

Leisure Activities

4-5-6 June 2015 | Poppi, Tuscany (Italy)

TOUR n. 2: Arezzo: History, Arts and Folklore



Described as one of the *Capitae Etruriae* (Etruscan capitals), Arezzo (*Aritim* in Etruscan) is believed to have been **one of the twelve most important Etruscan cities**.

In 311 BC *Arretium* was conquered by the Romans and in the 3rd to 4th century became an episcopal seat.

Today, the ancient centre of the city retains all the fascination of its illustrious past. The principal buildings and monuments possess a wealth of Medieval and Renaissance art created by artists such as **Cimabue, Piero della Francesca, Andrea della Robbia** and **Giorgio Vasari**.



Along the Corso Italia, the main road of the city, there are **Santa Maria Church** with a particular Romanesque facade with columns and the **Church of San Francesco**, certainly the main attraction of the city.

Other "must-see" of the city are **Piazza Grande** and the **Duomo of Arezzo** that stands on the top of the city.

Arezzo became internationally famous as the backdrop to a widely acclaimed movie when some of the most beautiful corners of the city's monumental centre formed the setting for scenes in Roberto Benigni's film "**Life is Beautiful**", three-time Oscar winner in 1999.