

Rick Steves Snapshot Hill Towns Of Central Italy: Uncovering the Charm of Tuscany, Umbria, and Lazio

When it comes to experiencing the true essence of Italy, the picturesque hill towns of Central Italy are hard to beat. Nestled among the rolling green hills and olive groves, these enchanting towns offer a glimpse into the country's rich history, vibrant culture, and stunning landscapes. When planning your trip to this region, make sure to grab a copy of **Rick Steves Snapshot Hill Towns Of Central Italy** — a comprehensive guidebook that will help you navigate through the hidden gems of Tuscany, Umbria, and Lazio. Let's take a closer look at what makes these hill towns so special.

The Beauty of Tuscany

Tuscany, known for its breathtaking countryside and world-renowned wines, is a region that captivates travelers with its timeless beauty and charm. In *Rick Steves Snapshot Hill Towns Of Central Italy*, the author takes you on a journey through the region's most captivating towns, such as San Gimignano, Siena, and Volterra.

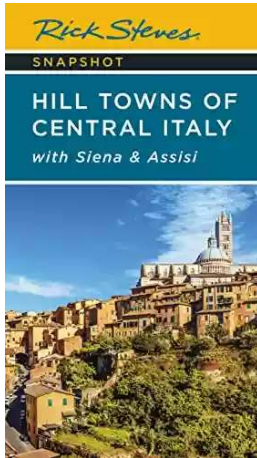
San Gimignano, often referred to as the "Medieval Manhattan," is famous for its iconic towers that punctuate the skyline. As you walk through its narrow streets, you'll be transported back in time and get a sense of what life was like in the Middle Ages.

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Siena, with its magnificent Duomo and stunning Piazza del Campo, offers a perfect blend of art, architecture, and history. Don't miss the Palio horse race held twice a year, where the city comes alive with excitement and rival neighborhoods compete for victory.

Volterra, perched on a hilltop, is a town steeped in ancient Etruscan history. Explore the well-preserved city walls, visit the Roman Theater, and indulge in the traditional local cuisine.

Umbria: The Green Heart of Italy

Umbria, often referred to as the "Green Heart of Italy," is a region that captivates visitors with its unspoiled landscapes, medieval hill towns, and spiritual retreats. Rick Steves guides you through some of the most enchanting towns in Umbria, including Assisi, Perugia, and Orvieto.

Assisi, the birthplace of Saint Francis, is a pilgrimage destination and a spiritual center. Explore the stunning Basilica di San Francesco, wander through the charming streets, and take in the panoramic views of the Umbrian countryside.

Perugia, the capital of Umbria, is a vibrant university city that seamlessly blends history and modernity. Discover the Etruscan arch and the Fontana Maggiore in Piazza IV Novembre, stroll along the Corso Vannucci, and immerse yourself in the lively atmosphere of this cultural hub.

Orvieto, known for its impressive cathedral and underground caves, is a hidden gem that offers a unique blend of history, art, and gastronomy. Climb to the top of the town's cliff and marvel at the breathtaking views that stretch as far as the eye can see.

Lazio: Rome's Charming Neighbors

While most tourists flock to Rome, just a stone's throw away lies the region of Lazio, home to picturesque hill towns that often go unnoticed. With Rick Steves as your guide, you'll uncover the hidden gems of Lazio, like Civita di Bagnoregio, Viterbo, and Bolsena.

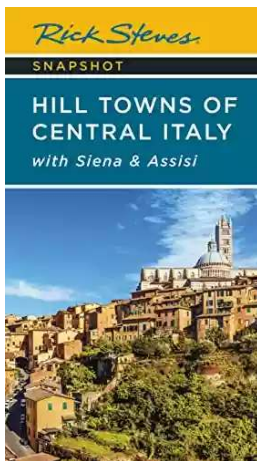
Civita di Bagnoregio, inhabited for over 2,500 years, is a town frozen in time. Accessible only by a pedestrian bridge, this UNESCO World Heritage Site will transport you to a place of pure magic and tranquility.

Viterbo, known for its well-preserved medieval center and hot springs, offers a unique blend of history, relaxation, and culinary delights. Get lost in the medieval alleys, soak in the therapeutic waters, and treat your taste buds to the local delicacies.

Bolsena, situated on the shores of Lake Bolsena, is a charming town known for its crystal-clear waters and Etruscan origins. Explore the castle, stroll along the waterfront, and indulge in a plate of freshly caught fish while enjoying the panoramic views.

Exploring the hill towns of Central Italy is like stepping into a time machine that takes you back to a world of medieval charm, ancient history, and breathtaking views. With *Rick Steves Snapshot Hill Towns Of Central Italy* as your trusty companion, you'll be able to navigate through these hidden gems and savor every moment of your journey.

So, why wait? Pack your bags, grab your copy of the guidebook, and get ready to embark on an unforgettable adventure through the enchanting hill towns of Tuscany, Umbria, and Lazio!



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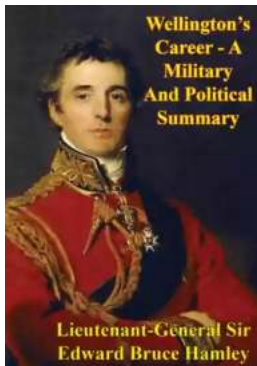
With Rick Steves, central Italy is yours to discover! This slim guide excerpted from Rick Steves Italy includes:

- Rick's firsthand, up-to-date advice on the best sights, restaurants, hotels, and more in central Italy's hill towns, plus tips to beat the crowds, skip the lines, and avoid tourist traps

- Top sights and local experiences: Uncover Etruscan history in the beautifully preserved town of Volterra or relax while wine tasting in Montepulciano. Take a romantic stroll along Orvieto's ramparts, peruse medieval towers in San Gimignano, and indulge in delicious pici in Siena
- Helpful maps and self-guided walking tours to keep you on track

With selective coverage and Rick's trusted insight into the best things to do and see, Rick Steves Snapshot Hill Towns of Central Italy is truly a tour guide in your pocket.

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