

TREASURES OF TUSCANY QUESTIONS

San Miniato

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1. Where is the lovely Ostello San Miniato located?
2. Where is San Miniato situated?
3. What is the Via Francigena famous for?
4. What does Via Francigena connect?
5. What is the landscape of the city like?

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6. When was San Miniato founded?
7. Who founded it?
8. What was the name of San Miniato in the Middle Ages?
9. Who built his castle in San Miniato in 1218?
10. When did San Miniato become a free commune?
11. When was Frederick II's Tower destroyed?

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12. Where does our walking tour start?
13. Who built Palazzo Grifoni?
14. When was this Palace built?
15. When was the Palace destroyed?
16. What can you admire in Piazza del Popolo?
17. What can you admire inside the church?

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18. - Where is the Via Angelica located?
19. - Why is the Via Angelica famous?
20. - What can you admire along this ancient path?
21. - What can you see in the chapels in the Via Angelica?
22. - What type of objects does the Roffia Palace contain?
23. - When do they date back to?

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24. What can you admire in Piazza del Seminario?
25. What is the shape of the square?
26. When was the palace built?
27. What is it characterized by?
28. What can you see on the other side of the square?

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29. What can you admire in Piazza del Duomo?
30. Who is the Cathedral dedicated to?
31. When was it built?
32. What can you admire inside the Cathedral?
33. What is the name of the Bell Tower?
34. When does it date back to?
35. What does the Diocesan Museum of Sacred Art house?

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36. Where is the Bishop's palace located?
37. When does the Imperial Vicars' Palace date back to?
38. What was its Tower used for?
39. When does the Sanctuary of the Most Holy Crucifix date back to?
40. What is its style?
41. What can you admire inside this church?
42. Who frescoed this church?
43. Why is it famous?

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44. Where is the Town Hall located?
45. When it was built?
46. What can you admire inside the Town Hall?
47. When were the frescoes in **La Sala delle Sette Virtù** painted?
48. What is the most important fresco?
49. What can you see in the middle of the fresco?

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50. Where is La Sala Consiliare located?
51. What did Francesco Maria Galli Angelini create in La Sala Consiliare?
52. What can you admire in the amazing frescoes on the right?
53. Who is the Virgin Mary talking to in the fresco on the left?
54. What is the room decorated with?

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55. Where was the Oratory of Loretino built?
56. When was the Oratory of Loretino built?
57. When did the Oratory become an important place?
58. What do you know about the legend of the Holy Crucifix?
59. Who decorated the Oratory of Loretino?
60. What does the Oratory of Loretino contain?

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61. Why is "Retrobottega" famous?
62. What can you taste there?
63. Who is the owner of "Retrobottega"?

64. What kind of products do they use?
65. Can you enjoy a wonderful view of the countryside when you are there?
66. What can you taste there?

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67. What Slow Food products is San Miniato famous for?
68. What is Mallegato made of?
69. What is Spuma di Gota made of?
70. What is Sopressata made of?
71. Why is Mercatale famous?
72. When and where does it take place?

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73. Where can we go after lunch?
74. What is the Tower of Frederick II also called?
75. Who built the Tower of Frederick II?
76. When was the tower destroyed?
77. When was the tower rebuilt?
78. What can you admire from its top?
79. Why was Frederick II's Chancellor imprisoned there?

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80. Who founded the Church and Convent of Saint Francis?
81. What can you admire inside the Church and Convent of Saint Francis?
82. Who are its twelve altars dedicated to?
83. Which material is the crucifix made of?
84. When does the Convent date back to?

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85. What is Piazza Bonaparte flanked by?
86. Who built the ancient palaces in Piazza Bonaparte?
87. When were the ancient palaces in Piazza Bonaparte built?
88. Who is the marble statue in Piazza Bonaparte dedicated to?
89. Who is the church in Piazza Bonaparte dedicated to?
90. What can you visit in Piazza XX Settembre?
91. Where is the Euteleti Academy located?
92. What does it contain?

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93. What is Piazza Dante Alighieri also called?
94. What can you see in Piazza Dante Alighieri?
95. Who was Giosuè Carducci?
96. Where did he live?
97. When did he live in San Miniato?
98. When was Palazzo Formichini built?
99. What does it contain?

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100. What is the name of the church located in via Giosuè Carducci?
101. What does The Most Holy Annunziata's Church contain?
102. When was the Conservatory of Santa Chiara built?

103. When was the Conservatory of Santa Chiara restored?
104. When did the Conservatory of Santa Chiara become a conservatory for girls ' education?

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105. How is the Conservatory of Santa Chiara arranged?
106. Who is its chapel dedicated to?
107. What does the Conservatory house?
108. Who painted "Noli me Tangere"?
109. What does the painting represent?
110. Who created frescoes and paintings in the Conservatory of Santa Chiara?
111. Who painted the famous Medieval cross?
112. When does it date back to?

PAGE 21

113. Why is the Via Francigena famous?
114. What can you admire while walking along the Via Francigena?
115. Which famous site can you visit if you are interested in ancient history?
116. Why was the Via Francigena important in the Middle Ages?
117. Where did this pilgrimage route connect?
118. Who stayed in the village of San Genesio on his return trip to Canterbury?

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119. 1- Why was the Via Francigena important during the Middle Ages?
120. 2- Which famous tuscan cities does the Via Francigena connect?
121. 3- How many stages is the Via Francigena divided into?
122. 4- How long is the Via Francigena?
123. 5- Which Italian regions does it cross?
124. 6- How many stages are there in Italy?
125. 7- Which famous festival is held on the Via Francigena in San Miniato in summer?

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126. Where is Pizzeria Vecchio Cinema located?
127. What can we taste there?
128. What can you taste in La Bisteccheria?
129. What are the ingredients for "truffled parmesan risotto"?

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130. What kind of olive oil is Tuscany famous for?
131. Where is La Serra located?
132. What does the famous "Frantoio Samminiatese" produce?
133. How long has extra-virgin olive oil been produced in "Frantoio Samminiatese"?
134. What can we taste there?
135. What can you buy there?

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136. What can you do in "Caffè Centrale"?
137. What is "Chalet" famous for?
138. What can you do there?
139. What are the main events in San Miniato in summer?
140. Where are they held?

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141. Where is "La Luna è Azzurra" held?
142. How long has it been held?
143. What can you see there?
144. When and where is "La Notte Nera" held?
145. What do restaurants and stalls sell during the event?
146. When does the National White Truffle Exhibition take place?
147. What is the name of the white truffle you can find in the hills of San Miniato?
148. What colour is it?
149. Why is it expensive?
150. When can it be found?
151. What do restaurants and stalls sell during the event?
152. Why is the National White Truffle Exhibition famous all over Italy?

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153. Who created the famous Istituto del Dramma Popolare ?
154. When was it created?
155. Who is San Genesio?
156. Was he an actor?
157. What does the famous Istituto del Dramma Popolare collaborate with?
158. When and where is Prima del Teatro held in San Miniato?
159. What is the topic of the performance?
160. Who does it attract?

Lucca & Collodi

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1. Why is Lucca a famous destination for many tourists?
2. What is Porta Sant'Anna? Who built it?
3. How long are the walls of Lucca?
4. How many rings of walls did the city of Lucca have?
5. Who built the first ring of walls?
6. How tall are the walls?
7. What are the walls lined with?
8. Where can you have a pleasant cycling tour?

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9. What can you admire during your cycling tour?
10. When was Pfanner Palace built ?
11. What can you admire in its Baroque garden?
12. Who was Felix Pfanner and what did he do?
13. What can you admire inside the palace?

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14. What can we admire in Piazza del Duomo?
15. When does the Cathedral of San Martino date back to?
16. What is the style of its façade?

17. What important works of art can you admire inside the Cathedral of San Martino?
18. Who were Ilaria del Carretto and Paolo Guinigi?
19. What is the Baptistery like?

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20. What can you see in Piazza Napoleone?
21. Where is the statue of Maria Luisa di Borbone located ?
22. What can you admire in front of the statue?
23. Is the square used for events and public occasions?
24. When does Palazzo Pubblico date back to?
25. What is Palazzo Ducale used for?

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26. What can you see in Piazza del Giglio?
27. When was the church of San Michele in Foro built?
28. What is it made of?
29. What is the style of the Church of San Michele in Foro ?
30. What can you see on its top?
31. What can you see inside the church?
32. What can we admire near the church?
33. Who was Giacomo Puccini?
34. What can you admire in Torre del Lago in Versilia?
35. Where can we admire Puccini Museum?

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36. What is the Roman Amphitheatre lined with?
37. What is the name of the square?
38. What was the Roman Amphitheatre used for?
39. When was it built?
40. What CAN you taste at Giulio in Pelleria?
41. Where is Giulio in Pelleria located?

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42. What is the name of one of the best ice-cream shops in Tuscany?
43. What is the name of a famous bakery?
44. What does an the old saying in Lucca say?
45. Where can you buy the delicious Buccellato di Lucca ?

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46. What can we do and see in Via Fillungo?
47. When was La Torre delle Ore built ?
48. What is Via Fillungo characterized by?

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49. What can we also see in Lucca?
50. What can you admire on the facade of the Church of San Frediano?
51. Who designed the baptismal font and the altar inside the Church of San Frediano?
52. What we can admire inside the Church of San Frediano?
53. What is an example of Romanesque-Gothic architecture?
54. What is the main feature of Guinigi Tower?
55. What can you admire from Guinigi Tower?
56. What can you see on its top?

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57. What can we visit in Collodi?
58. Who is the author of the Adventures of Pinocchio?
59. Who are the main characters of Pinocchio's adventures?
60. What did Carlo Collodi write?
61. Talk about the story of Pinocchio.
62. Who is Carlo Collodi?

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63. Speak about Pinocchio Park.
64. What can you admire in Pinocchio park?
65. What can you see in "Villa Garzoni garden" and in the "Butterfly House"?
66. Which statues can you admire in Pinocchio park?
67. What does Pinocchio museum house?
68. What can you admire at the entrance of Pinocchio Park?

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69. Where is Osteria del Gambero Rosso?
70. What can you taste at Osteria del Gambero Rosso?
71. What do the waiters and waitresses of Osteria del Gambero Rosso wear?

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72. Why was the area near the bridge of San Miniato Basso called "Ponte del Pinocchio"?
73. What was Carlo Lorenzini inspired by?
74. What was the name of San Miniato Basso one hundred years ago?
75. Why the name of San Miniato was "Il Pinocchio"?
76. What was the real name of Collodi?
77. What job did his father do?

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78. What can we do after dinner in July?
79. Why does Lucca Summer Festival attract people from all over Europe?
80. What can you see during Lucca Summer Festival?
81. When and where does Lucca Summer festival take place?

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82. Where is Versilia located?
83. What is it surrounded by?
84. Why is Versilia popular with tourists?
85. What can tourists do in Versilia in summer?
86. What are its main charming seaside resorts?
87. What is the style of the buildings along the promenade in Viareggio?
88. Why is Torre del Lago famous ?
89. What is the name of a medieval city in Versilia?
90. What can you see there?

Florence

PAGE 45

1. What can you admire in Piazza Del Duomo?
2. Who built the Cathedral of Santa Maria Del Fiore in 12th century?
3. Who were the 2 artists who completed the Cathedral?
4. What is the Cathedral like?
5. How many bronze portals does it have?

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6. What can you admire inside the Cathedral?
7. What can you admire outside the Cathedral?
8. What is the Baptistery famous for?

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9. What is Via dei Calzaiuoli lined with?
10. What can you admire in Piazza della Signoria?
11. What does the lovely Loggia dei Lanzi contain?

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12. What can you see in this picture?

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13. Who designed Palazzo Vecchio in the 13th century?
14. Who frescoed its courtyard?
15. What can you admire inside the Palace?

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16. How long did the Medici Family rule Florence and Tuscany? Why were they important?
17. What did you know about Cosimo the Elder/ Cosimo the I/ Lorenzo il Magnifico?
18. Which important artists did they support?
19. What were their wives' names?
20. What is the title of the 2 Tv series about Medici Family?
21. Where did Cosimo and Eleonora live?

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22. What is the oldest Bridge in Florence?
23. What is it flanked by?
24. Why is Boboli gardens famous?

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25. What can you see in Boboli gardens?

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26. When does Pitti Palace date back to?
27. Who created the famous Vasari Corridor?

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28. What does the Vasari Corridor connect?

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29. What can you see inside the Palace?

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30. What can you taste at All'Antico Vinaio?

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31. Where can you discover the Fine Chianti Wines? Descrivi l'esperienza

PAGE 58

32. Why was Botticelli famous?

33. Describe the birth of Venus and Allegory of the Spring?

PAGE 59

34. What are the main shopping streets in Florence?

35. Why does Piazzale Michelangelo attract many tourists?

36. Why is Florence Central Market popular with tourists? What can you taste there?

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37. What are the main Cafes in Piazza della Repubblica? Why were they famous?

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38. What are the main events organised in Florence in Summer?

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39. Describe the main events. (saper parlare dei due eventi a pagina 66)

Pisa & Pontedera

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1. Where is Pontedera located?
2. What is it famous for?
3. What can we visit in Pontedera?
4. Who is the famous Vespa Piaggio produced by?
5. When was the company founded in Pontedera?
6. Why was it opened?
7. What can we admire in the famous Piaggio Museum?
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9. What can you do during a Vespa tour?
10. Which vespa scooters can we admire in the museum ?
11. What can you do in the town centre?

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12. Why is Pisa famous all over the world?
13. Which century does the university of Pisa date back to?
14. When were Pisa walls built?Who restored them?
15. What can you admire from Pisa Walls?
16. Where is Piazza dei Miracoli located?
17. What can you admire in Piazza dei Miracoli?
18. What are the four buildings that form one of the most important architectural complexes in Italy?
19. Who created the name "Piazza dei Miracoli"?

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20. What is the shape of the Baptistery?
21. Are the Cathedral and the Baptistery in the Gothic style?
22. What can you admire inside the Baptistery?
23. What is it famous for?
24. What can we admire to the west of the Baptistery?
25. What can we admire inside the Cathedral?
26. Who is the Cathedral dedicated to?
27. Who is the patron saint of Pisa?

28. Where is he buried?
29. When does Galileo's Lamp date back to?

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30. Why was the monumental cemetery created?
31. When was the monumental cemetery created?
32. Why is the Monumental Cemetery considered the most beautiful cemetery in the world?
33. How tall is the Learning Tower?
34. When was it built?
35. Why is the Leaning Tower famous? Can you describe it?

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36. What can you see in Piazza dei Cavalieri?
37. What happened in 1561?
38. What is the name of the famous university located in this square ?
39. Who decorated the famous Scuola Normale Superiore?
40. What you can admire next to the palace?
41. When was the Church of Santo Stefano dei Cavalieri created?
42. What is the style of the church of Santa Maria della Spina?
43. Where does the name of the church of Santa Maria della Spina come from?
44. When was the Church of Santa Maria della Spina built?

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45. What does "Piazza delle Vettovaglie" mean?
46. What can you see in Piazza delle Vettovaglie?
47. What can you taste in the lovely pizzeria Da Nando?

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48. What are the ingredients for Cecina?

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49. Who created Logge dei Banchi?
50. What is Logge dei Banchi used for?
51. What are the best shopping streets in Pisa?
52. What shops are there?
53. What can we do and see in Corso Italia?

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54. What can you taste in "Osteria Il Fantasma dell'opera"?
55. What you can admire in Sant'Antonio square?
56. Who created Tuttomondo?

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57. Why do tourists like attending cooking courses?
58. What do you do during a cooking course ?
59. Where does the cooking course take place?
60. What can you prepare?
61. What are the main Tuscan dishes?

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62. How many hectares does San Rossore park cover?
63. What is the easiest way to explore it?
64. What can you see in San Rossore Park?

65. Where is San Rossore Park situated ?

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66. What can you enjoy there?

67. Who owned San Rossore Estate?

68. Why is San Rossore estate famous?

69. What can you admire during park tours?

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70. What are the main events in summer in Pisa?

71. What is the name of the best square you can see in Pisa?

72. Why is it so beautiful at night?

73. Which famous singer sings in the famous Teatro del Silenzio?

74. What you can see in Il Teatro del Silenzio?

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75. Who is Pisa's patron saint?

76. Why is the Battle of the Bridge famous?

77. Where does Saint Ranieri 's Regatta take place?

78. Why is Luminara famous?