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Touring Tuscany: A Week of Food, Wine and Culture April 23-29, 2023

Tour Overview:

- 6 nights, 7 days
- 3 nights at [Grand Hotel Baglioni](#) in Florence
- 3 nights at [Hotel Palazzuolo](#) in San Quirico d'Orcia
- Transportation during the tour via private bus, per itinerary and timing below
- Arrival/departure: Florence airport (FLR) or Florence Santa Maria Novella train station

Rates:

- \$3,250.00 per person, double occupancy (private room)
- \$3,450.00 per person, single occupancy (private room)
- Rates are inclusive of taxes and fees
- Note: This is a boutique, intimate tour experience, limited to <18 guests + 2 hosts
- High quality of food, wine, destinations, and a small bus that can go where larger tours cannot.

Rate includes:

- 3 nights at [Grand Hotel Baglioni](#) in Florence in smart rooms for singles and classic rooms for doubles. Breakfast included.
- 3 nights at 4-star Hotel Palazzuolo in San Quirico d'Orcia in standard rooms. Breakfast included.
- Transportation with private bus and dedicated driver as per itinerary and timing below.
- Full-time local tour guide for 7 days
- Full time wine host who is also a Certified Sommelier (WSET) for 7 days
- 4 wineries tours and wine tastings included
 - Castello di Volpaia winery tasting paired with multi-course lunch
 - Poggio Antico tasting of 3 wines including Brunello Montalcino
 - Castello Trecerchi tasting paired with lunch
 - A 4th winery visit (TBD) with wine tasting flight
- 2 multi-course dinners paired with wine
- 1 lunch multi-course in Florence with wine included
- 2 multi-course lunches at wineries (see above)
- 1 cheese farm tour and tasting (brunch) with wine included
- 3-hour City guide in Florence
- 2-hour City guide in Siena
- Whispers audio system for 3 hours in Florence (day 2) and Siena (day 6)
- Airport transfer on final day to Florence airport

Rate does not include:

- Airfare
- Airport transfer on first day from Florence airport (however we can assist with arrangements)



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Day 1 – SUNDAY APRIL 23, 2023

ARRIVAL DAY

- Arrive at Florence Airport, Peretola (FLR) on your own
- Take a taxi to the Grand Hotel Baglioni located in the city center near Santa Maria Novella. Steps away from the Cathedral and the main shopping area. 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 Grand Hotel Baglioni
- 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 24, 2023

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 Batipstery

12:30 PM

- Multi-course lunch with wine included in central Florence.

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 25, 2023

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

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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 of multiple selections

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, Poggio Amorelli, and enjoy a tasting of 3 wines.

6:00 PM

- Return to Florence and enjoy free time to relax at the Grand Hotel Baglioni

7:00 PM

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

Day 4 – WEDNESDAY APRIL 26, 2023

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

10:00 AM

- Photos and scenic views sightseeing

11:00 AM

- 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

1:00 PM



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- 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. Fantastic gelato can be found here and the views are absolutely spectacular.

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

5:00 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 27, 2023

BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO

Meals included: breakfast, 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 Castello Trecerchi 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 San Quirico d'Orcia.

Day 6 – FRIDAY APRIL 28, 2023

SIENA AND MONTEPULCIANO



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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.

3:30 PM

- Return to Hotel Palazzuolo in San Quirico d'Orcia to relax.

7:30 PM

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

Day 7 – SATURDAY APRIL 29, 2023

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



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