



# Touring Tuscany

*October 13-20, 2024*

## *Tour Details & Itinerary*

### Overview

- 7 nights, 8 days
- 3 nights at Grand Hotel Baglioni in Florence
- 4 nights at Hotel Palazzuolo in San Quirico d'Orcia
- Arrival/departure:
  - Florence airport (FLR) or Florence Santa Maria Novella train station
  - Option to fly direct from U.S. to Rome or Milan and travel by train to Florence Santa Maria Novella train station

### Inclusion details

- 3 nights at Hotel Baglioni in smart rooms for singles and classic rooms for doubles. Breakfast included.
- 4 nights at 4-star Hotel Palazzuolo in San Quirico d'Orcia in standard rooms. Breakfast included.
- Transportation via private bus as per itinerary and daily schedule below.
- 2 full-time tour guides for 8 days
- 5 wineries visits and tastings
  1. Castello di Volpaia wine tasting of Chianti Classico
  2. Poggio Amorelli tasting of 4 wines paired with lunch
  3. Poggio Alloro, tasting of Vernaccia of San Gimignano
  4. Castello Trecherchi tasting of Brunello di Montalcino paired with lunch
  5. Poggio Antico (or similar) tasting of Brunello di Montalcino
- 2 dinners with wine included
- 1 lunch in Florence (plus 2 lunches in wineries – see above)
- 1 cheese farm tour and tasting & lunch)
- 3-hour City guide in Florence
- 2-hour City guide in Siena



## **Rate**

- **\$3,850** per person (double occupancy)
- **\$4,350** per person (single occupancy)

## **Daily Schedule**

### **Day 1 – SUNDAY OCT 13**

### **ARRIVAL DAY**

Meals included: none

- AM Arrival in Florence on your own.
- 3 PM Check-in at 4-star Grand Hotel Baglioni located in the city center near Santa Maria Novella, steps away from the Cathedral and the main shopping area.
- Meet Sam & your local tour guide (Alice) in the lobby of the hotel. Say hello, grab a city map and suggestions for things to do in Florence, and for dinner
- 6:00 PM Meet Sam & Alice and the rest of the group at B-Roof, the rooftop bar at the hotel for a welcome drink. We will toast to the beginning of the tour of Tuscany, meet fellow travelers, and get briefed on logistic details of the week.
- Dinner on your own. We will have guidance on local restaurants.

### **Day 2 – MONDAY OCT 14**

### **FLORENCE**

Meals included: breakfast and lunch

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- 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 (Francesco Vini restaurant)
- Free afternoon. Sam and Alice will be available with maps and suggestions.
- Dinner on your own. We will have guidance on local restaurants.

### **Day 3 – TUESDAY OCT 15**

### **CHIANTI CLASSICO**

Meals included: breakfast and lunch

- Breakfast included



- 10:00 AM Board our bus and depart for a day trip to the Chianti Classico wine region with photo stops along the way.
- 11:00 AM Visit the historic of Poggio Amorelli, a family-owned winery  
A traditional Tuscan lunch will be served at the winery, paired with the wine tasting
- 2:30 PM Take a stroll in one of the villages set on the rolling hills of the Chianti Classico region
- 3:30 PM Arrive at Castello di Volpaia, a medieval hamlet and historic winery combined into one. Tour of the winery, followed by a tasting of 3 wines
- 5:30 PM Drive back to Florence. Dinner on your own. We will be available for restaurant recommendations.

#### **Day 4 – WEDNESDAY OCT 16**

#### **SAN GIMIGNANO**

Meals included: breakfast, light lunch and dinner

Breakfast and checkout

- 9:30 AM We will leave Florence and drive to the stunning countryside surrounding the town of San Gimignano
- 10:30 AM Visit Poggio Alloro, an organic Tuscan farm that produces vegetables, preserves, honey, saffron and the local white wine, known as Vernaccia di San Gimignano)
- 11:15 AM Wine tasting paired with bruschetta and small appetizers
- 12:15 PM Drive to San Gimignano
- 1:45 PM Free time in the medieval town of San Gimignano with its towers and fairytale atmosphere for shopping and on-your-own exploration
- 3:30 PM Relax as we drive for about 1h40' through the Tuscan countryside to our next hotel, located in the town center of San Quirico d'Orcia
- 5:00 PM Check-in at Hotel Palazzuolo
- 8:00 PM Group dinner at the restaurant in the hotel



## Day 5 – THURSDAY OCT 17

## BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO

Meals included: breakfast, lunch

### Breakfast included

- 10:00 AM Today we explore the beautiful Val d'Orcia, in southern Tuscany, where the famous Brunello di Montalcino wine is produced.
- Take a stroll with Sam & Alice in the village of Montalcino. Optional entrance ticket to the fortress and walk on the medieval battlement
- 11:30 AM Drive to Castello Tricerchi Winery
- 12:00 PM The first winery of the day is Castello Trececherchi where we visit the cellar and enjoy a wine tasting paired with lunch
- 1:45 PM Transfer to the ancient abbey of Sant'Antimo, located in an evocative valley surrounded by olive trees and forest. Free time to explore the medieval architecture at your own pace
- 3:30 PM Arrive at Poggio Antico, the second winery of the day for a tasting of 3 wines
- 6:00 PM Return to the hotel
- Tonight dinner is on your own. Sam & Alice will be available for restaurant suggestions within walking distance of the hotel

## Day 6 – FRIDAY OCT 18

## PIENZA

Meals included: breakfast and dinner

### Breakfast included

Late morning to enjoy the Tuscan countryside at your own pace

- 10:30 AM Drive to a dairy farm near Pienza
- 11:00 AM Visit an organic and sustainable cheese farm, including the goats, the dairy workshop and the stunning views over the valley
- 12:00 PM Cheese tasting and one hot course is served in the restaurant of the farm, with local wine
- 2:00 PM Drive to the nearby town of Pienza for some free time. Walk in the town designed in Renaissance time and enjoy a gelato in the central square
- 4:30 PM Return to the hotel for freshening up.
- 6:00 PM Drive about 20 minutes to the small village of Bagno a Vignoni, known for



the fountain and the springs of water embellishing the central square.  
Dinner on your own in one of the many restaurants in town Return to the hotel

## **Day 7 – SATURDAY OCT 19**

## **SIENA**

Meals included: breakfast and dinner

Breakfast included

- 9:00 AM Drive to Siena (1 hour)
- 10:30 AM Meet a local City Guide and get an orientation of the rich history and unique traditions of charming Siena
- 12:30 PM Free time and lunch on your own
- 3:30 PM Drive back to 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 8 – SUNDAY OCT 20**

## **ARRIVEDERCI**

Meals included: breakfast

Breakfast and check-out

Group transfer to Florence airport and to Santa Maria Novella train station