



FOOD & WINE IN ITALY

TUSCANY | BOLOGNA, EMILIA-ROMAGNA | TURIN, PIEMONTE

8 DAYS
from
\$3,249

CAD\$, PP, DBL, OCC.

TOUR OVERVIEW

- ▶ Total of 7 nights accommodation; 4 & 5-Star hotels
 - 3 nights in Florence
 - 2 nights in Bologna
 - 2 nights in Turin
- ▶ Private transfers as per itinerary
- ▶ First-Class Train tickets: Florence – Bologna – Turin
- ▶ Small-group & private tours as per itinerary
- ▶ Continental breakfast daily; other meals as indicated
- ▶ Hotel taxes and service charges

HIGHLIGHTS

- Florence Food Tour with tastings
- Chianti Tour with wine tasting + lunch
- Italian Food Valley tour with tastings and six-course gourmet lunch
- Private walking tour of Turin with tastings
- Langhe del Barolo tour with wine tasting and three-course lunch

International airfare not included.
Minimum 2 passengers travelling.

Price as indicated valid April 8, 2019, 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.

**European city/tourist taxes collected locally unless otherwise indicated.

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Taste the best of food and wine in Italy on this new 8-day journey. Begin with a market and food tour in Florence, taste creamy gelato and savour delicious wines in Chianti. Immerse yourself in a gourmet food experience with a six-course lunch in the foodie capital of Emilia-Romagna with tasting of *black gold* balsamic vinegar, Parmesan cheese and prosciutto. Visit the Barolo wine region and end in the Northern Italian city of Turin.

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, perhaps visiting one of the incredible museums this city has to offer before starting your food journey tomorrow. *Hotel Cellai, Classic Room* ★★★★★

Day 2

FLORENCE FOOD TOUR After breakfast at your hotel, meet your food guide who will take you where the locals go, sipping a *caffè* accompanied by a homemade, mouth-watering pastry to balance the strength of the caffeine. Visit **Mercato Centrale**, the imposing 19th-century building where butchers, fishmongers and grocers display their colourful goods. Stop for a *fritto toscano*, delicious battered and deep-fried fish and vegetable morsels. In the heart of the city's lively and tiny streets, taste a fragrant *schacciata* with truffles, one of Tuscany's unique bakery treats, similar to *focaccia*; taste a creamy *gelato*, considered to be the best in the world. Continue on to **Oltrarno**, on the other side of the Arno River to visit one of the finest winehouses in Florence for a cheese and cold-cut board served with a goblet of Chianti wine. Enjoy the rest of your day at leisure to explore. Later this afternoon, you may choose to take an optional cooking class, not included. *Hotel Cellai*

Day 3

CHIANTI & WINE TASTING After breakfast, you will be picked up from your hotel to start your trip towards **Chianti**, a special place in Tuscany, blessed with a timeless landscape, excellent wine and lavish food. Your pleasant drive through gently rolling hills brings you to **Greve**, a delightful borough known as the *Gate of Chianti*, where you will stop to explore their relaxed rhythm of life. Head to a local farmhouse where you will be shown around grapevines and cellars, followed by a tasting of delicious wines accompanied by local specialities. Continue on to **Montefioralle**, a charming town adorned by stone walls and climbing roses; enjoy a peaceful stroll along its windy, cobbled streets. Stop at **Badia a Passignano**, home to an historic Benedictine abbey, for beautiful views of Florence. *Hotel Cellai*

Day 4

FLORENCE – BOLOGNA After breakfast, transfer to the train station to board your First-Class train to **Bologna**. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel. Explore the city on your own, or choose

to add-on an optional private walking tour including the beautiful Anatomical Theatre of the Archiginnasio. *Art Hotel Commercianti, Classic Room* ★★★★★

Day 5

BOLOGNA FOOD VALLEY After breakfast, make your way to your meeting point to begin your small-group gourmet food tour to the **Italian Food Valley**, where the most famous and delicious Italian products are produced. Learn the secrets of Parmigiano-Reggiano DOP and prosciutto DOP production with tastings. Experience authentic and delicious Reggio-Emilia *black gold* balsamic vinegar, born centuries ago as medicine used exclusively by kings and emperors, now a product of excellence in Italian cuisine. At a private vineyard, learn about how grapes are picked, crushed, blended and bottled; walk through this beautiful property with the winery's sommelier and taste the finished product. End your tour with a delicious six-course gourmet lunch accompanied by a selection of local wines served in a family-run restaurant in the hills. *Art Hotel Commercianti*

Day 6

BOLOGNA – TURIN Enjoy breakfast at the hotel. This morning, transfer to the train station to board your First-Class train to **Turin**. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel. In the afternoon, begin a walking tour of the capital city of Piedmont, known for its refined architecture, historical buildings and cuisine including chocolate and coffee shops. Walk through a variety of elegant Piazzas, while enjoying three 'sweet' tastings. *Grand Hotel Silea, Classic Room* ★★★★★

Day 7

LANGHE DEL BAROLO Breakfast. Begin your small-group half-day tour of the Langhe del Barolo region. Visit the region of **La Morra**, home to one of the most prestigious Barolo production and ageing cellars, to sample Barolo wine accompanied by carefully selected local products to enhance your tasting experience; enjoy a three-course lunch. Sit on the giant benches scattered among the vineyards and choose which wines to taste in one of the regional wine shops. Your return journey to Turin will be pleasantly inebriated. *Grand Hotel Silea*

Day 8

TURIN – MILAN – HOME After breakfast, check out of the hotel and transfer to Milan Malpensa airport for your departure home.