



## **FROM SAN GIMIGNANO TO MONTERIGGIONI**

### **TPOLOGY:**

- Weekend along the Via Francigena (2 days - 1 night)
- Itinerant trip; cultural and historical trip
- Difficulty: LOW (5 hours walk every day)

**DESCRIPTION:** San Gimignano and its millennial village, born on the road, welcome us, for the departure, under the shade of their towers which remind us of its medieval past. Then we leave for a beautiful walk along the sweet Tuscan hilly landscape coming across isolated farms, houses, towers, mills and crossing plateaus, dense forest of holm oaks and gorges through which crystal water still runs. Highlights of the territory are the hidden beauty of Colle Val d'Elsa, the scenography of the Monteriggioni's walls, the castles and the parishes that are along the route. Another surprise is Sentierelsa, the wonderful route along the most beautiful section of this unique river.

### **PROGRAMME:**

**FIRST DAY (30 SEPTEMBER):** San Gimignano - Colle Val D'Elsa (16 Km and 5 hours); difference in level: uphill 250 meters, downhill 200 meters. A walk from Piazza della Cisterna, following the Francigena Route, to Santa Lucia. We will arrive, through the nice countryside, to Campiglia from where we can continue to Colle Val d'Elsa and its marvellous medieval village. Colle Val D'Elsa - Gracciano and Monteriggioni (14 km and 5 hours); difference in level: uphill 250 meters, downhill 150 meters.

**SECOND DAY (1 OCTOBER):** From Colle Val D'Elsa, following the Sentierelsa and the San Marziale route, we will arrive to Gracciano. Proceeding on the Francigena route, we will go through some fascinating villages like Strove and Badia a Isola which are immersed in a beautiful natural landscape. From here, along the Cassia route, we will reach the castle of Monteriggioni.

### **RATES**

**Cost: €120 (includes: organization of the travel and insurance, overnight stay in hostel dorms, dinner and breakfast)**

**USEFUL INFORMATION:** it is possible to reach San Gimignano by bus from Florence (departure at 7.10 am) and Siena (departure at 8.20 am).

**RESERVATIONS AND INFO:** Walden Viaggi a Piedi office is open from Monday to Friday (9.00 am -1.00 pm). E-mail: [info@waldenviaggiapiedi.it](mailto:info@waldenviaggiapiedi.it); website: [www.waldenviaggiapiedi.it](http://www.waldenviaggiapiedi.it); phone: +39 055-9166690. We kindly ask

you to call and verify the availability and, only after this passage, to send the participation cost of 120 euros. ALL THE CONDITIONS ARE ON WEBSITE.

**PAYMENTS:** Through the bank account Banca Etica T050 1802 8000 0000 0134509 with bank transfer to: WALDEN SOCIETA' COOPERATIVA, specifying, in the "reason of payment", YOUR NAME AND SURNAME AND "Weekend Francigena ottobre".

**INSURANCE:** Participants are protected by an insurance policy with Mondial Assistance for "Assistance and medical expenses". All the general conditions of the assistance and connected maximums will be provided to the participants together with the registration documents.

