

# TUSCANY

FOOD, WINE & RELAXATION



SEPT 20 - 29, 2026



# “CHI HA BUON VINO HA BUONI AMICI.” — THOSE WHO HAVE GOOD WINE HAVE GOOD FRIENDS.

**Day 1 (Sunday Sept 20th)** - Your adventure begins with an overnight flight to Florence. Rest well and anticipate the beauty, flavors, and experiences that lie ahead. As you drift across the Atlantic, imagine the golden light over vineyards and stone villages waiting to greet you. The journey is just beginning, but already the excitement of Tuscany stirs in your imagination.

## **Day 2 (Monday Sept 21st)** -

Arrive in Florence and set off toward the rolling hills of Tuscany, stopping first in the magnificent medieval city of Siena. Here, enjoy a leisurely lunch in the historic center before a guided walking tour that brings to life the city's Gothic architecture, winding alleys, and the grand Piazza del Campo. Continue through the countryside to Le Terre dei Cavalieri Agriturismo, your home for the week. As you arrive, you'll be welcomed by Marco Lori, Italian Sommelier and Master Winemaker, who greets you with wine in hand and heartfelt hospitality. This evening, gather for a fantastic welcome dinner, where Marco introduces you to Tuscan flavors and sets the stage for the unforgettable days to come.

**Day 3 (Tuesday Sept 22nd)** - Wake to the peaceful sounds of the countryside and enjoy breakfast overlooking the rolling fields. Visit Fattoria Bistecca for a hands-on cheese-making and cooking class, followed by a rustic farm lunch paired with wine. In the afternoon, Marco introduces you to Cortona, a hill town of cobbled streets, Renaissance churches, and panoramic views. After a guided orientation, enjoy free time to explore boutiques or sip espresso in the piazza before returning to the agriturismo for a relaxed evening at leisure. Tonight, take a dip in the pool, savor a quiet glass of Chianti, or stroll the property's gardens under the Tuscan stars. (B, L)

**Day 4 (Wednesday Sept 23rd)** - Spend the morning in Passignano sul Trasimeno, a lakeside town steeped in history, before boarding a small ferry to Isola Maggiore, where lace-making traditions still thrive. Lunch features fresh fish straight from the lake, enjoyed at a charming garden terrace restaurant.



Marco Lori - Italian Sommelier and Wine Master







In the afternoon, continue on to Castilla le Lergaro, considered one of the most spectacular towns in Tuscany, where medieval streets and breathtaking vistas create an unforgettable experience. Returning to the resort, unwind by the pool or stroll the gardens before joining Marco for a private food and wine pairing dinner, highlighting Tuscan flavors at their best. This evening, Marco will guide you through pairings that connect the day's landscapes to the wines in your glass. It's an immersive tasting experience that feels like storytelling through flavor.

**Day 5 (Thursday Sept 24th)** - Visit Frantoio Burraschi to learn how olives are transformed into Tuscany's liquid gold. Continue to Montepulciano, where Renaissance architecture meets world-class wines.

**Day 5 (cont)** - After free time for lunch, descend into the ancient De Ricci cellars, an atmospheric labyrinth where barrels of Vino Nobile age. Back at the resort, savor a small-plates dinner paired with wines hand-selected by Marco, creating an evening of convivial flavors. As you relax afterward, picture the centuries of winemakers who have walked these same stone corridors. The evening is a chance to savor both history and hospitality in equal measure. (B, D)

**Day 6 (Friday Sept 25th)** - This morning's visit to Pratomagno Prosciutti reveals the care and craft behind Italy's beloved prosciutto. Later, explore Arezzo, with time for lunch and leisurely discovery of its piazzas, frescoes, and artisan shops. In the evening, a private tour and tasting at Villa La Ripa — an elegant villa winery — awaits. Return to the resort for a quiet evening, with dinner on your own.



**Day 6 (cont)** - Whether you choose to linger in Cortona for dinner or simply enjoy the peaceful ambiance of the resort, tonight is yours to set the pace. Let the day end slowly, perhaps with a twilight swim or a nightcap of local grappa. (B)

**Day 7 (Saturday Sept 26th)** - Indulge in a visit to a Perugia chocolate factory, followed by browsing the lively Pian di Massiano Market, filled with fresh produce, cheeses, and crafts. Back at the resort, roll up your sleeves for a hands-on cooking class, using the day's market treasures to create a shared Tuscan feast. Tonight's dinner celebrates both your creations and the joy of cooking together. The relaxed pace of the day allows for laughter in the kitchen, wine in hand, as you learn the heart of Italian cooking is joy shared among friends. By evening's end, you'll carry not only recipes but also memories of food made with love. (B, D)

**Day 8 (Sunday Sept 27th)** - Travel through Tuscany's vineyard landscapes to Fattoria dei Barbi, where Brunello wines have been produced for generations. Enjoy a traditional lunch paired with their renowned vintages before continuing to Montalcino for free time to shop and explore. Then visit Pienza, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the ideal Renaissance town, where pecorino cheese and sweeping vistas delight every visitor. Tonight, Marco hosts a farewell dinner, raising a glass to the friendships and memories made. It's a night filled with stories, toasts, and a final taste of the Tuscan magic that has been your companion all week. (B, L, D)







**Day 9 (Monday Sept 28th)** - After breakfast, say goodbye to Le Terre dei Cavalieri and travel into Florence, the Renaissance capital. A guided city tour will showcase the city's treasures, including reserved entry tickets to marvel at Michelangelo's iconic statue of David and the breathtaking Duomo, crowned by Brunelleschi's dome. Enjoy an included lunch in the city center before the rest of the afternoon is free for you to shop, explore museums, or simply soak up the vibrant street life. Later, check into your Florence hotel and enjoy the evening at leisure to make your own discoveries in this remarkable city. (B, L)

**Day 10 (Tuesday Sept 29th)** - After breakfast, transfer to the Florence airport. As you return home, carry with you bottles of wine, jars of olive oil, and the richer treasures of shared laughter, Tuscan sunsets, and the warmth of Marco's hospitality. The flavors and stories of Tuscany will linger long after your plane lands. And though your suitcase may be heavier, your heart will be lighter for all the memories you made. (B)

### Tour Highlights

- Stay 7 nights at Le Terre dei Cavalieri Agriturismo, a beautifully restored Tuscan farmhouse with sweeping countryside views, a swimming pool, gardens, and cozy courtyards perfect for morning coffee or sunset wine.
- Enjoy exclusive hosting by Marco Lori, who brings Tuscany to life with personal stories, insider knowledge, and expertly guided wine pairings.
- Roll up your sleeves with hands-on cooking classes and tastings, from farm-to-table cheese making to crafting your own Tuscan dinner with fresh market ingredients.
- Visit world-renowned wine estates, including Fattoria dei Barbi in Montalcino, Villa La Ripa near Arezzo, and the striking Antinori, blending cutting-edge architecture with centuries of tradition.
- Explore Tuscany's most beloved hill towns: Cortona, Montepulciano, Arezzo, Montalcino, Pienza, Siena, and more.
- Indulge in authentic local flavors, from lake-fresh fish at Trasimeno to hand-sliced prosciutto and rich artisanal chocolates.
- Balance exploration with relaxation, as the itinerary is designed with built-in leisure time to unwind at the resort or linger in town squares.



# THE DETAILS

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10 Days - 18 Meals

Double Occupancy (Airfare & Land) \$5999pp

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(taxes included in these prices)

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Deposit Due Date March 1st, 2026.  
Final Payment due July 1st 2026.

\*Price includes airfare, guide service, admissions listed in itinerary, private motorcoach transfer, meals and activities listed in itinerary.

\*\*Itinerary subject to slight variation due to weather, and availability. Specific visits or dates may change but will be substituted for similar valued excursion.

\*\*\*This tour requires walking on cobblestone streets, various modes of transportation, and uneven terrain. Please consider this when booking your tour. You will need to handle your own luggage on this tour.

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