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HOW TO GET THERE

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HOW TO GET TO CHIANTI IN TUSCANY

Travel agents have realised that an increasing number of British people actually enjoy arranging their own travel to foreign countries just as long as they have previously booked a hotel or self-catering accommodation ready for their arrival. Family package holidays to countries such as Italy are without doubt more costly than organising independent travel and accommodation by oneself.

DRIVING TO ITALY

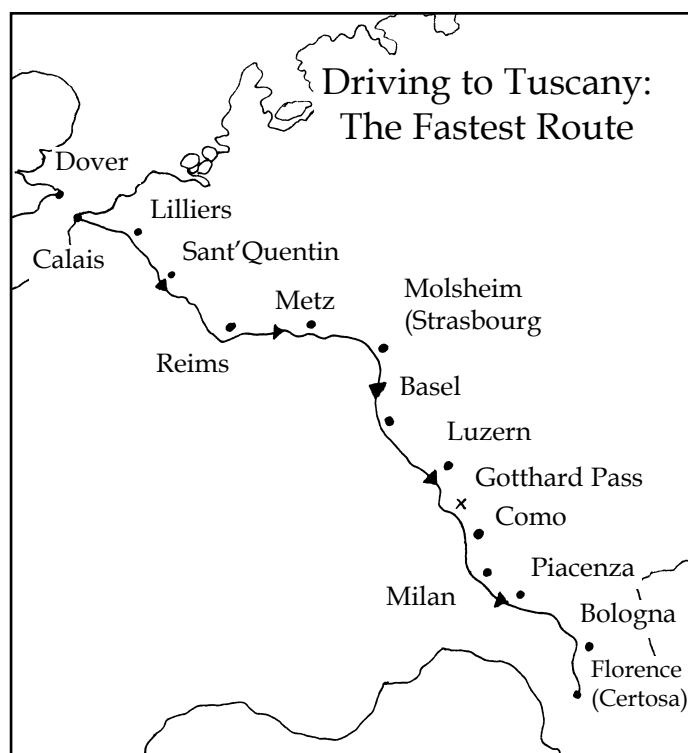
Driving to Italy means having the added benefit of having a car at your disposal for the duration of your holiday. Taking a leisurely drive through the continent with sensible stops can give you the opportunity to see some beautiful European cities.

The journey to Tuscany is around 1100 miles. There are two major routes to Italy: the first being through France and the second Belgium, France and Switzerland. The latter in mileage is actually the shortest and avoids paying motorway tolls through France. However, although there are no motorway charges through Belgium and Germany, one pays a yearly pass through Switzerland. It is our advice to choose the route most attractive to you.

We will, on request, provide you with Autoroute computerised maps from any city in the world to Chianti in Tuscany which automatically select for you the most convenient route by car.

Useful telephone numbers for drivers to Italy are as follows:

P & O Stena Line Ferries (Dover to Calais)	Tel: 0990 980980
Stena Line Ferries (Dover to Calais)	Tel: 0990 707070
Eurostar, Le Shuttle (Folkestone to Calais)	Tel: 0990 186186
Hoverspeed	Tel: 0990 240241



MOTORAIL-TAKE YOUR CAR ON THE TRAIN

One can save on driving by accompanying your car on the train with the French Railways Motorail service from Calais to Milan, Bologna, Livorno or Rome in Italy. The Motorail tends to become fully booked from February onwards. Those wishing to travel in peak Summer months should therefore book early.

Motorail enquiries: Tel: 0870 5848848

FLYING TO ITALY



Airlines now have direct information lines/web sites where you can check such things as flight availability, prices, departure and arrival dates and times. There are some amazing flight deals to be found, brought about by increasing competition amongst the lower cost airlines such as Ryanair and BA Go. These much more economical flights, making extensive savings, have encouraged travellers away from traditional 'package' holidays.

When having found the right flight you can telephone the airline direct or access the airline's web site and book seats using all major credit/debit cards. You will then receive tickets through the post within a few days. Another alternative would be to visit your local travel agent and book individual flights there.

The main airports for reaching Chianti in Tuscany are Florence, Pisa, Bologna and Rome, located from central Chianti in approximately 30 minutes to 2.5 hours. Although Florence airport is nearest to Chianti, flight availability is limited in the Summer months and it is advisable to book well in advance. Pisa tends to be the most popular arrival destination for Chianti in Tuscany.

Reservation departures of airlines operating daily flights from the UK to Florence, Pisa, Bologna and Rome are listed below. We have also included *other* Italian airports for those considering spending a night or more in another Italian city and then travelling on to/from Tuscany by car-hire.

Ryan Airways Reservations: 0870 3331238

www.ryanair.com

London Stanstead to **Pisa** Mon-Fri 7.05/12.50 hours
Saturday 07.05

B.A. Go-Fly: 0845 6054321

www.go-fly.com

London Stanstead to **Bologna** Saturday 09.55 hours
London Stanstead to **Rome** Saturday 08.30 hours

British Airways Reservations: 0345 222111

www.BRITISHAIRWAYS.com

London Gatwick to **Pisa** daily 10.00/17.55 hours
London Heathrow to **Bologna** daily 08.40/12.25hours
London H.R, Gat to **Rome** at various times daily
Manchester to **Rome** at various times daily
Edinburgh to **Rome** daily 11.15/15.15 hours

Meridiana: 0171 839 2222

www.meridiana.it

London Gatwick to **Florence** at various times daily

Alitalia Reservations: 0990 448259

www.alitalia.it

London Gatwick to **Bologna** at various times daily
London Heathrow to **Rome** at various times daily

Italy Sky Shuttle (Charter): 0181 748 1333

www.magictravelgroup.co.uk

From Gatwick/Heathrow to Pisa and Rome daily

Air France (via Paris) Reservations: 0845 0845111

www.airfrance.co.uk

London Heathrow to **Florence** daily 06.55/09.15 hours
London Heathrow to **Rome** at various times daily

Sabena (via Brussels) Reservations: 0845 6010933

www.sabena.com

Daily from most UK airports including Heathrow, Bristol, Belfast, Newcastle, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Manchester and Birmingham (please check for others) via Brussels to all major Italian airports including Florence and Bologna.

When there are no flights available to Tuscany you may like to consider flying in at one of the following *other* airports and spending one or two nights in the area before travelling on to Tuscany:

British Airways: 0345 222111

London Gatwick to **Genoa** daily dept 14.10
London Heathrow to **Venice** daily dept 09.50/12.30 hours
London Gatwick to **Verona** daily dept 14.50/17.35 hours
Gat/HR/Birm/Man to **Milan** at various times daily

Ryan Airways: 0870 3331238

London Stanstead to **Rimini** or to **Turin**

Italy Sky Shuttle: 0181 748 1333

From UK airports to **Genoa, Verona, Venice, Milan**

Air France Reservations: 0845 0845111

Buzz: 0870 2407070

London Stanstead to **Milan**

Alitalia Reservations: 0990 448259

London Stanstead to **Turin/Milan** at various times daily
London Gatwick to **Venice** at various times daily
Dublin to **Milan** at various times daily
Heathrow to **Milan** at various times daily

CAR HIRE

Once you arrive at the airport an Avis or Hertz rental car can be arranged to be waiting for you:

Avis Tel: 0990 900500 or **Hertz** Tel: 0990 996699

Alternatively, some flight companies such as British Airways will arrange car hire for you. A car is essential to appreciate the Chianti and the Tuscan countryside. Even for those wishing to simply relax by the pool-side will need transport as all properties, although not isolated, are in country locations.