



Dear Friends,

Black Pearl Luxury Services is pleased to partner with Backroads, the leader in active travel vacations. Have you made plans yet for your family vacation? Backroads, one of my favorite active travel partners, has a selection of 69 fun-filled vacations specially designed for families. Whether you are a single parent or the only parent available to take the kids on a vacation this summer, I can help you with a wide selection of easy-going routes, kid-sized equipment, fun games and activities, and the opportunity to learn as you play. These are all hallmarks of a Backroads family vacation. Call me at 801 483-6533.

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Tuscany & Maremma Family Biking Tour From Tuscan fields to the Tyrrhenian Sea

In southwestern Tuscany, rolling hills and vineyards meet striking landscapes of molded volcanic rock and stunning Mediterranean coastline. This beautiful corner of Italy is yours to discover on this Backroads family journey that travels from inland Italia to the tranquil shores of the Tyrrhenian Sea. Pedal along quiet county roads past wine estates, shaded woodlands, endless rolling wheat fields, and dramatic tufa cliffs. Explore marvelous medieval hilltop villages and taste the area's finest Morellino di Scansano. Learn about Etruscan archaeology and the traditions of Maremman cowboys. And after full days of riding, settle into charming hotels and savor hearty homespun cuisine.

Day 1-2 Sovana

Meet in Orvieto. Picnic in San Casciano dei Bagni, long acclaimed for its therapeutic thermal waters. Pedal along quiet roads past vineyards and farmland, accompanied by views of Monte Amiata—an extinct volcano and Tuscany's highest peak. Explore the hilltop village of Sorano, known for its rich Etruscan history and volcanic tufa. After making hearty climbs, take in some of the region's premier vistas. Visit the noteworthy Ildebranda Tomb, an Etruscan necropolis. Stroll through breathtaking Sovana with a local expert, who shares with you the town's history and gems. Get to know Pitigliano, a medieval town steeply stacked on a rock outcrop and connected by a 16th century aqueduct. The kids can carve tufa rock with a local artisan and enjoy a pizza dinner with the leaders.

Day 3-4 Scansano

Pedal through wide-open land crosshatched by vineyards and dotted with an occasional farmhouse. Walk along the well-preserved medieval walls of Magliano in Toscana. Soak your muscles in Saturnia Hot Springs, like Etruscans and Romans did centuries ago. Visit the Romanesque church of San Bruzio, set amid a vast olive grove. Savor the region's Morellino di Scansano wine at a local vineyard. Explore the quaint village of Scansano, where time seems to stand still. The kids can take a horseback riding lesson and the whole family learns about Il Buttero, the traditional Maremman cowboy, before enjoying a BBQ dinner by the hotel pool.

Day 5-6 Capalbio

Get a feel for Italy's wild west as you pedal through seaside flatlands and sail along some exhilarating downhill stretches. Enjoy the coastal breeze as you ride past Maremman farms and grain fields. Explore the Gaudi-inspired open air museum of the American/French sculptor Niki de Saint Phalle. Lounge on the beach and snack on a delicious Panini when you're hungry. Take a dip in the azure waters of the Tyrrhenian Sea.




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