect! Thank you!

We did not like the e-bikes. Much too heavy and hard to handle. We are used to lightweight regular bikes

Awesome job!

The bikes were very heavy, it would be nice to provide more information on locations of interest or historical sites along the bike route. Charging was difficult- as explained above because of electricity shutting off when you were not in the room. Tell people to bring their own water bottles- we did and there was no need for you to supply one. If there is any way to minimize the routes on busy roads please do. Overall it was an absolutely amazing trip and we will book with you again.



nos gusta este esquema de viaje , privado para nuestro grupo, con guía y van de apoyo.

More time spent individually during the initial bike fitting

Our only suggestion would be that the bike gear ratio was not optimal to regain pedal power after downhills.

It was wonderful! We are recommending Cycloposse to friends!

Maybe warn people about extra traffic on holidays.

The "ride with GPS" directions on the last day were not correct in one spot

We had no problem riding the mileage but would have preferred a nice stop for coffee each morning with a bathroom. The rides seemed rushed, would have liked the wine tastings to be a bit later so we didn't have to rush to get there.

We had really bad bike experience when a pedal and arm fell off of one of the bikes during the ride on a big, busy road. Could have been tragic, but luckily our friend could stop and walk bike. 2 out of 3 bikes seemed really poorly maintained which is such a surprise from the regular Cicloposse experiences in the past we are used to. Two of the bikes were great, however. a



which tour you did?

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Tuscany

Umbria self-guided

Sicily

Bike and cooking

Tuscany wine country

Tuscan Wine Country Self Guided

Tuscany Culinary tour 10/25/2024

Luxury Hills & Wheels

Tuscany Bike tour

Tuscany

Gravel Roads

Bike & Cooking in Tuscany

Tuscan Food and Wine

Cycling and cooking in Tuscany

Cycling and cooking in tuscany

Luxury Wine tour of Tuscany and Umbria. Hotels were WONDERFUL!

Cicloposse cycling and cooking

Cooking, biking Tuscany

Cycling and Cooking in Tuscany

Short Escape (Tuscany)

Tuscany 4 day gravel



culinary and cycling

Tuscany Short Gravel

Hills and wheels

tuscany - cooking

Tuscany Short Escape self guided tour

4-day Pienza to Siena

Tuscany gravel

tuscany gravel short

3 day on our own

Short Tuscany

Tuscany guided

Tuscany to Sea: Maremma

Oct 25 through Oct 31 2024

June 6-13,2024

Self-guided Southern Tuscany.

Public Classic Bike tour - self guided

cycling and cooking - Tuscany

Tuscany self guided 4 night

Self-guided gravel

Cycling and cooking may 17-22,2024

Southern Tuscany self guided tour

Gravel

Tuscany tour



Self guided Puglia- Matera, Altamura, Ostuni, Polignano a Mare

Puglia

Tuscany Strada Bianche

Tuscany short escape - self guided tour.

Gravel routes, Cabras Loop, Portu Cervo area

Southern Tuscany

esmeralda coast

Puglia. Panos and Alessandra were great.



Your name & Country

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Steve Boe, USA

Maureen DeMarco-Omura -Canada

John Morrell, Canada

Ann Giles New Zealand

Bruce Black, USA

Tanya & Russ - U.S.

Austin Matalon USA

Monique Dagenais from Canada

Doug Lyons

Nancy Russo, USA

Carrie - United States of America

Brad Hall - USA

Paula, United States

Katharine & Earl Drake, USA

Jean from USA

Karen Selleck USA

Julia Matalon USA

Julie Boe USA

Mike and Linda Kilburn

Khue Cai (USA)

Nancy Stafford, USA



Karen USA

Jim Coates, Canada

Holly and Charlie, MN USA

Laura Schoor USA

Peter Osborne / Canada

Aaron Harper - Canada

Joe Heiserman USA

Eddie Sams - USA

Mussett, USA

Kon Wyatt USA

Lori Bruder -USA

David Humphreys, UK

Erik Black, USA

Elizabeth Owes USA

Michelle Laade

Caroline Poole, USA

Kathy Bjornson. US

Penny von Behr - Australia

Mary Matalon/USA

Kathy Rispler - Canada

Brian Jeffery, UK

Edith Lester United States

Alan Bardwell, Australia



Anne Ladd US

Jim Rogers USA

Tim and Valerie Hoover - USA

Mona USA

pelayo larrain - chile

Brian Douglas USA

Marion - South Africa

Len Carlman, USA

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Lori and Paul McCormack

Renee and George Greenfield

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