

Palio di Siena

Days of the Palio

The Palio is not just a medieval horse race. It is a festival that lives in the hearts of the people of Siena. To appreciate it takes more than one afternoon watching horses circle a track. You won't find any half-time shows here, for Siena's Palio is about only one thing, passion.

Part of a 4-day festival, the race takes place twice each summer, July 2nd and August 16th. For those who have made their own travel plans to Italy, but still want to include the history and pageantry of this medieval festival, we offer our special event ticket package. Weekly stays are also available in one of our select B&B or property rentals.



PACKAGE INCLUDES

- ◆ Choice of 3 or 4 nights
- ◆ Select accommodations
- ◆ Daily breakfast
- ◆ Palio Tickets
- ◆ Historical Parade
- ◆ Contrada Banquet Dinner
- ◆ Siena + Contrada museum tour
- ◆ Additional Options
 - Trial race
 - Chianti/Tuscan Wine Tour
 - Cooking Classes



17 CONTRADE

Siena is divided into 17 distinct neighborhoods. Each has its own community leadership and identity. The identity is represented by the chosen name of the Contrada, its colors and mascot. The contrade are Aquila, Bruco, Chiocciola, Civetta, Drago, Giraffa, Istrice, Leocorno, Lupa, Nicchio, Oca, Onda, Pantera, Selva, Tartuca, Torre and Valdimontone. Ten of the seventeen Contrade run in each of the two races.

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