



Italy : Sienne

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Located in the heart of the Tuscan countryside and amidst remarkably beautiful landscapes, Sienna is the incarnation of a Medieval city.

Its rivalry with Florence extended to urban design; the city's residents have fallen under its Gothic charm and have preserved their city as it was between the XIIth and XVth century.

At that time, Duccio, the Lorenzetti brothers and Simone Martini were tracing the path of Italian art and they founded the Sienese School of painting, which flourished from the XIVth to the XVIth century;

It originated from a refined taste for color and by a precocious interest in assimilating Gothic modes of expression, which distinguishes it from the principles that are traditionally attributed to the Italian Renaissance.

Besides its artistic heritage, Sienna is also renowned for its *palio* races, spectacular horse races that take place between the city's churches and neighborhoods twice a year.

Each neighborhood has its own emblem, its colors, its customs and its church but the entire city was built around the Piazza del Campo, an artwork in of itself, designed to blend into the surrounding landscape.

Other famous monuments to discover are the Cathedral of Sienna, a brilliant example of Sienese Gothic art, the Public Palace, the tower of the Mangia, St John's Baptistry, various Gothic palaces and much more...