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Touring Tuscany: A Week of Food, Wine and Culture April 24-30, 2022

Tour Overview:

- 6 nights, 7 days
- 3 nights in Florence, 3 nights in San Quirico d'Orcia
- Transportation during the tour via private bus, per itinerary and timing below
- Arrival/departure: Florence airport (FLR)

Day 1 – SUNDAY APRIL 24, 2022

ARRIVAL DAY

- Arrive at Florence Airport, Peretola (FLR) on your own
- Take a taxi into the city center to Mercure Firenze Centro Hotel (4-star), where you can check your luggage with hotel bell staff. Taxi cost is approx. €25. It is only 3.5 miles, and travel time is 15 minutes.
- Note: private car transfers from the airport can be arranged for you upon request (not included in tour package).

3:00 PM

- Check-in at 4-star Mercure Firenze Centro Hotel located in the city center near Santa Maria Novella
- 3 PM is “official” check-in time, however your room may be ready earlier

5:30 PM

- Meet Sam and our local guide for an orientation talk in the lobby of the hotel
- Dinner on your own, but we will have suggestions/recommendations for you of nearby restaurants

Day 2 – MONDAY APRIL 25, 2022

FLORENCE

Meals included: breakfast and lunch

10:00 AM

- Walking tour of Florence with a local City Guide. Visit the exteriors of Piazza Signoria, Santa Croce square, Cathedral and Baptistery

12:30 PM

- Lunch included in central Florence.



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AFTERNOON

- Free afternoon. We will have maps and suggestions for things to do in Florence.
- Dinner on your own. We will be available for restaurant suggestions.

Day 3 – TUESDAY APRIL 26, 2022

CHIANTI CLASSICO

Meals included: breakfast and lunch

10:00 AM

- Day trip to the Chianti Classico wine region with stops for photos along the way

11:00 AM

- Visit the historical hamlet and cellars of Castello di Volpaia
- A traditional Tuscan lunch is served in the restaurant of the winery, paired with wine tasting

2:30 PM

- Take a stroll in one of the villages set in the rolling hills of the Chianti Classico region
- Visit local wine shops in the area to discover more of the fabulous local wines

4:00 PM

- Arrive at the second wine tasting of the day, in the village of Greve in Chianti, and enjoy a tasting of 3 wines.

6:00 PM

- Return to Florence and enjoy free time to relax at the Mercure Firenze Centro Hotel

7:00 PM

- Dinner on your own. We will be available for restaurant suggestions.

Day 4 – WEDNESDAY APRIL 27, 2022

CHEESE, SAN GIMIGNANO, AND OTHER DELIGHTS

Meals included: breakfast, light lunch and dinner

8:00 AM

- Breakfast and checkout

9:00 AM

- We leave Florence and drive to the stunning countryside surrounding the town of San Gimignano



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10:00 AM

- Photos and scenic views sightseeing

12:00 PM

- Visit an organic Tuscan farm that produces vegetables, preserves, honey, saffron and an array of local cheese.
- After a walk to see the animals and various parts of the operation of the farm, enjoy a light lunch with a selection of cheeses paired with jams and honey, vegetables and other products sourced at the farm

2:00 PM

- Transfer on our bus to the nearby town of San Gimignano, known for its medieval towers and fairytale atmosphere
- Free time during the afternoon to wander through San Gimignano for shopping and local exploration

3:30 PM

- Relax as we drive for about 1 hour and 45 minutes through the Tuscan countryside to our next hotel, located in the town center of San Quirico d'Orcia

5:15 PM

- Check-in at the Hotel Palazzuolo in the village of San Quirico d'Orcia

8:00 PM

- Dinner at the restaurant in the hotel.
- After dinner, take a stroll through the charming and quaint streets of San Quirico d'Orcia.

Day 5 – THURSDAY APRIL 28, 2022

BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO

Meals included: breakfast, light lunch

10:00 AM

- Today we explore the beautiful Val d'Orcia valley, in southern Tuscany, where the famous Brunello di Montalcino wine is produced.
- Take a stroll with your tour guide in the village of San Quirico d'Orcia

12:00 PM

- The first winery of the day is Fattoria dei Barbi where we visit the cellar and enjoy a wine tasting paired with light lunch

2:30 PM

- Transfer to the town of Montalcino for some free time

4:00 PM



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- Visit Poggio Antico, the second winery of the day and enjoy a tasting of 3 wines

6:30 PM

- Return to the hotel
- Dinner is on your own, but we will be available for restaurant suggestions within walking distance from the hotel, in San Quirico d'Orcia.

Day 6 – FRIDAY APRIL 29, 2022

SIENA AND MONTEPULCIANO

Meals included: breakfast and dinner

9:00 AM

- Drive to Siena (45 min)

10:30 AM

- Meet a local City Guide and get an orientation in the rich history and unique traditions of charming Siena

12:30 PM

- Free time and lunch on your own. We will be available for restaurant suggestions.

3:00 PM

- Return to Hotel Palazzuolo in San Quirico d'Orcia to change and freshen up.

5:00 PM

- Drive to Montepulciano
- Visit the majestic cellars of De'Ricci Winery and enjoy a tasting of 5 wines including Nobile di Montepulciano

7:30 PM

- Depart by bus to a nearby restaurant Nottola, set in the countryside for the Farewell dinner and celebrate the end of the Tuscan wine tour

Day 7 – SATURDAY APRIL 30, 2022

ARRIVEDERCI

- Meals included: breakfast
- Breakfast and check-out.
- Group transfer to Florence on our bus – 1h 45' (airport or train station)
- Flights should not be booked before 12 PM