



THE SOUL OF TUSCANY

From renaissance art to strolling vineyards

An 8-day journey through the art and history of Florence with visits to the Accademia and Uffizi Gallery and a delectable food tour. Marvel at the leaning tower of Pisa, stroll through the charming streets of Lucca, and savor Tuscan wines in San Gimignano. Discover the medieval Siena and the breathtaking landscapes of Val d'Orcia.

Day 1: Start of the tour

Arrival in Florence and transfer to the hotel. Accommodation in a 4* hotel in the city center and afternoon at leisure for individual visits. Dinner free and overnight stay.



Day 2: Walking tour of Florence

Breakfast at the hotel and meeting with the guide for a walking tour of **Florence**. We'll walk through the streets of the historic center admiring **Palazzo Vecchio**, **Ponte Vecchio**, and the enchanting **Fontana del Porcellino**, where traditionally you touch your nose in the hope of receiving good luck. After some free time for lunch, in the afternoon, we'll visit the splendid **Accademia Gallery**, a unique opportunity to immerse yourself not only in the highlight being Michelangelo's iconic **statue of David**, but also in other exceptional sculptures and diverse array of paintings from the 13th to the 16th century. Return to the hotel, dinner in a local restaurant and overnight stay.

Day 3: Uffizi Gallery

Breakfast at the hotel, meeting with the guide and entrance to the **Uffizi Gallery** where we'll be surrounded by masterpieces from the greatest artists in history, from Botticelli's ethereal "Birth of Venus" to Leonardo da Vinci's enigmatic "Annunciation". After some free time for lunch we'll have the afternoon at disposal for individual visits. Return to the hotel, dinner in a restaurant and overnight stay.



Day 4: Florence food tour

Breakfast at the hotel, meeting with the English-speaking guide and **Florence food tour**.

We'll be immersed in the rich culinary tapestry of the city. From carefully curated cured meats and cheeses to artisanal handcrafted pasta, we'll savor the authentic flavors that define Italian cuisine. We'll delight in plant-based dishes like the renowned pappa al pomodoro and ribollita, celebrated for their rustic charm and robust taste.

Return to the hotel, dinner in a restaurant and overnight stay.

Optional (not included): Private tour in vintage car Fiat 500. Price 120€ per pax





Day 5: Walking tour of Pisa and Lucca

Breakfast at the hotel, meeting with the guide and start of the morning tour of **Pisa**. We'll begin the walk starting from **Piazza dei Miracoli**, which contains many **Unesco heritage buildings**: the **Cathedral**, the **Baptistry**, the **Monumental Cemetery** and its famous **Leaning Tower**. We'll continue the walk towards **Piazza dei Cavalieri**, from there we'll see the **Palazzo della Carovana**. One of the most famous squares is "Piazza delle Vettovaglie", close there is **Borgo Stretto**.

Free time for lunch and then transfer to **Lucca** for a guided tour of the city. Return to the hotel, free evening for dinner and individual visits. Overnight stay.



Day 6: San Gimignano wine tasting

Breakfast at the hotel, check-out and then, we'll venture to **Siena** with a stop in **San Gimignano**, renowned for its wines, a paradise for wine enthusiasts. An expert guide will introduce us to the heart of Tuscany's wine making heritage.

Then we'll experience a **wine tasting** of the surrounding vineyards like Chianti and Vernaccia accompanied by some local **Tuscan dishes**.

Transfer to the hotel in **Siena** and walking tour of the city center. We'll start our visit from **Piazza del Campo** with the **Torre del Mangia** and the facade of the **Palazzo Pubblico**. This square hosts the famous Palio di Siena, a horse race organized by the city's districts. We'll then proceed towards **Palazzo Tolomei**, once the residence of illustrious personalities. Afterward, a guided tour of the **Siena Cathedral** awaits, where we'll also explore the **Baptistry**. Inside this sacred site, we'll encounter a sublime collection of art masterpieces, including the **Maestà** by Duccio di Buoninsegna and a **statue of St. Paul**, sculpted by a very young Michelangelo. Transfer to **Montalcino**, accommodation in a countryside resort, dinner and overnight stay.

Day 7: Val d'Orcia walking tour

Breakfast at the hotel and meeting with the guide for a panoramic road in the picturesque **Tuscan countryside**, exploring the charming **Val d'Orcia** and the captivating **Montepulciano**. Along the way, we'll stop at **San Quirino d'Orcia** to admire its enchanting landscapes and visit the famous **Chapel of the Madonna di Vitaleta**, surrounded by majestic cypress trees and declared a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**. Next, we head to **Pienza**, where we'll explore its charming historic center, characterized by **cobblestone streets** and **Renaissance buildings** like the **Duomo** and **Palazzo Piccolomini**. Free time for lunch and in the afternoon with our hands-on **cooking class**, under the guidance of an expert chef, we'll be guided through the preparation of authentic **Italian recipes**. Starting from selected cured meats and cheeses to fresh pasta and mouthwatering sauces, we'll learn the techniques and ingredients that create the distinctive flavors of Italian cuisine. In the end for dinner we'll taste the dishes we prepared. Return to the hotel and overnight stay.



Day 8: End of the tour

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out. On request private transfer to Pisa/Rome airport 3 hours before the flight.

Tour for groups and F.I.T.
Custom made itinerary

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Included:

- Accommodation in hotel 4* (3 nights), and countryside resort (4 nights), with breakfast
- Nr. 6 dinners
- Transfers as described
- English-speaking guide for a walking tour in Florence, Pisa, Siena and San Gimignano, Accademia Gallery and Uffizi Gallery, Florence food tour, Val d'Orcia excursion
- Tickets: Accademia Gallery, Uffizi Gallery, Duomo of Siena, Palazzo dei Priori; Leading Tower, Cathedral and Baptistry in Pisa
- Wine tasting and lunch on 6th and 7th day, wine tasting experience
- City tax

Not included:

- Tips and personal extras
- Everything that is not in the "included" section