



A Culinary Journey Through Tuscany

DAY 1: DEPART USA

Board your overnight flight to Europe.

DAY 2: ARRIVAL FLORENCE - CHIANTI

Arrive in Florence, meet your Tour Director and transfer to your hotel in Chianti for a seven night stay. The Chianti Region is filled with wonderful vineyards and charming hill top towns. This evening enjoy a Welcome Dinner of Tuscan favorites and locally produced wine with your fellow travelers. (D) Overnight: **Chianti**

DAY 3: FLORENCE SIGHTSEEING & TUSCAN ESTATE DINNER

Today enjoy a Florence City Tour featuring a visit to the Academy Gallery to see Michelangelo's original Statue of David, a truly awesome sight. Then view the Cathedral to see Giotto's Bell Tower and Baptistery with its impressive 'Gates of Paradise'. These buildings demonstrate the traditions of Florentine art and architecture from the Middle Ages to the Renaissance. Also see the open-air museum of Piazza Della Signoria & Santa Croce, which houses the tombs of Michelangelo and Galileo. Later this afternoon travel to a lovely Tuscan Estate, where you will be greeted with a welcome drink. Then enjoy a Truffle Demonstration with access to a protected area on the property followed by delicious tastings of oil and truffle butter bruschetta,

salami, pecorino, and wines from the estate. Next, a wonderful dinner before returning to your hotel in Chianti for the night. (B,D) Overnight: **Chianti**

DAY 4: ORGANIC COOKING CLASS - WINERY TOUR & TASTING

Today enjoy an Organic Cooking & Pasta Making Class and lunch in San Gimignano. You will be greeted with a welcome drink to enjoy while the chef discusses the class and food to be made and his recipes. The restaurant staff will assist you with putting on your aprons and chef hats and let the cooking fun begin! At the end of the cooking class you will get to eat and enjoy what you have prepared for lunch. Later this afternoon visit a local winery for Winery Tour & Tasting experience. Sample organically farmed extra virgin olive oil, vinegar and Chianti Classico Wine. Dinner is included this evening. (B,L,D) Overnight: **Chianti**

DAY 5: TUSCAN HILLS & MONTALCINO

Travel to the incredibly picturesque Val d'Orcia Region filled with ancient villages, gorgeous farmhouses, isolated homesteads, roads lined with cypress trees, fabulous vineyards and olive groves. Enjoy spectacular Tuscan hills views enroute to visit a local cheese producer for a delicious typical Pecorino Cheese tasting. Continue to a

traditional farmhouse in Montalcino, where you will enjoy a multi sensory experience of music and wine! Four wines will be matched with music tracks selected by a local Sommelier. Later, just outside Siena, we will visit a local Tuscan farmhouse with an opportunity to meet the owner and enjoy dinner featuring typical Tuscany dishes paired with their local wines. (B,D) Overnight: **Chianti**

DAY 6: SIENA & SAN GIMIGNANO

This morning travel to Siena, the heart of Tuscany. Enjoy a Siena Walking Tour as you stroll the medieval streets to the dramatic Campo, scene of the annual Palio horse race. Also see the town's famous black and white striped cathedral and enjoy some time at leisure. Enjoy lunch at a family-run farmhouse that specializes in saffron production outside Siena. Later we travel to San Gimignano, the epitome of a Tuscan hill town, where nobles built more splendid towers to outdo one another and indulge in their need for status. The medieval structures of this city have largely remained intact and San Gimignano, with its large number of art treasures, is truly considered an open-air museum. Next enjoy a delicious gelato ice cream in one of the oldest gelaterias in Italy which is famous world-wide for unique flavors. Taste the saffron & pine nuts flavored gelato, a registered trademark. Dinner is included this evening. (B,L,D) Overnight: **Chianti**

DAY 7: DAY AT LEISURE IN CHIANTI OR OPTIONAL EXCURSION

Today is at your leisure to relax at the hotel or explore on your own. An optional tour will be available today. (B) Overnight: **Chianti**

DAY 8: LAKE TRASIMENO BOAT EXCURSION & LUNCH ON ISLAND MAGGIORE

Begin your morning with a hearty breakfast and journey to Lake Trasimeno located in the Umbria Region of Tuscany. The heart-shaped Lake Trasimeno is surrounded by rolling hills, olive groves, woods of oak and cypress trees, vineyards and sunflower fields that frame castle-topped medieval towns and villages. Free time to explore and walk around the medieval town of Tuoro, considered one of the most beautiful villages in Italy. Next enjoy a Boat Cruise to the Island Maggiore, where we will have lunch at a traditional restaurant located on the lake. Tonight a special Farewell Dinner is planned. (B,L,D) Overnight: **Chianti**

DAY 9: CHIANTI - FLORENCE - HOME

Today transfer to Florence for your flight home with wonderful memories of Tuscany. (B)

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

Easy **1** **2** **3** **4** Active



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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ 7 Night Stay at One Hotel in Chianti
- ▶ Truffle Demonstration & Tasting at a Tuscan Estate
- ▶ Florence Walking Tour
- ▶ Academy Gallery & the Statue of David
- ▶ Pasta Making Cooking Class
- ▶ Winery Tour & Tasting
- ▶ Pecorino Cheese Tasting
- ▶ Music & Wine Experience with a local Sommelier at a Farmhouse in Montalcino
- ▶ Siena Walking Tour
- ▶ Dinner at Tuscan Farmhouse & Winery
- ▶ San Gimignano
- ▶ Gelato Tasting
- ▶ Lunch at a local Farmhouse famous for Saffron
- ▶ Lake Trasimeno Boat Excursion
- ▶ Island Maggiore with Lunch & Wine
- ▶ Full Day at Leisure to Relax or Explore on Your Own

INCLUSIONS

- ▶ Roundtrip Airfare- FAT
- ▶ 7 Nights First Class Hotel
- ▶ 17 Meals: 7 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches & 6 Dinners
- ▶ Professional Tour Director
- ▶ Motorcoach Transportation
- ▶ Admissions per Itinerary
- ▶ Comprehensive Sightseeing
- ▶ Baggage Handling at the Hotel
- ▶ Hotel Transfers

ACCOMMODATIONS

- ▶ 7 Nights - CDH Hotel Radda, Borgo Di Coretefreda or Tavarnelle Di Pesa, Chianti

On some dates alternative hotels may be used



TOUR RATES:

Booking Discount*: **\$4675** pp double

Regular Rate: **\$4775** pp double

Single Supplement: **+\$700**

*See Reservation Info for Booking Discount details