



ITALIAN CULINARY
TOURS

THE TUSCANY DREAM TOUR

A PREMIUM ITALIAN EXPERIENCE

*Vacation at a Countryside Villa with
Personal Chefs & Private Tour Guides*



JOIN US ON AN 8-DAY ADVENTURE IN TUSCANY!

Arrive at the Villa Stefano, sitting on a breathtaking, gentle hill of the Chianti region with an outdoor pool to enjoy during your stay while you experience the famous cities and attractions of Tuscany! The finest wines, food & scenery surround you during the explorations of this diverse & charming region of Italy.



Day 1 Arrive to Villa Stefano

Schedule a time to be picked-up within the location stated in your agreement between 12:00 noon and 3:00 PM.

Arrival to Villa Stefano to get settled in. Enjoy refreshments, the pool and view of the Chianti vineyards.

Lunch provided at the villa.

Visit to a local wine festival, if available.

Dinner provided at the villa



Day 2 Day Trip to Volterra & San Gimignano

Breakfast provided at the villa.

Then off to a half day guided tour of Volterra - one of the most known towns in Tuscany. Enjoy the scenery with the drive through the hilly vineyards of Chianti into the heartland of Tuscany's farmland as we approach Volterra.

Its unique position and ancient history leaves everyone enchanted. The site is believed to have been continuously inhabited as a city since at least the end of the 8th century BCE.

Lunch - restaurant TBD in Volterra or other location*.

Then, a guided tour of San Gimignano. San Gimignano is a small walled medieval hill town in the province of Siena, north-central Italy. Known as the Town of Fine Towers, San Gimignano is famous for its medieval architecture. San Gimignano's many boutique shops offer great vacation shopping.

Dinner back at the villa.





Day 3 Winery Tours

Before breakfast, start your day with *Cintamani Yoga* - a local yoga studio who will be providing a yoga session at the villa for all guests after breakfast (*optional*).

Breakfast provided at the villa.

After breakfast, we will have a cooking class luncheon creating fresh pasta with our chef and enjoy lunch at the villa.

We then take a trip to Greve in Chianti. The world renowned vineyards of Chianti are visible even before you cross the local government line of Greve.

Then it is off to the Castle of Verrazzano, located on a hilltop in the Chianti Classico area; the first grape growing and wine producing area in the world. First, a tour of this 500 year old castle winery and a wine tasting with cheeses paired with several Verrazzano wines.

To end the wine day experience, guests are treated to a special dinner hosted by the family of the charming Montoro e Selvole winery farm, located in the heart of Chianti Classico on a mountain just outside of Greve in Chianti. You'll learn how they handcraft this wine, using the Tuscan hills and the temperate climate, creating a traditional "Chianti Classico" fit.

Dinner provided at the Montoro e Selvole.

Day 4 Tour of Siena

Breakfast provided at the villa.

All day guided tour of Siena with personal tour guide by Cristina Amberti Siena - one of the most fascinating towns in Tuscany. The town is the capital of the Tuscan province of the same name. It preserves its medieval character to a remarkable degree, and has been largely unspoiled by new buildings. Its beautiful Gothic buildings include the Cathedral and Palazzo Pubblico, as well as numerous churches.

Then we will visit Candida for a beautiful Tuscan dinner

overlooking the sunset on the vineyard of Montepaldi. Candida is the granddaughter of a German Jewish man who married a Florentine woman and started a hat making business in 1905. First making hats for field workers and later, Candida, with her father made hats for movie stars and fashion models many years later. Today, Candida welcomes guests to her garden house inn for wonderful dining experiences.

Dinner provided at the villa.





Day 5 The San Casciano Experience

Start the day with Giulia Giannini, a local baker and owner of Pasticceria Pan di Zucchero, for coffee and her delicious pastries.

Then, stroll the town of San Casciano, visiting the various local shops, including a visit to our local butcher, Frittelli Fabio, to pick-up our bestacca alla Fiorentina for the Friday night barbeque.

Then, we return to the village of Montepalce for a lesson in Tuscan ceramics by Sandra Schaffner. A San Casciano native, who has her own pottery studio located in the Chianti countryside, where she creates and teaches about her unique ceramics.

We then go to Podere La Villa for a wine tasting and lunch with Ilaria Tachis, who carries on the tradition of her father, Giacomo, who developed award winning wines in the Chianti area. Giacomo had a long career with Antinori, and later went on to make many of his own famous wines.

Then enjoy a relaxing afternoon back at the villa.

Dinner - Villa party night, dress up for a wonderful dinner under the stars with live music performed just for you on this special night.

Day 6 Day Trip to Florence

Breakfast provided at the villa.

An all day guided Tour of Florence - the birthplace of the renaissance. Florence is famous for its history: a center of medieval European trade and finance and one of the wealthiest cities of the time, it has been called “the Athens of the Middle Ages”. Florence, the spectacular capital of the region of Tuscany, is located on Italy’s northwest coast. It is a stunning medieval city divided into two parts by the River Arno that flows from the Apennines through

Florence and Pisa and on to the Ligurian Sea.

Start you tour with a visit to the famous San Lorenzo Market to pick out the freshest ingredients for dinner later that night and have your personal guide take you to many of the wonderful sites and museums.

Lunch at a restaurant TBD in Florence*

Dinner provided at the villa.



Day 7 Day Trip to Pisa & Lucca

Breakfast provided at the villa.

Day trip to Pisa and Lucca.

Pisa is a city in Tuscany Central Italy, on the right bank of the mouth of the River Arno and on the Tyrrhenian Sea. Known worldwide for its leaning tower (the bell tower of the city's cathedral), your personal driver will deliver you right to the cathedral for an easy viewing of the cathedral and tower.

Then just a short ride to Lucca for a delightful day at this walled city. It's easy to stroll the streets for shopping and dining or a great place to rent bicycles to ride on top of the wall or in the streets. Don't worry, it's easy not to get lost- there is a wall all around you, so just turn around. Lucca is also the home of Puccini, with a museum to celebrate this great composer.

Lunch at a restaurant TBD in Lucca*

Dinner provided at the villa, a traditional Tuscan barbeque.

Day 8 Check Out Day

Breakfast provided at the villa.

Enjoy your private transfer by 10am from your Villa.



Itinerary Details

PROGRAM INCLUSIONS

- 7-nights at the 500 year old Villa Stefano.
- 7-breakfasts.
- Arrival reception lunch.
- 7 chef-prepared dinners.
- Wifi available at the villa.
- Access to personal chef for a private cooking lesson.
- Villa party with live entertainment.
- Experienced, local, bilingual tour guide traveling with the group.

NOT INCLUDED

- One wine tour lunch and five tour day lunches.
- Roundtrip airfare.
- Optional admissions to all sites on the itinerary.
- Laundry service available for a fee.
- Tips for drivers, Italian tour guide, and servers.
- Gratuities for luggage handlers and hotel staff.
- Pre- and post-travel planning expenses.

* Indicates meals not included.



Booking Information

PRICING Effective July 1, 2023*

*\$5,200.00 per person for double occupancy, plus local tax of 3.50 per day per guest.

*Pricing subject to change and subject to a \$200.00 Currency Exchange Service Fee.

CANCELLATIONS

- **90 or more days:** \$250, plus the costs of any non-refundable hotel or ground transportation tickets already purchased by ICT for the guest.
- **89-60 days:** \$250, plus 75% of guest's share of total tour cost, plus the costs of any non-refundable hotel or ground transportation tickets already purchased by ICT for the guest and not covered by the other cancellation charges.
- **59-1 day:** 100% of guest's share of total tour cost.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

Check or credit card with 3.9% PayPal processing fee.

ALL CANCELLATIONS MUST BE IN WRITING

Send via email to contact@italianculinarytours.com or mail to:

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REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT DUE DATES

1st deposit: 50% (per person) due at booking (signing of tour agreement)

Final payment: Remaining 50% due 90 days before tour date start. Trip interruption and cancellation insurance available for additional purchase.

ADDITIONAL TRAVEL SERVICES

- Before and after tour travel planning available
- Ground transportation services
- Travel insurance



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