

Kingdom of Etruria

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The **Kingdom of Etruria** (Italian: *Regno di Etruria*) was a kingdom between 1801 and 1807 which made up a large part of modern Tuscany. It took its name from Etruria, the old Roman name for the land of the Etruscans.

The kingdom was created by the Treaty of Aranjuez, signed in Aranjuez, Spain on 21 March 1801. In the context of a larger agreement between Napoleonic France and Spain, the Bourbons of Parma were compensated for the loss of their territory in northern Italy (which had been occupied by French troops since 1796). Ferdinand, Duke of Parma relinquished his claims, and in return his son Louis I was granted the Kingdom of Etruria (which was created from the Grand Duchy of Tuscany). To make way for the Bourbons, the Habsburg Grand Duke of Tuscany Ferdinand III was ousted and compensated with the Electorate of Salzburg. Originally the Duchy of Tuscany, **Etruria had been ceded to the Bourbons in 1801 in the person of Charles IV's eldest daughter and her Italian consort.**^[1]

The first king (Louis I) died young in 1803, and his underage son Charles Louis succeeded him. His mother, Maria Luisa of Spain, was appointed regent. However, since Etruria was troubled with smuggling and espionage Napoleon annexed the territory. Since Spain's only hope of compensation lay in Portugal, co-operation with the emperor became more important.^[1]

In 1807, Napoleon dissolved the kingdom and integrated it into France, turning it into three French départements: Arno, Méditerranée and Ombrone. The king and his mother were promised the throne of a new Kingdom of Northern Lusitania (in northern Portugal), but this plan was never realized due to the break between Napoleon and the Spanish Bourbons in 1808. After his downfall in 1814, Tuscany was restored to its Habsburg Grand Dukes. In 1815, the Duchy of Lucca was carved out of Tuscany as compensation for the Bourbons of Parma until they resumed their rule in 1847.

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Regno di Etruria

Client state of the French Empire

1801–1807



Flag



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Capital	Florence
Languages	Italian
Religion	Christian (Roman Catholic)

Government	Enlightened despotism
King	
 - 1801–1803	Louis I
 - 1803–1807	Charles Louis
Regent	
 - 1803–1807	Maria Luisa
Historical era	Napoleonic Wars
 - Established	March 21, 1801
 - Disestablished	December 10, 1807