



FOOD & WINE IN TUSCANY

FLORENCE | PIENZA | PITIGLIANO | MAREMMA | SIENA | MONTE AMIATA

8 DAYS
from
\$3,279

CAD\$, PP, DBL, OCC.

TOUR OVERVIEW

- ▶ Total of 7 nights accommodation; 4-Star hotels
2 nights in Florence
5 nights in Pienza
- ▶ Tours, tastings, classes and transfers as per itinerary
- ▶ Continental breakfast daily; other meals as indicated
- ▶ Hotel taxes and service charges

HIGHLIGHTS

- Private walking tour of Florence with entrance to Uffizi Gallery
- Guided tour of Siena and Pitigliano
- Wine tasting at Tuscan vineyards *Perazzeta* and *Brunello di Montalcino*
- Olive oil tasting with cheese, wild boar and salami in Maremma
- Entrance to Bagno Vignoni Hot Springs
- Pasta cooking class in Monte Amiata

International airfare not included.
Minimum 2 passengers travelling.

Price as indicated valid March 1, 2017, subject to availability at time of booking. For alternative dates, inquire for pricing. Itineraries are fully customizable. Not valid during trade shows, bank holidays and other special events. Blackout periods may apply.

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Our Tuscany Boutique program introduces travellers to a world of history, beauty and gastronomic riches. Tour Tuscany by wandering the streets in Florence, Pitigliano and Siena with surprises at every corner. Overnight at Tuscan boutique hotels and savour the flavours of this region with wine and cheese tastings, a pasta cooking class and a dip in the hot springs at Bagno Vignoni.

Day 1

FLORENCE Welcome to **Florence**, the birthplace of the Italian Renaissance. Transfer to your hotel. Take some time to wander the oldest streets in the city and experience an authentic Florentine gelato, considered by many to be the best in the world. *Palazzo Castrì 1874, Classic Room ★★★★★*

Day 2

FLORENCE After breakfast, make your way on your own to the entrance of one of the oldest pharmacies in the world, **Santa Maria Novella**, located inside a former Dominican monastery to begin your private walking tour of the city. See some of the most popular sites including Brunelleschi's **Duomo**; visiting the original site of Michaelangelo's David and entrance to the **Uffizi Gallery**. Continue to **Piazza della Repubblica**, the ancient Roman forum that later became the city's Jewish ghetto. In the afternoon, take some time to explore the city on your own. *Palazzo Castrì 1874*

Day 3

FLORENCE – PIENZA After breakfast, enjoy your morning at leisure in Florence. In the early afternoon, take a scenic two hour drive through Tuscany on the way to **Pienza**, one of the best-planned Renaissance towns, reflecting urban planning concepts that were adopted by other towns in Italy and the rest of Europe. Check in at your hotel. *Hotel Corsignano Pienza, Standard Room ★★★★★*

Day 4

TUSCAN WINE ROADS After breakfast, depart for **Montecucco**, a small area south of Montalcino. This area is of special interest due to its small specialty vineyards. Arrive at **Perazzeta** for a wine tasting. Enjoy lunch at Flavio's Restaurant with stunning views of the village of **Montenero**, the volcano and **Castello Banfi**. The menu includes local products such as pecorino cheese, ham, olives, fresh tomatoes and of course, excellent wine. After lunch, visit the medieval town of **Montalcino**, known for its high-quality Brunello wine; see the top of the fortress, the old historical center, and the square with its small café and wine shops. Later in the afternoon, visit the **Brunello di Montalcino** winery for a guided tour of the vineyard and wine tasting at **Poggio Antico**. Return to Pienza. *Hotel Corsignano Pienza*

Day 5

PITIGLIANO Enjoy a buffet breakfast. Today, you will visit the stunning medieval town of **Pitigliano**, dramatically perched atop a tufa cliff with many homes and caves chiseled into its landscape. The town is known for its Jewish ghetto and has been called *Little Jerusalem* due to its large and active Jewish population which settled in the 15th-century. After extensive restoration, the synagogue, Kosher oven and cemetery are all open to the public. Other important archaeological sites include Etruscan tombs and monuments. Enjoy lunch at **Hostaria del Ceccottino** which serves delicious rustic dishes made with local ingredients. Continue on to **Sovana**, a small village with a single street and castle ruins that lead to the cathedral. Stop at the *Pinzi Pinzuti Food and Wine Shop* for olive oil, cheese, wild boar and salami tasting with chestnut liqueur. Return to the hotel. *Hotel Corsignano Pienza*

Day 6

SIENA Enjoy breakfast at the hotel. This morning, begin your guided half-day visit of **Siena**, famous for its cuisine, art, museums, and medieval landscape. See the relevant artistic, cultural and religious sights and hear about the noble families that were instrumental in the history of this city. Enjoy time in the afternoon for lunch, shopping and exploring on your own. Return to Pienza. *Hotel Corsignano Pienza*

Day 7

PASTA COOKING CLASS & HOT SPRINGS Enjoy breakfast at the hotel. Today, transfer to Le Macinaie Restaurant in **Monte Amiata** for a pasta cooking class where you will prepare tagliatelle and *pici* made from traditional recipes passed down through generations of Italian families; devour your tasty creations for lunch. Later in the afternoon, visit the hot springs at **Bagno Vignoni**, the perfect spot to relax and unwind. Return to Pienza. *Hotel Corsignano Pienza*

Day 8

PIENZA – FLORENCE – HOME After your buffet breakfast, check out of the hotel and transfer to Florence for your departure home.