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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 Pienza
- Arrival/departure: Florence airport (FLR)

Day 1 – SUNDAY APRIL 24, 2022

ARRIVAL DAY

Meals included: dinner

MORNING

Arrive in Florence from the U.S. Private transfers from the airport are available upon request (not included).

3:00 PM

Check-in at 4-star Mercure Firenze Centro Hotel located in the city center near Santa Maria Novella

Optional tour of the Accademia Museum at 2 PM (see below)

6:30 PM

Meet Sam and our local guide for an orientation talk in the lobby of the hotel. Walk to a nearby restaurant for the Welcome Dinner (3 courses and wine).

Day 2 – MONDAY APRIL 25, 2022

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 Batipstery

12:30 PM

Lunch included in central Florence.

AFTERNOON

Free afternoon. We will have with maps and suggestions for things to do in Florence.

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



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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 on the rolling hills of the Chianti Classico region

4:00 PM

Visit the second winery of the day, Castello di Monsanto and enjoy a tasting of 3 wines

6:00 PM

Return to Florence Dinner on your own. We will be available for restaurant suggestions.

Day 4 – WEDNESDAY APRIL 27, 2022

CHEESE AND OLIVE OIL

Meals included: breakfast, light lunch and dinner

****Breakfast and checkout****

9:00 AM

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

10:00 AM

Visit an organic Tuscan farm that produces vegetables, preserves, honey, saffron and an array of local cheese.

11:00 AM

After a walk to see the animals and 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 of the farm

12:15 PM

Transfer on our bus to the nearby town of San Gimignano, known for the medieval towers and the fairytale atmosphere.

Free time for shopping and on-own exploration



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2:45 PM

In the afternoon we meet a local family that produces olive oil and wines. Partake in an informative olive oil guided tasting followed by the local Vernaccia wine and other traditional labels of this part of Tuscany.

5:00 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 Pienza

6:30PM

Check-in at the Hotel Corsignano

8:00 PM

Dinner at the restaurant of the hotel.

After dinner, consider a stroll through the quaint streets of Pienza.

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

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 Pienza.



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Day 6 – FRIDAY APRIL 29, 2022

SIENA AND MONTEPULCIANO

Meals included: breakfast and dinner

9:00 AM

Drive to Siena (1 hour)

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

Drive to Montepulciano

4:00 PM

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

6:30 PM

Relax and freshen up at the hotel

7:30 PM

Depart by bus to a nearby restaurant 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 – 1h 45' (airport or train station).

Flights should not be booked before 12 PM.