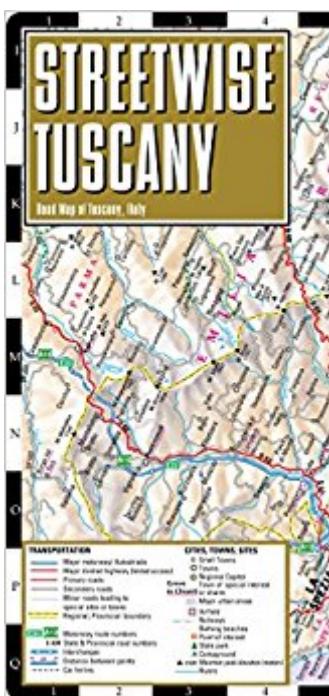


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## Synopsis

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This map covers the following areas: Main Tuscany Map 1:405,000 Florence Area Map 1:180,000

If you happen to be in driving around south of Siena, and it happens to be lunch time, you might want to head for a trattoria in San Angelo in Colle called Il Pozzo. Taking you to your seat in the small comfortable dining room, your host will recommend the pinci. Pinci? you ask, not knowing what it is exactly. Pinci, explains your host, is a hand made pasta and today it is being served al ragu, with a rich meat sauce. He seats you, hands you a well worn menu, folds his hands over his well endowed midsection and continues When I have a particularly long day my wife will look at me lovingly and ask if I want a little pinci for supper and I always say yes. Judging by the girth of your host, you realize that having a long day may not be such a bad thing in these parts and you put down your menu and tell him to bring on the pinci. You have made a wise choice. Such is an excursion in Tuscany. You don't push it here, you go with the flow. If someone asks "Pinci?", you say "Yes please." This is one of the most magical places on earth, and has been since well before the Romans, so trust that there is a reason that things are the way they are here and go with it. You won't be disappointed and if you are, then you probably have a good story to tell anyway. Now this advice applies to the authentic that you'll find in Tuscany, and not the hyped up tourist venues. There's plenty of authentic to be found and that's where the STREETWISE® Tuscany Map comes in. Instead of the packaged itinerary that you find in most guide books, venture off on your own. Explore a little. Drive down that twisty road to a village that isn't listed in anything that you've read. Find that piazza where you can enjoy an espresso in a cafÃ© and do absolutely nothing except watch life take its course in true provincial fashion. Fill your picnic basket with goodies from several shops and head for the top of a Tuscan hillside where you can enjoy the view of sloping fields lined by cypress trees, softened by the warm hazy light that washes over everything. It's all there; you just need to find it. And find it you will with our STREETWISE® Tuscany Map; from the green hills and vineyards of Chianti to the beaches on the Tyrrhenian coast, to the peaks of the Apennines and on to the spas of Montecatini. This map of the most famous region in Italy is complete with topographic terrain features and has all of the major A roads and local D roads to enable you to drive from town to town throughout Tuscany. Fully indexed and easy to read with scenic routes, regional / provincial boundaries, distance between points, car ferries, small and large towns, towns of special interest or charm, major urban areas, airfields, railways, bathing beaches, points of interest, state parks, campgrounds, mountain peak elevations, rivers and more. A separate inset area map of Florence, capital of the Renaissance, will simplify your

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I'm not sure who designed (or approved) this map of Tuscany, but it's simply awful. I'm speaking of the Streetwise Tuscany: Road Map of Tuscany Italy, Revised 2011. This map is oriented on a very strange angle. When one holds the map in a vertical position (not a natural way to unfold a map) it's extremely difficult to read. The entire thing is printed at strange 45-degree angle from NW to SE. I don't understand. Additionally, the map covers a very large area stretching from northern to southern Tuscany (Bologna to Terni on one side and La Spezia to Monte Argentario on the other). Why didn't Streetwise design the map so that it covers the area from West to East (like Pisa to San

Marino)? The map unfolds in what seems like a westerly to easterly directions, but the one has to take it from a horizontal orientation to a vertical orientation to see the map...and then tilt one's head to a 45-degree angle to read the map. Actually reading the map is a whole different and quite impossible matter. The print is so small, the colors too muted, the legend so frustrating to decipher and placed in very illogical position on the front cover (IF you can find the front cover while holding the map in its intended unfolded position). I normally love Streetwise. This seems like more of topographical map with colored highlands and lowlands with its roads and streets printed so tiny that it would not be possible for me to navigate while co-piloting a motor tour of Tuscany - let alone doing the driving! Also, the only city with a 'pop-out' is Florence. That small square of the map might be useful for a balloon pilot but not a car driver or a cyclist -- and certainly not a pedestrian. I was hoping for so much more. I purchased this map from [and immediately sent an email to Streetwise](#). They replied quickly, politely, and apologetically and offered a refund even though I didn't buy from them directly. Very, very good customer service from Streetwise. I just wish they would focus-group test their maps to see if travelers can actually read them.

While the printing was fine and the locations were correct the one thing I didn't know before going is that almost every street changes names about every 200Yds. (There were some exceptions). In Italy there is NO street signs but the streets are carved into 2000 years of aging edifices at the end of the streets. They are not standardized and all look different and some just don't exist. So if you are traveling by foot you look up at the intersections at the side of the buildings and mostly they are there. Some are 5 ft off the ground other are 20ft in the air and crumbling. To be sure it very quaint and challenging. I don't think they should change them, just be aware of what you need to do when you get there. If you are riding on streetcars or busses you fly by these markers very quickly and the driver will not answer any questions especially in English. It's not bad it's just cultural so be prepared to get lost many times. If you buy this map it will be somewhat helpful--only

These Streetwise maps are great. Can't wrinkle and don't get lost because of their shape. This one is great to give you a general view of Tuscany when planning what you want to do from your hotel room or from your house before you leave. It is perfect if you are going to stick to the main roads. If you are going to meander through the area looking at the vineyards then you will need a more detailed map.

I cannot agree with some of the negative reviews of this map. Yes, you need better for small areas and yes, it is a little hard to read if you're the driver and the light is not optimal. But I had it on my last trip through the Garfagnana, a wild and mountainous region north of Pisa/Lucca but did not consult it but instead relied on a Michelin map of northern Italy. I got hopelessly lost. When I looked at the Streetwise map afterwards, I realized that I would have been fine had I trusted it. I did on a day trip in the Livorno region a few days later, and it served me extremely well. I think Streetwise's decision to branch out beyond city maps into area maps is very good idea.

We rented a car in Rome, and the only map they had was a country map (if you rent in Florence, they have a Tuscany map). The Italy map had almost as much detail as this map (this map was a little easier to read because the region was enlarged). Driving in Tuscany is tricky - the intersections usually only have the next town, and not the road numbers. The next town will usually be too small to show up on this map, and many of the small roads aren't on here either. Most intersections will just be a list of places that aren't on this map. Never let your gas get below 1/4 tank because you'll get lost a lot, and never know when you'll be able to fill up again (this is probably good advice even with a good map).

Very disappointed with this map. We ordered a walking/touring map from every city we will be visiting during our month in Italy, each one showing street names, attractions, wonderful. The Tuscany one is useless, it is a driving map just like the useless atlas we ended up with too. If it is a walking touring map you are looking for, this is NOT the map for you, it is rubbish, complete rubbish. The Rome, Florence, Naples, Venice are all perfect, why this one is so different than the rest I will never know but they need to flag it somehow so that others do not buy this useless map thinking it is like the rest of the series. I would not have even given it one star but we have to.

We were going to Italy and wanted to have a good idea of where things were as we traveled. We found out about Streetwise maps years ago when we started adventuring to far away places. They always provide easy to read and accurate information about towns and regions. Now every time we travel somewhere we purchase a Streetwise map for that location. Since they are well made and plastic coated, they wear like iron and last. We recommend them highly.

Well, first of all the map is on the diagonal, so it's really hard for visualization. I guess I expected the map to be divided into area segments, It's not really and I didn't find it helpful at all.

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