



GASTRONOMIC TUSCANY TOUR

VIP week of art, culture and culinary excellence

Embark on an 8-day journey through Florence, Siena, and San Gimignano. Explore the Accademia and Uffizi Gallery, savor Tuscan cuisine on a gourmet food tour and enjoy wine tastings in the scenic Val d'Orcia. Expert guides, timeless landmarks and unparalleled culinary delights await your elegant escape.

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: Local market experience

Breakfast at the hotel, meeting with the English-speaking guide and start for a walk on **Florence's market boutique shops** where, with an expert chef, we'll pick up the highest quality ingredients in the market that later we'll use for our lunch. Then, we'll head to a professional location just a short walk away where, under the expert guidance of our **chefs**, you'll learn how to make a three-course meal. Once we've cooked our meal, of course we get to eat it - along with two glasses of a selection of Chianti wines. Free time for shopping and individual visits. Return to the hotel, free time for dinner and overnight stay.

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



Day 5: 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 **Siena** and walking tour of the city center with our english-speaking guide. 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**.

Transfer and accomodation in **Castello di Velona**, a 5-star resort nestled within an 11th-century national monument. Perched atop a hill, this unique castle offers unrivaled vistas of the **Brunello di Montalcino vineyards** and the **UNESCO World Heritage site, Val d'Orcia**. Here, we'll unwind in the **OLISPA**, spanning 1500 sqm, featuring indoor and outdoor thermal pools with breathtaking hillside views and enchanting sunsets. Dinner at the resort and overnight stay.



Day 6: 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**. Then we'll **experience a wine tasting** of the surrounding vineyards accompanied by some local **Tuscan dishes**. 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 afternoon at disposal for individual visits. Return to the hotel and overnight stay.



Day 7: Cooking class and lunch

Breakfast at the hotel and transfer for a morning full immersion with our hands-on **cooking class**, under the guidance of an expert chef, we'll be guided through the preparation of authentic **Tuscan 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 Tuscan cuisine. In the end for lunch we'll taste the dishes we prepared.

DAY AT DISPOSAL FOR OUTSIDE EXPERIENCES

- SPA with Hot Thermal Waters
- World Famous Wine Tastings and Great Vintages
- Cooking Classes
- Medieval Villages
- Truffle Hunting
- Excellent Cuisine (Michelin Star Restaurants)
- Yacht Rental in the Tuscan Archipelago
- Helicopter Tours
- Ferrari and Sport Cars
- Rental Baloon Ride

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

Ask for a quote

Included:

- Accommodation in hotel 4* (4 nights), and countryside resort (3 nights), with breakfast
- Dinners and lunches as described
- Transfers as described
- English-speaking guide for a walking tour in Florence, 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
- Wine tasting and lunch on 5th and 6th day, local market experience and cooking class
- City tax

Not included:

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