

Tuscany boasts a lot of charming and romantic towns and some of them seem to be designed for lovers! This is a “lovely” itinerary that touches many hill towns for love-birds.

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LUCIGNANO

Lucignano is a small medieval hill town elliptical in shape overlooking the Valdichiana, halfway between Siena and Arezzo. It features old houses, narrow streets and is particularly known for being home to the ‘Tree of love’ or ‘Tree of Life’, a 2,60 meter-tall Gothic masterpiece decorated with coral, enamel and rock crystal. People believed that the tree had a magic ability to make love last, so lovers would go there to make their promises of fidelity.

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PIENZA

The next stop on this “love journey” is **Pienza**, located in the Val d’Orcia, an area of Tuscany that is really worth a visit. Pienza, a UNESCO World Heritage Site located south of Siena, is considered a jewel of the Renaissance as well as a very romantic city. This is due to both the evocative landscapes and the love-related street names. There is *Via del Bacio* (street of the kiss), *Via della Fortuna* (fortune street) and *Via dell’Amore* (the street of love). The best part is yet to come: Pienza is also perfect for lovers because the famous Italian director Franco Zeffirelli chose it as the setting of the greatest love history of all time, Romeo and Juliet! [Read more.](#)

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GIGLIO ISLAND

Our journey continues to **Giglio Island**, in the Tuscan archipelago. The first thing you should know about Giglio Island is that there are three main towns: **Giglio Porto** where the ferries arrive,

Giglio Castello on the top of the hill and **Giglio Campese** on the west coast of the island. As a couple don’t miss out on a stop at the Lovers’ Lighthouse! [Read more.](#)

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LIVORNO QUARTIERE VENEZIA

Quartiere Venezia (Venice District) in **Livorno** is a neighbourhood reminiscent of Venice (Venezia) in northern Italy, retaining the original bridges, lanes, canals, houses and warehouses connected to the harbour. Livorno is the most important port city in Tuscany, but this neighbourhood has retained its old charm and recalls life in another era, when everyone knew each other. During July, the *Quartiere Venezia* comes alive with “*Effetto Venezia*”, a festival packed with shows, food and wine events and traditional markets. [Read more.](#)

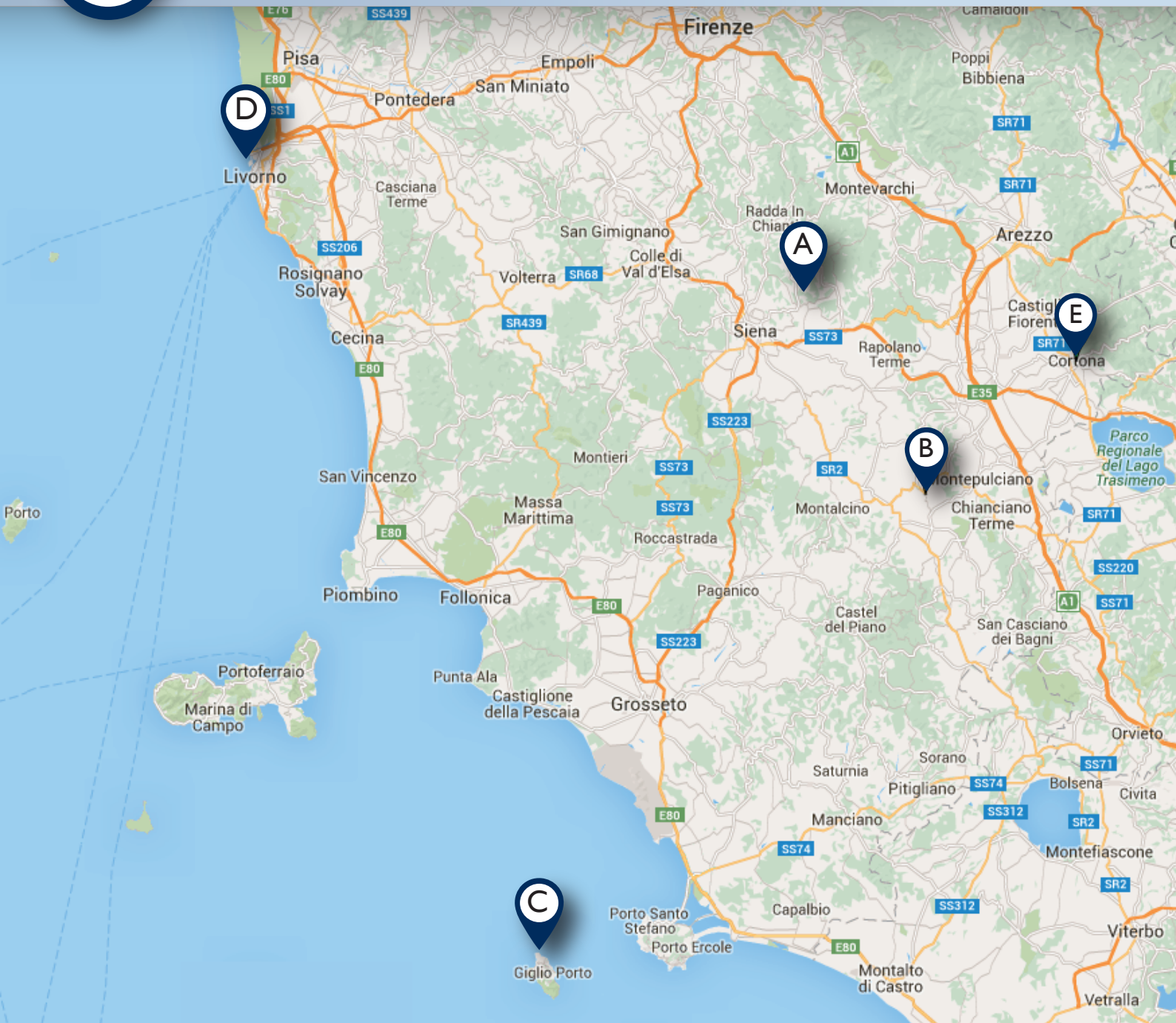
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CORTONA

The last stop of this love-filled itinerary is Cortona, the setting of Frances Mayes’ bestseller “*Under the Tuscan Sun*”. Cortona is located in the Valdichiana and is a romantic city with splendid views of the Trasimeno Lake. The city, enclosed by stone walls dating back to Etruscan and Roman times, boasts interesting places to visit, such as *Piazza della Repubblica* with the *Palazzo Comunale*, the Diocesan Museum and the MAEC (The Etruscan Academy Museum of the City of Cortona). Don’t forget to sip at least one glass of local red wine!



Romantic *Tuscany* MAP



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