

TUSCANY



CHIANTI WINE TRAIL

The best of Tuscany's vineyards, cellars and flavors

Picture it: a unique landscape made of gentle green hills covered by wide rambling vineyards and olive groves, small stone villages and silent parishes. The Chianti hillside is so beautiful and evocative that it has been luring visitors since the 18th century and still today inspires photographers, film directors, poets and writers worldwide.

No Italian vacation can be complete without a visit to Chianti, and no Chianti tour can provide the insider's view our signature Tuscany Wine Trail offers! During the day you will discover luxuriant vineyards and mysterious cellars, taste exceptional wines and sample luscious traditional fare prepared with the freshest local products. Carefully crafted to offer our discerning clients an enticing blend of history, local character, views and flavors, our tour will lead you to discover the Chianti hills' centuries-old tradition and extraordinary wines. Characterized by the droll unmistakable Black Rooster logo, Chianti Classico wine, among the most renowned wines in the world, is a DOCG wine which shows unique peculiarities and characteristics. Learn all about this sensational wine and taste the best visiting two lovely local wineries, both located in the greenest heart of Chianti Classico. Enjoy the privilege of private visits led by the expert in-house staff at both and learn all about the production and aging techniques that lie behind world-class wines visiting the vineyards and cellars. At the end of each visit savor the best estate blends, discovering the characteristic flavors and aromas of Chianti: a limpid ruby red color, floral notes for its odor and a harmonious, dry and sapid flavor. Crown your experience savoring a delicious typical Tuscan light lunch served in the warm atmosphere of one of the two wineries.

Enjoy a day on the Tuscany Wine Trail, fall in love with Chianti!

DURATION: 8 hours

INCLUSIONS:

- Private transportation by Mercedes vehicle with English-speaking driver to/from Florence city center and throughout the day as needed (max 8 hours)
- Private visit, with wine tasting, of two fascinating Chianti wineries
- Typical Tuscan light lunch in one of the wineries

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THE "BLACK ROOSTER" AT ITS FINEST

World-class Chianti wines and Michelin-star cuisine

Idyllic landscapes, silvery olive groves and vineyards dotted by honey-colored stone farmhouses and graceful Romanesque parish churches. Spend a memorable day "on the road", sample award-winning wines and cuisine! Follow the tracks of the Black Rooster, that curious symbol of Chianti which represents one of the most remarkable and praised wines in the world: Chianti Classico.

Meet your dedicated English-speaking driver at your hotel and set off to explore Tuscany cruising along lovely country roads and hillsides. During the day you will discover luxuriant vineyards and mysterious cellars, taste exceptional wines and star-rated cuisine! Carefully crafted to offer our discerning clients an enticing blend of history, local character, views and flavors our signature Black Rooster tour leads you to discover the Chianti hills' centuries-old tradition and extraordinary blends.

Travel to the heart of Chianti Classico and enjoy an unforgettable visit to an award-winning winery, the striking Badia a Passignano owned by the famed Antinori family. Comprising 223 hectares of rolling grounds, 65 of which vineyards, this sprawling estate frames a beautiful ancient abbey still owned by the Vallombrosian monks. Enjoy a guided tour led by the estate staff and learn all about how this dazzling winery has played a vital role in Tuscan winemaking throughout the last millennium, and still does today! Also, as in times long gone by, the wine made here is aged in the vast cellars that run beneath the abbey. At the end of the visit enjoy the privilege of a luscious taste experience in the cozy stylish ambiance of the estate signature Osteria di Passignano: sample traditional Tuscan recipes with a twist prepared by the in-house Michelin-star chef! After lunch travel on through the countryside, for more stunning views. Driving through sweeping valleys and alongside wild meadows reach another of the area's most important wineries. Meet the expert winery staff, enjoy a memorable private viewing of the grounds and cellar and crown your "Chianti Black Rooster" day tasting the finest of the estate's signature blends

DURATION: 8 hours

INCLUSIONS:

- Private transportation by Mercedes vehicle with English-speaking driver to/from Florence city center and throughout the day as needed (max 8 hours)
- Shared small-group tour of Badia a Passignano winery
- Wine-pairing Michelin-star tasting lunch at Osteria a Passignano
- Private visit to another Black Rooster Chianti winery, inclusive of wine tasting

OPTIONAL EXTRAS:

Private visit of Badia a Passignano winery

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BRUNELLO SIDEWAYS

Big focus on the world of Brunello, On this true wine experts private tour, discover the world famous, Wine Spectator's prized Brunello di Montalcino - one of the most renowned wines worldwide, and arguably one of the most esteemed wines in all of Italy.

The Brunello wine is especially known for its longevity that you can store a bottle of Brunello wine even for 100 years! Americans have a tremendous thirst for Montalcino's flagship wine, buying roughly 175,000 cases each year, and has become one of the most famous wines in the world, prized and praised by important wine critics, wine collectors and wine lovers. In Tuscany's most beautiful panorama, skirting the city of Siena, the Brunello di Montalcino territory offers the absolutely perfect microclimate. More so, the wine is given a maturation of about 5 yrs before it hits the shelves - which is part of what makes Brunello so unique and so precious!

Visit two of our favorite wine cellars producing from the same Sangiovese grapes. In the smaller boutique winery sample and taste Brunello DOCG together with an abundant traditional multi-course Tuscan lunch. By visiting two wine cellars different in size and wine making philosophy, you will better understand the nuances between innovation and tradition in Brunello wine production. Besides our knowledgeable guide giving pointers on how to best taste the wines during the tasting, you will also have a chance to visit, a typical medieval village town. While strolling down the little windy roads and alleys, you will hear stories of this adorable little UNESCO hamlet village.

DURATION 10 hours

INCLUSIONS

- Transportation IN/OUT Florence by comfortable Minivan (10 hours at disposal)
- English speaking Guide
- Guided Tour of 2 fascinating Wineries and their cellars
- Wine Tastings in each winery, including the sumptuous Brunello DOCG
- Tuscan light lunch
- Visit of one of the most beautiful villages of the area

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NOBILE DI MONTEPULCIANO

Dedicate a day to the great wines of the Val d'Orcia

Discover the wine that has been praised by popes and princes alike for centuries due to its elegance and noble structure. Our tour takes you to the heart of what was once known as Mons Politianus—"Mount of the Nobles"—originally settled by the Etruscans. The first stop will be the Avignonesi cellars, is one of the best-known producers of Nobile di Montepulciano. You will have the special opportunity to experience the best of nature's colors, smells and flavors. Next we will discover the very special "Round vineyard", an experimental take on the traditional growing method. Lunch is served family style with Tuscan bread, high quality olive oil and regional products, all paired with their wine production. A tavola with a main course of Cinta Senese pig, an ancient Tuscan breed that is raised near the estate. And before we finish, a last stop at a second winery. There is a secret Nobile di Montepulciano that few know of, far from the spotlight and the big names that have made Montepulciano world famous. It is a small, family owned property that enchants with the history of their wines and their land. We will experience their artistic interpretations of the terroir and at the end of the day be ready to get acquaintance with the best Nobile wines from Montepulciano! Become familiar with the world of small wineries in Montepulciano!

DURATION 10 hours

INCLUSIONS

- Mercedes Car or Minivan and English-speaking driver (10 hours at disposal)
- Two Nobile di Montepulciano Winery visits
- Wine Tour & Tasting in both properties
- 3 course Tuscan Lunch with wine pairing

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A DAY IN LUCCA AND PISA

Spend a memorable day exploring Lucca and Pisa, two of Tuscany's jewels. Depart your hotel by private Mercedes car or minivan with English speaking driver and travel to Lucca. Still off the beaten tourist track, the town boasts a relaxed atmosphere and is rich in artistic and architectural treasures. Set off on a private guided tour to discover the town's most remarkable sights, on foot or by bike. Led by your dedicated local guide you will be able to admire Piazza Anfiteatro, built over the ancient Roman theater, the Torre Guinigi (exteriors), the Duomo di San Martino (interiors), the picturesque "antique dealers' street", and Lucca's most extraordinary feature: its massive, perfectly preserved, 40-meter high city walls, today a pedestrian park! Enjoy a delicious typical lunch in Lucca's best trattoria and then travel on to Pisa, renowned throughout the world for its unique, unrivaled landmarks. Explore Pisa's singular sights led by the knowledge and insider's view of our best local guide. Discover the superb, unforgettable, Piazza dei Miracoli (the Miracle Square), crowned by the stunning leaning tower, and uncover the history and treasures which lie inside the stupendous Duomo and Baptistry.

DURATION 8 hours

INCLUSIONS

- Private Mercedes car or minivan with English-speaking driver for the day
- Private English-speaking guides in Lucca and Pisa
- Pisa Cathedral and Baptistry tickets
- Lucca Cathedral tickets
- Reservation for lunch (lunch to be paid directly on site)
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OPTIONAL SERVICES:

- Torre Guinigi tickets
- Bike tour in Lucca
- Reservation and tickets for the Leaning Tower in Pisa

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A DAY IN VAL D'ORCIA

Visit to Montepulciano, Pienza and Montalcino

An enchanting day spent visiting three charming and evocative Tuscan towns, where time seems to have come to a halt and ancient traditions and country-style serenity thrive and live on. Depart your hotel by private Mercedes car or minivan with English speaking driver and travel to Montepulciano. The town, which overlooks the neat fields of the fertile Val di Chiana valley, is world-renowned for its delectable wines and as birthplace of the famous poet Agnolo Ambrogini known as "Poliziano". Enjoy strolling through the town at leisure to explore the delightful city center, filled with Medieval vestiges and enriched by magnificent Renaissance walls and gorgeous noble palaces. Then travel on to the hills surrounding Montalcino, lined with dark cypresses, fortified towns and rich vineyards. The area is world-celebrated for producing some of Tuscany's most esteemed red wines: the celebrated Brunello di Montalcino and the Rosso di Montalcino. Visit a local winery and enjoy a delicious typical Tuscan light lunch with excellent wines. After lunch drive on to Pienza, a spellbinding town created by Enea Silvio Piccolomini, (then Pope Pius II) to be the "ideal" city it was built according to the urban and architectural rules of the Renaissance. True to its promise, it is the only town in Italy to actually be an example of a perfect Renaissance town! Meet your dedicated private English-speaking guide and enjoy a memorable guided visit through the exquisite center, noting the most charming details and seeing the marvelous landmarks.

DURATION 10 hours

INCLUSIONS

- Private Mercedes car or minivan with English-speaking driver for the day
- Private English-speaking guide in Pienza
- Typical Tuscan wine-pairing light lunch in a Montalcino winery

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A DAY IN VOLTERRA & SAN GIMIGNANO

Towers, alabaster and vestiges of the golden age

Meet your English-speaking driver at your Florence hotel and depart for a memorable day spent discovering two of Tuscany's most fascinating historical towns: mysterious Volterra and tower-crowned San Gimignano.

Travel through the countryside and reach Volterra, somewhat off-the-beaten-track this is no doubt Tuscany's most bewitching town. Inhabited since the Iron Age, the town dates back over 3000 years and offers visitors an authentic journey into its rich, eventful history thanks to the exceptionally well-preserved remnants of each historic/artistic period.

Meet your dedicated English-speaking guide and set off to explore, learning all about the ancient "Velathri" (later transformed into Volterrae by the Romans), and how it became one of the most powerful and important towns of the Etruscan Confederation. It's strategic location and unique natural resource, alabaster, were its assets. Ever since ancient times, in fact, Volterra's main commercial activity was the extraction of alabaster, the only translucent mineral existing in nature. This marvelous, somewhat magical stone was and is still today, used to create beautiful works of art including sculptures, jewelry, and other objects of all kinds. During the morning discover the grand Etruscan walls and imposing Porta all'Arco which embrace the town center, and stroll through the delightful main town center, tightly enveloped in a second set of walls, which boasts a perfectly maintained Medieval structure. Savor Volterra's unique ancient atmosphere in its intriguing tiny streets and alleys and visit the main landmarks and sites: Palazzo dei Priori, Vallebuona and the Etruscan Acropolis. Discover marble-paved churches, imposing palaces, Medieval tower-houses, and the Fortezza, built by the Medici family. Crown your morning with a luscious lunch accompanied by excellent wines in one of the town's trattorias, and after lunch set off once more for a scenic drive to San Gimignano. Enjoy some time at leisure in the "town of the 100 towers" roaming the pretty cobblestone-paved streets and browsing the quaint shops filled with unique local products: delicious Vernaccia white wine, Italian ceramics, and home linens.

DURATION: 8 hours

INCLUSIONS:

- Private Mercedes vehicle with English speaking driver at disposal for the day (up to 8 hours)
- English-speaking licensed guide in Volterra for 2 hours
- Entrance fees for Palazzo Dei Priori, Archeological Park Vallebuona, Etruscan Acropolis
- 3-course Tuscan wine-pairing lunch
- Time at leisure in San Gimignano

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SUPERTUSCANS OF BOLGHERI

The best kept secret of Tuscan wine

Innovation and tradition, taste and modernity, market and terroir: these are the features a Supertuscan bottle must have. Get to know two of the most famous wine producers in the magical Bolgheri region, deep in wild Maremma. The area is famous for the Viale dei Cipressi (Avenue of Cypresses) described so eloquently in the poem by Giosue Carducci, the first Italian poet to win the Nobel Prize in Literature. The cultivation of wines here was traditionally on a household scale, since Bolgheri is a seaside town. The development of Sassicaia and Ornellaia amongst others utilized new techniques to create the famous IGT Super Tuscan Wines. We will venture to two wineries Tenuta dell'Ornellaia Winery, one of Tuscany's most historic and respected estates, due to its staunch commitment to the philosophy of quality without compromise and particular climate and terrain. And for a change of pace, enjoy a delicious sea-food lunch in an exclusive beach house for a change of pace. Finally we will go to the Tenuta Argentiera, another before your last stop at a fascinating winery along the charming coast of the Alta Maremma! This small and prestigious DOC Bolgheri area is part of the old estate that once belonged to the noble Florentine Serristori family. Alla salute!

DURATION 10 hours

INCLUSIONS

- Mercedes Car or Minivan and English-speaking driver (10 hours at disposal)
- Visit of two wineries that produce IGT Supertuscans
- Wine Tour & Tasting in both properties
- 3 course lunch with leisure time on the coast

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TRUFFLE HUNTING EXPERIENCE

Discover the gourmet gifts of nature

Move over, wine! Tuscany is just as famous for its delicious truffles. Take part in this once-in-a-lifetime experience looking for truffles through the woods of Tuscany. You and your guide will be accompanied by a truffle-hunting dog. The most intricate secrets of truffles will be revealed including insights on the growing environment, the biological cycles of truffles and how to train a dog to hunt truffles. Follow your four-legged expert as he sniffs his way through the forest. It really is an adrenaline rush to come across these edible treasures! Once found, you will be treated to a delightful meal prepared with the truffle that you have just uncovered.

DURATION 6 hours

INCLUSIONS

- Mercedes Car or Minivan and English-speaking driver (6 hours at disposal)
- Truffle Hunt lead by an expert
- Tasting lunch in a traditional Tuscan restaurant

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COOKING IN THE TUSCAN COUNTRYSIDE

Master the art of Tuscan cuisine hands-on in a country kitchen

Fragrant bruschetta, tempting pasta with tasty sauces, sensational wines, cured meats and cheeses, premium olive oil and much more. Boasting miles of bountiful farmland, rich pastures and olive groves Tuscany is a gourmet's idea of heaven! And then again rambling olive groves and luxuriant vineyards, meadows dotted by farmhouses and tiny churches... the Tuscan countryside is certainly inspiring, and it can inspire one's culinary cravings too! Dive into the local gastronomic tradition, savor luscious typical specialties and master the art of preparing the best Tuscan dishes in a charming countryside location. Enjoy a memorable hands-on culinary experience, discover the variety of typical fresh produce and herbs and learn to make delicious dishes according to centuries-old recipes from the best teacher you can get, a talented local chef. Enjoy the journey, traveling comfortably by private transport, and admire splendid views on the way to your destination, a delightful typical countryside estate. Aprons on, uncover the rich culinary legacy of the area and follow your dedicated chef's skilled instructions to learn the tips and secrets which lie behind the mouth-watering typical dishes. Mince, measure, mix and knead according to tradition and... have fun! Your cooking class will comprise delicious local dishes, such as home-made pasta seasoned with the finest fresh local vegetables. Finally sit down and relax, relishing the view of the hills and the unique flavors of the best meal ever: the one you made yourself in the heart of the Tuscan countryside!

DURATION 5 hours

INCLUSIONS

- Private transportation from/to your hotel
- Private cooking class led by English-speaking Tuscan cook in a charming countryside estate
- Lunch or dinner based on the menu prepared, inclusive of wines

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TUSCAN COOKING CLASS IN SAN GIMIGNANO & VISIT OF SIENA

Discover the soul of Tuscany! Carefully crafted to offer authentic insight on Tuscan lifestyle, art, history and gastronomic heritage, our signature private San Gimignano cooking class and Siena tour allows you to master the art of preparing a typical meal in a family kitchen, explore exquisite tower-studded San Gimignano and Siena's evocative medieval city center enjoying the privilege of private transportation throughout the day and private English-speaking guide assistance.

Savor the ride and the views traveling to San Gimignano, UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the most splendid examples of a medieval walled town, for a memorable hands-on culinary experience: a private cooking class held in the charming premises of a private family kitchen in a real Tuscan home! Aprons on, follow your teacher's skilled instructions and learn how to prepare the simple mouth-watering Tuscan traditional recipes. Learn the tips and secrets of making crispy delicious bruschetta, fresh hand-rolled pasta or gnocchi, tasty pasta sauces and dessert, too. Measure, mince, mix and stir (and taste, of course, to get the seasonings right!), and finally relax, savor the unique taste of premium olive oil and the precious aromas of the family's wines - Chianti Colli Senesi and local Vernaccia - and relish the best Tuscan meal ever: the one you made yourself in the heart of Tuscany!

After lunch enjoy some time at leisure and a stroll through delightful San Gimignano. Renowned as "the city of beautiful towers" it is certainly one of Tuscany's most iconic, and one of the most well-preserved ancient towns in the whole of Italy and has, in fact, been used as a background in many movies. Walk through quaint cobblestone streets, discover the many tall towers, and browse the pretty shops lined by bottles of Vernaccia di San Gimignano, premium saffron, dainty hand-woven linens and precious hand-made Santa Fina pottery.

Then travel on to discover Siena, one of the most enchanting medieval cities in Italy. Meet your private dedicated English-speaking guide and set off on a memorable walking visit of this exquisite town. Unveil its secrets, learn all about its eventful centuries-old history and admire its characteristic architecture and warm colors. Learn about the town's rich history, how it was founded by the Romans, became renowned in the Middle Ages when it declared its allegiance to the Ghibelline cause, and fought a long-lasting war against Florence which was traditionally Guelph. Led by your guide discover the major sights and landmarks among which Piazza del Campo - where twice a year dashing horses compete in the heart-rendering Palio race - with its gorgeous Palazzo Pubblico, and famed Torre del Mangia; unveil the town's secrets and legends, wander down bewitching medieval streets and follow your guide into the magnificent Duomo, Siena's awe-inspiring Cathedral, to admire world-acclaimed masterpieces.

DURATION FULL DAY

INCLUSIONS

- Private transportation by Mercedes Car/MInivan with English-speaking driver throughout the day as needed (8 hours)
- Private Cooking Class in a Tuscan home in San Gimignano, inclusive of tasting of the family olive oil and a selection of 4/5 estate wines
- Private specialized English-speaking guide in Siena (2 to 3 hours)

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TUSCANY PIZZA AND GELATO COOKING CLASS in Chianti Countryside

Our chef will be happy to introduce you to the history of these Italian glorious creations! Make pizza in the oven with our professional pizza chef, called pizzaiolo. You will learn how to make tender, flexible yeast dough that stretches to almost paperthinness, even the trick for a flavorful yet light tomato sauce. Even if you bake pizza in your own oven, these techniques are universal and using them really makes a difference. With the pizzaiolo, you'll make your very own pizza, you'll stretch it, sauce it, bake it, slice it. It will be the best pizza you ever tasted, and you made it yourself!

After Pizza it's time for Gelato! The chef will tell you why gelato remains Italy's favorite dessert while giving an insight to the 'gelato culture' that continues to grow. You will get to know the basic raw ingredients, how to select the best products available according to specific principles and you will have a presentation and tasting of some of the flavors used in gelato making. You will learn about the development and application of natural colors, the heating and freezing techniques and how they have different effects on ingredients. It is always a great day to discover the recipe of the world most loved dessert!

DURATION 4 hours

INCLUSIONS

- Pizza and gelato lesson
- Use of apron and cooking utensils
- All ingredients for cooking
- Dinner with Wine Tastings (soft drinks for children)

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WINE ENTHUSIASTS' DINNER & WINE LAB

Wine and Olive Oil are the essence and the two kings of Tuscan food and wine culture. There is no Tuscan recipe that doesn't include olive oil in its preparation and doesn't consider a specific wine to be paired with. With this fine dinner experience, you will discover all the secrets of the production of Wine and Olive Oil while visiting and dining at a boutique Winery in the Chianti Wine region. Marvelous landscapes of vineyards and olive groves will surround you, while you reach the winery on top of a hill (approx. a 25 minute ride).

Once there, a wine expert will welcome you and take you for the ancient cellar visit, still used today for wine production. The sommelier will explain the sophisticated techniques of wine making and teach you to distinguish the different and various scents and flavors that each wine presents. A special Wine Lab experience, fun and educational, will let you understand how different varieties of pure wines (from Sangiovese, Canaiolo grapes etc.) are blended to obtain the final complex wines, each one with a peculiar bouquet of scents and flavors. You will then be served dinner, while you will learn the basics of pairing different wines with specific dishes. You will enjoy 4 different wines, including Supertuscan wines -from the estate-. Plus, a sweet typical dessert wine. You will also taste the region's finest olive oil with typical unsalted Tuscan bread. The gourmet menu may change according to the season, but an example could be local charcuterie (cold-cuts like typical prosciutto - Tuscan ham - and salami) and a cheese selection, paired with different jams and balsamic vinegar, a selection of two pasta dishes and a main course made of a traditional meat dish. A Tuscan dessert is then served with local sweet wine. The friendly atmosphere of this Tuscan dinner will let you enjoy a relaxing break from the city chaos, while learning interesting facts and secrets about the Tuscan food and wine culture and tasting some truly gourmet products.

DURATION 2 hours

INCLUSIONS

- Round-trip transportation from Florence
- Wine lab experience
- Tasting of 5 different Tuscan Wines (including a sweet typical wine)
- Gourmet Typical Tuscan dinner at a boutique Winery
- Tasting of Tuscan Olive Oil

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AREZZO AND CORTONA

Enchanting towns, sublime views

Step off the beaten tourist track, spend a memorable day exploring two of Tuscany's most charming, and less-renowned, gems: delightful Arezzo and Cortona. Meet your dedicated English-speaking driver at your hotel and set off for a journey through Tuscany, to reach your first stop, charming Arezzo. Once among the strongest and richest Etruscan towns today Arezzo is a lovely city with a remarkable legacy: its exquisite traditional crafts, passed down throughout the centuries, are still produced, and many using ancient techniques! Meet your dedicated private English-speaking guide and enjoy a memorable guided visit through the exquisite center, noting the most charming details and seeing the marvelous landmarks. The Arezzo cathedral dominates the city, and the main square is where the famous Jousting Contest is held in June and September. After the visit travel on to Cortona, one of the most ancient and fascinating cities in Tuscany. Boasting over 2000 years of eventful and exciting history make Cortona a captivating town to discover! Meet your dedicated private English-speaking guide and savor the pleasure of uncovering the town's past, legends and stories. Built above a Medici era fortress, Cortona comprises steep streets which unravel up and down the hill. Paved with huge stones these offer an evocative once-upon-a-time feel, and from the city walls, you can admire one of the most beautiful views in Italy.

DURATION 10 hours

INCLUSIONS

- Private Mercedes vehicle with English-speaking driver for the day
- Private English-speaking guide in Arezzo (2 hours)
- Private English-speaking guide in Cortona (2 hours)

Lunch is not included. Both towns, and the surroundings, offer a variety of delightful and delicious restaurants, your guides and/or driver will be pleased to suggest and, if needed, book on your behalf

NOTE: Antique lovers will be delighted if they visit on the first Sunday of the month, when the famous antiques market is held

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BALLOONING IN TUSCANY

A bird's eye view of the legendary Chianti landscape

Serene, thrilling and a feeling a freedom that is totally unique! We offer you an amazing experience with breathtaking views. The hot air balloon is the oldest successful human-carrying flight technology. This airborne adventure allows you to travel with the wind so you never know exactly where you'll fly or what you'll see. Marvel at the beautiful Tuscan landscape hundreds or even thousands of feet below. Flights take place near dawn and dusk when the wind is the calmest.

Arrive at the launch site to be welcomed by your pilot. Our pilots are experienced professionals with Commercial Balloon Pilot Licenses and many hundreds of hours of experience, so you're in safe hands.

The pilot will introduce you to hot air ballooning and give you a full safety briefing. Climb into the balloon basket for lift-off, rising smoothly towards the clouds. It's an almost motionless experience so, have your camera ready for amazing views of the patchwork landscape and possible wildlife sightings. The only thing breaking the silence will be the occasional roar of the burners. After a magical hour in the sky, the pilot will find a suitable landing spot and bring the balloon to land. Still glowing from the experience, enjoy a Tuscan breakfast with local products and a glass of wine or soft drink to accompany. The whole experience will last about 5 hours and can be added to customized itineraries. Follow to by a pleasant drive through the Chianti, after this experience, you can relax, reflect and regale while tasting some lavish Chianti wines at a nearby winery before getting back to the hotel.

DURATION 5 hours

INCLUSIONS

- Transfer IN and OUT in minivan from Florence to launching area
- Safety Briefing session
- 1 hour balloon shared flight with a licensed pilot
- Tuscan breakfast
- Full insurance included

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CHIANTI SAFARI

Experience Tuscany in an unique way!

Why not experience Tuscany in a more adventurous and unique way... an exciting ride on a four-wheel-vehicle through the most beautiful vineyards and hidden corners of the Chianti wine region. Meet your dedicated private English-speaking driver at your hotel and travel to the rolling Chianti hills, a heavenly region made of idyllic landscapes, silvery olive groves and vineyards dotted by honey-colored stone farmhouses and graceful Romanesque parish churches. Upon arrival at the set meeting point meet your professional off-road driver, an experienced English-speaking pro, and roaring sturdy vehicle. Set off, with a rumble and a smile, on your adventure: your driver will take you off the beaten path to places you never imagined! Explore the Cruise along winding country roads, alongside vineyards and across the rolling hills studded with cypress trees. Stop at the best viewpoints and capture the view in memorable photos spots. Enjoy a pleasant break stopping at a local winery, admire breathtaking views and explore the grounds, discovering all about the wine making tradition. Crown your visit savoring luscious typical Tuscan recipes paired with the best estate wines. Our Chianti Safari is not simply a day tour, it's an exciting Tuscan adventure!

DURATION 7 hours

INCLUSIONS

- Private Mercedes vehicle with English-speaking driver from/to meeting point in the Chianti hills
- Private off-road vehicle with English-speaking driver for the tour
- Visit to a Chianti winery
- Wine-pairing typical Tuscan light lunch at the winery

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CINQUE TERRE

Miraculous villages on the seaside cliffs

Spend an unforgettable day exploring one of the world's most spectacular coastal areas, the heart-stopping Cinque Terre! Set amid some of the most dramatic coastal scenery on the planet, these five ingeniously constructed fishing villages, Unesco World Heritage Site since 1997, are something of a current-age Eden! Meet your dedicated private English-speaking driver and travel to the Riviera in full comfort. Upon arrival meet your private guide, experienced and charismatic and set off to discover this fairytale-like destination where land and sea meet. Rooted in antiquity, Cinque Terre's five villages date from the early medieval period. Led by your expert guide you will explore the villages on foot, and travel between the towns just like the locals: both by train and by ferry! Admire the views both from the water, and from aboard the 19th-century railway line that cuts through a series of coastal tunnels from village to village. Learn all about the Cinque Terre's history and unique feature from your guide: the steeply terraced cliffs bisected by a complicated system of fields and gardens hacked, chiseled, shaped and layered over the course of nearly two millennia. So marked are these artificial contours that some scholars have compared the extensive "muretti" (low stone walls) to the Great Wall of China! And all enhanced by the charming villages - Riomaggiore, founded in the 8th century by Greek settlers fleeing persecution in Byzantium, Vernazza, Corniglia, Manarola and Monterosso - which look onto the gleaming pristine waters of the sea.

Crown your day with a memorable typical Ligurian seafood feast, and exquisite regional white wines, in a lovely seafront restaurant.

DURATION 12 hours

INCLUSIONS

- Private Mercedes vehicle with English-speaking driver for the day (12 hours)
- Private English-speaking guide for tour of the Cinque Terre
- Train&ferry tickets to travel from village to village
- 3-course typical Ligurian lunch

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FERRARI EXPERIENCE

Come explore our world of adrenaline and excitement: get behind the wheel of the exclusive red convertible Ferrari and drive along the places you've dreamed of on the breathtaking curves of Tuscany's countryroads!

Our minivan will escort you out to the Chianti countryside, a short ride just outside the city center of Florence.

After arrival it's time for a briefing to get acquainted with the Ferrari's commands. One of our english speaking instructor will give you a quick lesson on the mechanics of the Ferrari you are about to drive, explaining how to properly handle the car using correct driving technique, as well as going through all the safety procedures. Finally the moment you've been waiting for: get behind the wheel of the Ferrari. Strap in and start your engine! You're in control, it's time to hit the road along vineyards and olive groves.

After the adrenaline subsides, relax and unwind in the heart of Chianti Classico wine region.

Enjoy the guided visit to a fascinating winery with its ancient cellars to learn the secrets of wine and olive oil production.

At the end of the exciting drive, a traditional Tuscan lunch will be served with wine tasting at our boutique winery. Come and experience the ultimate iconic car!

It must be driven on the scenic roads of Tuscany to appreciate its nearly limitless boundaries.

DURATION 6 hours

INCLUSIONS

- Transfer by minivan from Florence to the Chianti countryside and back
- Briefing before driving
- Ferrari rental (Ferrari California or Ferrari 458 Italia)
- Safety car leading the Ferraris
- Guided winery visit
- Typical Tuscan meal
- Wine tasting after the drive

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FERRARI EXPERIENCE

IMPORTANT NOTES

A valid driving license is required and you must be at least 21 years of age to drive, at least 6 years to be a passenger. A THIRD-PARTY insurance for civil liability is INCLUDED in the price of the tour. Please note that clients will be given the option to subscribe an additional insurance against vehicle damages. See below.

WHAT IS INCLUDED:

A THIRD-PARTY insurance for civil liability is INCLUDED in the price of the tour. This means that any damage caused by the driver towards third parties will be waived by the insurance.

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED:

DAMAGES ON YOUR CAR: driver's choice.

Drivers will be fully responsible for the damages caused driving the car, according to any world's large rent-a-car company policy. Just beware that this cars are very expensive, as well as very high maintenance! Drivers are therefore given two options upon check in at the deposit:

OPTION 1) SUBSCRIBE AND EXTRA INSURANCE COVERAGE TO WAIVE DAMAGES ON THE CAR. ONLY 500-EURO DEPOSIT REQUIRED.

TO WAIVE THE RESPONSIBILITY to drive such a pricey car, Arno Travel offers the possibility to subscribe an EXTRA INSURANCE at the convenient price of 100 euros per car per tour. This will lower the level of Drivers' responsibility on the car down to only 500 euros (deductibility) instead of the regular 5.000.

A deposit on the credit card or cash of 500 euros will be then asked upon check in.

OPTION 2) TAKE FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR DAMAGES ON THE CAR. FULL 5.000-EURO DEPOSIT REQUIRED.

Drivers are free NOT to subscribe an extra coverage for the damages, but they will be asked to take responsibility. Drivers will be asked to swipe a SECURITY DEPOSIT of 5.000 euros. This will be the maximum responsibility for the drivers on car (deductibility). Arno Travel will swipe Driver's card before departure and block the amount of money. Drivers should make sure to have a limit of 5.000 euros available on their cards or in cash, otherwise will be asked to pay 100 euros and lower their responsibility down to 500 euros.

Drivers that will neither be willing to subscribe the Extra insurance nor have enough availability on their credit card will NOT BE ALLOWED to drive and no reimbursement for the tour will be granted.



HIKING IN TUSCANY

The Private hiking tour will provide a great overview of the Chianti wine region. The activity starts right in the city center of Florence where you will be shuttled out of the city in just 20 minutes. We head to the beautiful countryside where the trail starts.

You will reach an olive oil mill in an ancient noble estate, where you will enjoy a guided tour of their spaces in a unique mix of ancient and modern setting, learning about the processes involved in producing olive oil. A taste of their gourmet olive oil will reveal all the incredible flavors that their passion and work generate.

A friendly environmental guide will then guide you around this area that is characterized by a continuous alternation of valleys and gentle hills cloaked in vines and olives, but also of harsh peaks covered in woods of oaks, chestnuts, cypresses and pines. This area is dense of warm materials such as limestone, pietra serena and terracotta.

The itinerary includes many photo opportunities along the way and some interesting information about the history of this spectacular territory full of great landscapes and amazing views, little ancient churches and medieval towers. The glorious hike trail ends at a boutique winery, where you will get to visit their cellar and understand the wine-making process. A delicious typical Tuscan lunch is then served, paired with a taste of elegant wines.

DURATION 6 hours

INCLUSIONS

- Car or Minivan at disposal
- English-speaking environmental guide (6 hours at disposal)
- Guided visit to an olive oil mill and olive oil tasting
- Guided visit of a boutique winery
- Light Tuscan Lunch with wine tasting
- Water bottle

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HORSEBACK RIDING

Ride through the Chianti vineyards

Explore the Tuscan countryside in delightful, unusual and thrilling way... on horseback! Meet your dedicated private English-speaking driver and travel to the Chianti hillside in full comfort, admiring the views of this splendid region which produces world-acclaimed wines. Blessed with splendid landscapes made of rolling verdant hills covered by shimmering vineyards and silvery olive groves Chianti offers heavenly views and fresh country breezes! Upon arrival in the heart of the hillside meet your English-speaking horseback riding guide, a knowledgeable expert, and horse of course: your guide will find the perfect horse for you! All ready? Set off! Follow your guide along a splendid trail, admire lush vineyards, thick shady woods and olive groves, catch breathtaking unforgettable views. At the end of your ride enjoy a delicious typical Tuscan light lunch paired with excellent Chianti of course!

DURATION 6 hours

INCLUSIONS

- Private Mercedes vehicle with English-speaking driver from/to meeting point in the Chianti hills and at disposal throughout the ride (to be used for support as needed)
- Scenic guided 1 hour horseback tour led by a professional English-speaking guide
- Visit to a local winery
- Typical Tuscan light lunch with wine pairing

NOTE

Minimum age for this tour is 14
Suitable clothing and shoes (closed)

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TUSCANY

ITALIAN JOB

Fascinating and fun classic wheels, vineyards and olive groves, prestigious wineries: the Tuscan countryside experienced at its best!

Meet your guide in the city center and then reach the marvelous Tuscan countryside with an approx. 30 min. ride on a comfortable minivan. Receive an orientation on the basic Italian street rules and on how to perfectly drive your classic FIAT 500 car and its manual gearshift. Depart with the car actual tour, following the tour leader in front of you thru breath-taking Tuscan landscapes, gentle Chianti rolling hills framed by cypress trees and enriched by vineyards and olive groves, will be the spectacular views around you. Several stops for photo opportunities will be made along the way. Visit a historic winery, enjoying a guided tour of its ancient cellars, and learn all the secrets of wine production. Then reach a family-run boutique winery, to experience the differences in their approach to wine making. A delicious Tuscan meal will then await you back where you will get off the cars and relax savoring typical products and recipes as well as some of the wines from the wineries you just visited (no drink and drive on the tour!). The minivan will then bring you back to the city center, after the most memorable experience: a Tuscany discovery on an Italian vintage icon, the FIAT 500 classic car.

IMPORTANT NOTE: A valid driving license is required, and you must be at least 18 years of age to drive, at least 6 years to be a passenger. Previous experience in using a manual transmission (clutch pedal and stick shift gear) is required. Alternatives will be given to participants that will prove not able to drive a manual transmission.

DURATION 6 hours

INCLUSIONS

- Roundtrip transportation by minivan to/from departure point
- Original vintage FIAT 500 classic cars
- 3 course Tuscan lunch with wine tasting (only after the drive)
- Olive oil tasting
- Guided tour of 2 wineries and their cellars
- Professional Tour Escort
- Minivan support during the whole itinerary (6 hours at disposal)

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ITALIAN JOB

IMPORTANT NOTES

A valid driving license is required, make sure you have it with you on the tour, and you must be at least 18 years of age to drive, at least 6 years to be a passenger. Novice drivers (one year after obtaining the license) cannot drive alone but must be accompanied by an older licensed throughout the entire driving.

Previous experience in using a manual transmission (clutch pedal and stick shift gear) is required. The tour operator reserves the right of final judgement in client participation of actual car driving, or to discontinue car use at any point of the tour. Any participant unable to drive cars safely may ride as passengers in a car, or continue the tour on board one of our support vehicles (the Tuscany Tuk Tuk or the minivan, depending which is available). Or try driving a VESPA scooter instead. NO REFUND will be granted in this case. OUR FIRST AND FOREMOST CONCERN IS EVERYONE'S SAFETY.

A THIRD-PARTY insurance for civil liability is INCLUDED in the price of the tour. Please note that clients will be given the option to subscribe an additional insurance against vehicle damages.

Please let us know in advance any special need or impaired mobility of the clients and we will do our best to accomodate them.

LUCCA & MARBLE SAFARI

Step off the beaten path, enjoy an adventurous journey into Tuscany's heart and soul! Our signature Lucca & Marble Experience allows you to discover the many attractions of charming Lucca, one of Tuscany's jewel towns, and visit an authentic, working, marble quarry in the mountains with the privilege of private transportation, private guide assistance and an exciting mountain-side adventure aboard a rumbling Jeep.

Savor the ride and the views traveling to Lucca, a town which appears like a vision encased as it is by imposing Renaissance walls, and famous worldwide as birthplace of the great composer Giacomo Puccini. Meet your private dedicated English-speaking guide and set off on a memorable walking visit of this exquisite town. Unveil its secrets, learn all about its eventful centuries-old history and admire the characteristic vibrant colors: the soft red of the rooftops and brick walls, shiny white marble of palaces and churches, and resplendent green of the many sumptuous private gardens, make Lucca an icon of the Italian flag!

Led by your guide you will discover all major sights and landmarks among which Piazza San Michele in Foro, with its gorgeous church, Piazza Napoleone, Palazzo Ducale, the lovely Teatro del Giglio and the Cathedral of San Martino, where the wooden crucifix known as Volto Santo (the "Holy Face") and famous sarcophagus by Jacopo della Quercia are housed. Wander down bewitching medieval streets to the ever-fascinating elliptical Piazza Anfiteatro, see the house where Puccini was born and discover "le Mura" Lucca's most extraordinary feature: massive, perfectly preserved, 40-meter-high city walls, which extend over 4 kilometers! Today the whole of the ancient walls is a park and pedestrian promenade. Stroll through the well-groomed lawns lined by century-old trees and enjoy awe-inspiring views of the town below. Relish some time at leisure to appreciate Lucca's peaceful atmosphere and relish delicious local specialties at a restaurant/trattoria or café of your choice.

After lunch time for some adventure! Meet your dedicated quarry guide and driver (a highly skilled professional off-the-road expert) and set off with a rumble aboard a state-of-the-art Jeep. Head up the mountain, journey through places inaccessible to most vehicles, zigzag along gravel and reach a busy, active cava di marmo, a marble quarry located at an altitude of 900 meters. Enjoy a genuine insider's view of the marble extraction, see the workers in action and learn all about this extremely difficult and exacting job. Continue your adventure traveling on upwards, to appreciate spectacular views of the Apuan Alps and the Mediterranean Sea from an altitude of 1200 meters, and visit yet another, fascinating, marble quarry dug out "tunnel-like" right inside the mountain.

For a perfect crescendo end to your day savor the unique flavor of the famed flagship local specialty: premium artisan-produced lardo di Colonnata! Rose-veined and marble-white Colonnata lard is high-quality lard, spiced and put to mature in marble tanks and rubbed with garlic, A superb and rare product with a heavenly taste!

DURATION FULL DAY

INCLUSIONS

- Private transportation by Mercedes Car/Minivan with English-speaking driver throughout the day as needed (8 hours)
- Private specialized English-speaking guide in Lucca (2 to 3 hours)
- Visit of two marble quarries
- Colonnata lard tasting
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Lunch is not included. Lucca is filled with delightful restaurants, cafés and trattorias; we recommend you select your preference on site directly and your guide is at your disposal for suggestions and, if needed, assist with booking.

NOTES *comfortable shoes and clothing are recommended

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ON THE FOOTSTEPS OF LEONARDO

A tribute to 500 years of unrivalled genius

Follow the footsteps of one of the world's greatest artists, dive into Leonardo's life and heritage, unveil the breadth of his knowledge and grasp the extent of his polychrome talent. Especially designed to pay a tribute to the memory of one of the most exceptional genius of all times on the occasion of the 500th anniversary of his death, our signature "on the footsteps of Leonardo" tour escorts you through the Tuscan countryside to discover the places that saw the birth and growth of this illustrious artist's brilliant mind.

Depart Florence in full comfort aboard our state-of-the-art minivan, enjoying a voyage off-the-beaten-tourist-track to Leonardo's birth-town. Largely unexplored and simply charming the whole area offers splendid views of pristine rolling hills dotted by quaint parish churches and picturesque farmhouses.

Among these one does stand out, proud and beckoning: the typical rural house where the artist was born and took his first steps. Explore Leonardo's first home, wander through the rooms where he lived and imagine him as a boy. And discover the drawings of his famous inventions and outstanding artwork, displayed within the house, now transformed into an interactive museum.

After visiting the house proceed on to the village of Vinci, meet your local dedicated English-speaking guide and set off to discover this exquisite town, where each and every street and building boasts a unique and peculiar connection with Leonardo's life. Follow your guide through town, learn more about the artist's daily life and admire the wooden sculpture that reproduces the study of the Vitruvian Man. Imagine Leonardo a baby as you view the baptismal font where he was baptized, and visit the enlightening Leonardo Museum. Admire the Museum's inspiring collection: comprising a great variety of reproductions of machines, clocks and instruments designed by the artist, the Museum itinerary also allows you to enter the Conti Guidi's Castle, and see exactly how Leonardo's studies ranged from anatomy to mechanics and from optics to civil engineering.

For a picture-perfect crescendo end to your day we suggest savoring mouth-watering typical Tuscan cuisine at a charming local restaurant (we will be pleased to book on your behalf. Lunch is not included in the tour cost and is to be settled directly on site).

After lunch relish the views, and reminiscences of a memorable day spent in the birthplace of Leonardo, journeying comfortably back to Florence

DURATION 8 hours

INCLUSIONS

- Private Mercedes Sedan or Minivan at disposal 8 hours
- Local English-speaking guide in Vinci
- Walking tour in Vinci
- Entrance fees for Leonardo's House
- Entrance fees for Leonardo Museum

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PALIO DI SIENA

An exclusive and thrilling authentic Tuscan experience

Thrilling, dashing, full of genuine prideful zest. The palio di Siena is as much about identity and Sienese pride as it is about the competition: a bareback horse race that lasts, on average, just 75 seconds. Held in honor of the Virgin Mary the race takes place twice a year, on July 2 and August 16. Ten of the city's seventeen contrade, districts, are represented by a horse and jockey in each race. What's so unique about this race is that it's no tourist-board invention, like some of Italy's supposedly 'Medieval' fairs, jousts and pageants and it's certainly not staged for the benefit of visitors: it has been held in Siena's Piazza del Campo ever since 1644, and the 40,000 Sienese who crowd into the Campo on race day are largely oblivious of their Italian and international guests.

Join the locals, feel the blood-rush, and experience authentic Tuscan excitement at il Palio! You're guaranteed an electric atmosphere, and you want to be comfortable to enjoy it all at best. Let us plan it for you, reserving a private terrace or a dedicated window in one of the splendid noble palaces overlooking the square. Watch the historic parade, admiring the bedecked horses and Sienese in period costume, enjoy a delicious buffet and refreshments throughout and hold your breaths: the horses are ready to start off!

Don't hesitate to contact us to book your exclusive custom-made Palio experience.

INCLUSIONS

- Private Mercedes car or minivan with English-speaking driver for the day
- Private English-speaking escort for the day
- Dedicated terrace or window in a palace overlooking Piazza del Campo
- Refreshments and snacks buffet throughout the race

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PIENZA AND MONTALCINO

The wine, the cheese, the views

Gentle rolling hills crowned by cypress trees and tiny parish churches, vast vineyards and meadows, golden farmhouse and quaint centuries-old villages where time seems to have stopped. Discover authentic Tuscany, land of poets, artists and farmers, precious ruby-red wines, tangy olive oil and the world's most luscious cheeses! Spend a memorable day discovering Pienza and Montalcino, evocative towns where ancient country-style serenity and lifestyle thrive and live on. Enjoy the comforts of private transportation, with a dedicated English-speaking driver, explore the towns leisurely, get an insider's view of the local products and savor luscious local fare and sublime wines. Start your day in Pienza, a spellbinding town created by Enea Silvio Piccolomini, (later Pope Pius II) to be the "ideal" city. Built according to the urban and architectural rules of the Renaissance it is the only town in Italy to be an example of a perfect Renaissance town! Enjoy a leisurely stroll through the exquisite center, marvel at the gorgeous buildings and then drive on, to reach a typical farm in an exquisite spot in the hillside. Visit the grounds, which yield 100% organic fresh produce and olive oil and the fascinating cheese factory where delectable typical sheep's cheese, mouth-watering pecorino, comes to life. Crown your visit with a delicious typical luncheon based on the estate products and then travel to your last stop, Montalcino, a charming walled hilltop town renowned for its award-winning wines, Brunello and Rosso di Montalcino. Enjoy a firsthand wine-focused experience visiting a celebrated local winery's cellars and tasting the premium estate blends and end your day with a memorable stroll through an ancient hamlet.

DURATION: full day

INCLUSIONS:

- Private transportation with English-speaking driver from/to your hotel and throughout the day as needed
- Time at leisure to explore Pienza
- Visit to a local hillside farm and cheese factory followed by typical lunch in the farmhouse
- Visit to a Montalcino winery and wine tasting
- Time at leisure to stroll through an ancient Montalcino hamlet

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SIENA AND SAN GIMIGNANO

A full day of history and art in two enchanting towns

The perfect trip for travelers with limited time. In this full-day private tour in and around Siena, guests get complete say over the itinerary. Enjoy the very best of what Siena has to offer, both on and off the beaten track and feel the city come alive through the stories by an expert guide. You'll see the most popular sites, including the Palazzo Pubblico in the Piazza del Campo, where the famous "Palio" horserace is played every summer. Discover the Torre del Mangia for an eerie glimpse of life as a medieval bell ringer; and the beautiful mosaics and library of the Cathedral of Siena. Climb up and experience a panoramic walk with breathtaking scenes of Tuscany. Follow up the morning with a lunch break in a delicious Trattoria, accompanied with wine and the best regional flavors, recommended by our local guide. Or if you prefer, lunch can be arranged within the walls of the Monteriggioni castle.

On the afternoon, take a scenic road to San Gimignano and enjoy some leisure time in the "town of the 100 towers" featuring cobble stone streets, delicious Vernaccia white wine, Italian ceramics and home linens.

DURATION 8 hours

INCLUSIONS

- Mercedes Car or Minivan and English-speaking driver (8 hours at disposal)
- English-speaking licensed Guide in Siena at disposal for 2 hours
- Duomo of Siena entrance tickets (Not available on Sunday mornings)
- 3 course Tuscan lunch with wine pairing
- Leisure time in San Gimignano

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TERRACOTTA TRAIL IN TUSCANY

Uncover the marvels of local tradition during a journey along the fabulous Terracotta trail! Our signature tour leads you to the discovery of an ancient family-owned firm which produces original Terracotta masterpieces, and their ancient furnace: the very same one where the shingles of the Florence Dome were made! Travel to the Chianti Countryside, a short ride from Florence city center, aboard our comfortable minivan. Enjoy a guided visit to the furnace and find out how the skilled artisans still create works of art, traditional materials used in the construction of residential buildings and villas, as well as interior design and garden accessories such as dividers, vessels, jars, gardener, bins and planters. Then move on to visit a charming biodynamic boutique winery where part of the wine is aged and stored in pure original terracotta jars, and learn about the influence this unique material has in the fermentation and storage of wine. Finally indulge your taste buds with the best of Tuscan specialties during a memorable wine-pairing lunch at the Winery's restaurant

DURATION 5.5 hours

INCLUSIONS

- Private transportation from Florence to Impruneta
- Guided visit to the "Antica Fornace Mariani" (inclusive of English professional translator)
- Visit to Impruneta's charming main square
- Guided Visit to one of the area's boutique wineries, where part of the wines is aged and stored in jars made in the same furnace
- Typical full Tuscan wine-pairing lunch at the winery's restaurant

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TUSCANY

THE OUTLETS

Big brands, the highest quality, best deals

Fulfilling your Italian fashion dream is just a 40-minute drive away from Florence! Relax spending a day away from the city chaos and enjoy shopping for great deals of the most famous Italian brands... at the most competitive prices! Let us take you to the source of the best Made in Italy brands including: Prada, Gucci, Valentino, Salvatore Ferragamo, Fendi, Sergio Rossi, Yves Saint Laurent, Giorgio Armani, Bottega Veneta, Loro Piana, Versace, Zegna and many more. Presenting the highest quality pieces at the lowest prices a visit to the Outlets provides an unforgettable shopping experience.

Please consider there is a variety of different outlets in the surroundings of Florence: do not hesitate to contact us if you have a favorite brand in mind, we will do our best to take you straight to the source.

DURATION 6 hours

INCLUSIONS

- Mercedes car or minivan with English speaking driver at disposal
- Free time for shopping in 2 Outlets

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TUSCANY BY BIKE

The original two-wheel tour

Join us on an enchanting Bike tour in the Chianti. We can even organize a private escorted tour of the area so you and your party may spend a beautiful day in the Tuscan countryside. Go with an expert guide and use professional mountain bikes. During the day, ride through charming medieval castles, vineyards, villas and olive groves. Take in the scene before sitting down to a full lunch and lavish tasting of Chianti Classico wines and extra virgin Olive Oil at a quaint family-owned restaurant in the Florentine hills followed by a visit to a winery and the cellar. We offer the best way to enjoy the Chianti region without traffic! The itinerary will go for about 16 miles and has a moderately difficult route.

The Bike tour of Tuscany can also be organized as a custom experience. Bikes can be delivered anywhere in Tuscany, whether guests are staying in a hotel, apartment or Villa. Our professional guides will meet your guests anywhere they choose to start the tour. Museum stops, shopping or food and wine tastings* can be arranged along the way

*Wine Tasting is only available after the drive.

DURATION 6 hours

INCLUSIONS

- Transfer IN and OUT in minivan from Florence to Chianti
- Scenic itinerary through Chianti hills with an English-speaking tour escort
- Quality Mountain/Hybrid bikes, helmets, and water bottles
- Minivan support during the whole itinerary (6 hours at disposal)
- 3 course Tuscan lunch with Wine Pairing (only after the drive)
- Visit of the winery and its cellar

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TUSCANY GRAND TOUR

A full day experience to discover Tuscany, with its different dimensions, landscapes, ancient towns, art masterpieces and food and wine traditions. A magnificent journey through the Middle Ages and Renaissance, exploring marvelous towns such as Siena and San Gimignano, gazing in awe at the world-renowned Pisa Leaning Tower, savoring typical Tuscan food on a delicious lunch and tasting some great Chianti wines at a prestigious winery, discovering fascinating Lucca. Starting from Florence, you will be taken to Siena by an English-speaking driver and tour leader. Here you will enjoy a guided walking tour of the ancient town that will let you discover also Piazza del Campo, the main central square where the famous Palio horse race takes place every year, as well as exploring quieter backstreets and learning everything about the Contrade, the 17 medieval city districts that compete against each other in the Palio. During the visit in Siena you will also have the opportunity to have a surprise tasting of a typical product. The journey continues to San Gimignano, renowned for its "medieval skyscrapers", high walls and narrow streets that typify most people's image of a Tuscan hill town. San Gimignano is unique in the preservation of about a dozen of its tower houses, which, with its hilltop setting and encircling walls, form an unforgettable skyline. After some free time in San Gimignano, you will reach a prestigious Chianti ancient winery. This property will be the ideal setting for a relaxed break during the day, letting you taste a delicious Tuscan lunch and taste some great Chianti wines, while learning about wine production and visiting their cellars. Afterwards, you will reach Pisa and explore its famous Piazza dei Miracoli (Miracle Square), a magnificent space with the incredible cathedral and baptistry, all dominated by the world-renowned Leaning Tower and its unique and dramatic elegance. The next stop will be Lucca, a fascinating walled town rich in history and art, we do recommend you go up the wall to have an amazing panoramic view of the city and do not miss the beautiful amphitheater square where you will enjoy a relaxed aperitivo.

DURATION 12 hours

INCLUSIONS

- Mercedes Car or Minivan and English-speaking driver (12 hours at disposal)
- English-speaking licensed Guides in Lucca and Siena
- Stop for tasting at a traditional pastry shop in Siena
- Time at leisure in San Gimignano and Pisa
- 3 course Tuscan lunch with wine pairing

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TUSCANY TUK TUK

A quirky new way to visit the countryside and its villages

Discover the countryside aboard the original Piaggio Three Wheel Vespa, the old-fashioned Italian "Calessino". Guests will be transferred to Chianti region to meet their English-speaking tour escort in a beautiful location. Enjoy cypresses, vineyards, olive oil trees, and a scenic view of the wine region before stopping for lunch to savor Tuscan specialties accompanied with a tasting of Chianti wines. Touring by tuk tuk is fun and recommended to all the family, parking is never a problem, so you can always be ready for stopping at the most beautiful panoramic views and take the best pictures! This private excursion is available every day. Guests will be taken to the Chianti Classico region and introduced to the history of wine before enjoying a tasting at a local winery. Go back to the Dolce Vita days when travelers used to explore Tuscany aboard this quirky 3-wheel vehicle.

DURATION 6 hours

INCLUSIONS

- Transfer IN and OUT (car or minivan) from Florence to Chianti
- Minivan support during the whole itinerary (6 hours at disposal)
- Briefing session
- Scenic itinerary through hills and grapes
- English-speaking tour escort & driver
- Typical Tuscan light lunch and visit of the winery

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VESPA TOUR

A dreamy zip around Tuscany

Our scooter tours are designed for those who want a quick trip and fun adventure. We pick you up from your accommodation with a private van transfer that takes you into the countryside to meet your guide and pick up your Vespa. Every person will have his or her own scooter to ride (if desired). After a quick orientation, our English-speaking escort will lead you out for a ride along quiet and scenic country roads offering splendid views of the rolling hillside and visiting different small medieval villages. No need to worry about where to go and what to see because your guide will lead the way!

We will then stop for a lunch to savor Tuscan specialties and enjoy a tasting of Chianti wines featuring sweeping views over the romantic Tuscan landscape. Combine the freedom and exhilaration of touring by Vespa with the amazing food, wine, and beauty of Tuscany. Our goal is to exceed your expectations!

A valid driver's license is required for all the drivers and you must be at least 18 years of age. Guests do not need a motorcycle license. Wine Tasting is only available after the drive and the clients that do not feel comfortable driving the Vespa, can choose at any time to ride on the Minivan. Bring your companion on board with you and live the Dolce Vita!

DURATION 6 hours

INCLUSIONS

- Transfer IN and OUT in minivan from Florence to Chianti
- Helmets, Vespa and fuel
- Training Session
- English-speaking tour escort and driver
- Minivan support during the whole itinerary (6 hours at disposal)
- Third party insurance included
- Light Tuscan lunch with wine pairing (only after the drive)

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VESPA TOUR

IMPORTANT NOTES

A valid driving license is required and need to be presented on the day of the tour (although you do not need a motorcycle license) and you must be at least 18 years of age to drive, at least 13 years to be a passenger.

Previous experience is not required but advantageous and highly advised. We reserve the right of final judgement in client participation of actual scooter driving or in client being a passenger, or to discontinue scooter use at any point of the tour. Any participant unable to drive scooters safely may ride double with a partner, or on the guide's scooter if available or continue the tour on board one of our support vehicles (the Tuscany Tuk Tuk or the minivan, depending which is available) if unable to be a safe passenger as well. NO REFUNDS will be granted in this case. OUR FIRST AND FOREMOST CONCERN IS EVERYONE'S SAFETY.

The tour is run with authentic PIAGGIO VESPA's, but clients can choose the SMART option which will have them ride a PIAGGIO ZIP scooter.

A THIRD-PARTY insurance for civil liability is INCLUDED in the price of the tour. Please note that clients will be given the option to subscribe an additional insurance against vehicle damages.

Please let us know in advance any special need or impaired mobility of the clients and we will do our best to accomodate them.