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Tuscany Harvest Tour

Duration :	10 Days / 9 Nights
Departure City :	Florence
Meals Included :	
Breakfasts :	10
Dinners :	1

Description

Our harvest tour in Tuscany takes you through some of the most magnificent wine territory in Tuscany. There are dozens of different varieties of Tuscan wines you will sample during the course of the tour including the Super Tuscan, Brunello and Nobile varieties. The tour starts and ends in Florence and includes accommodations in delightful, superior four star hotels throughout in addition to dozens of wine tastings in Florence, Chianti, and Val D'Orcia which we set up for you in advance.

The first three nights of the tour are spent in Florence where you will stay right in the historical center which is quite literally an open air museum filled with many famous sculptures by Michelangelo and countless other Florentine masters. In Florence you can choose to visit the Accademia or Uffizi galleries, the Boboli gardens, Santa Croce and Giotto's famous bell tower.

In Florence you will pick up your rental car at a location very close to your hotel, and you will drive out of Florence into Chianti where you will venture towards Greve in Chianti en-route to Castellina in Chianti where you will spend the next three nights at the spectacular Villa Casalecchi.

En-route you will stop at the Fattoria Montagliari where you will get a full tour of their winery and sample their balsamic vinegar, olive oil, Vinsanto and many other delicacies this family-run farm is known for. Once you check in at the hotel you can decide to return if you so choose for a delicious dinner or venture into the town of Castellina in Chianti which has some of the very best Tuscan restaurants in the region.

After three spectacular days in the Chianti region with fantastic winery visits and taking in the Chianti hamlets like San Gimignano, Radda in Chianti and Monteriggioni, you will make your way into Southern Tuscany and experience what we believe is one of the most beautiful regions in all of Italy, Val D'Orcia where you will stay near the town of Montepulciano, famous for its wine, leather goods and Tuscan craftsmanship.

Package Includes

- Accommodation in superior four star hotels throughout
- All entrance fees to sites and museums
- Breakfast daily
- Cellar Tour
- Detailed explanation of sites
- Food and beverage sampling
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary
- Wine and Olive Oil Tastings
- Wine Estate Visit
- Wine Tastings

Package Does Not Include

- All personal expenses at hotels
- Gratuities of any type
- Hotel pickup and dropoff
- Insurance of any type

Itinerary

Day 1 Welcome to Florence

Location: Florence, Italy

Description: Welcome to the beautiful city of Florence! Upon arrival at the airport you will be met by your driver and transferred to your hotel. If you are arriving into Florence by train, you will make your own way to the hotel Tornabuoni Beacci.

The hotel Tornabuoni Beacci is located on Via Tornabuoni, which is one of the most fashionable and beautiful streets in Florence, moments away from the Pontevecchio bridge.

The hotel is located minutes away from the Cathedral and the major museums.

Enjoy a relaxing cocktail on the beautiful terrace and prepare yourself for the many artistic riches of Florence.

Day 2 Enjoy Florence at Leisure

Description: Today you can visit the Boboli gardens, shop Florence's famous leather markets or enjoy a cooking course. We can give you many suggestions.

Day 3 Wine Tasting at the Enoteca Ponte Vecchio

Location: Florence, Italy

Car Rental: **Pick Up** Florence - Downtown Florence

Description: Enjoy a complimentary wine tasting at the Enoteca Pontevecchio near Santa Croce Church where you can sample a number of Chianti and Brunello wines.

Day 4 The Wine Roads of Chianti

Location: Greve in Chianti, Italy

Activity: **Wine, Olive and Balsamic Vinegar Tasting**

Description: This morning you will pick up your vehicle in Florence and make your way towards Greve in Chianti where we suggest you stop to have a look around the town which is famous for its statue in the central piazza and many artisan shops which carry leather goods, Tuscan ceramic work and many local hand made products.

Following Greve, continue along the winding road until you reach the incredible Montagliari farm where Davide or his wife will be waiting to show you their enormous wine cellar, olive oil production facilities and their magnificent kitchens.

You may want to stay and have lunch after the various wine, olive oil and balsamic vinegar tastings, and be ready for the lunch of your life! Otherwise carry on through the Chianti hamlets to Castellina in Chianti.

Day 5 Magnificent Volterra and San Gimignano

Location: Siena, Italy

San Gimignano, Italy

Description: Today we recommend you drive from Castellina in Chianti to one of the most ancient towns in Tuscany, Volterra.

Volterra is one of the highest situated towns in Tuscany and offers incredible views over the countryside. On a clear day, you can even see the coast.

Following Volterra you will return along one of the prettiest roads in Tuscany to the town of San Gimignano which is known as the Manhattan of Tuscany and offers fantastic shopping and wonderful sightseeing opportunities.

Following San Gimignano you can explore the surrounding countryside or opt to return to the Villa Casalecchi to enjoy the beautiful swimming pool.

Day 6 Wine Tasting at the Incredible Poggio Amarelli

Location: Chianti, Italy

Activity: **Chianti Wine Tasting at Poggio Amorelli**

Description: Today we suggest you visit the Medieval town of Montereggioni a historic fortress where you can walk the walls and enjoy incredible meals.

In the afternoon we have set up a wonderful wine tasting at the Amarelli estate which is run by a world-famous Enologist (geological wine specialists) who will explain the ins and outs of wine production.

Day 7 Drive from Chianti to Montepulciano

Location: Tuscany, Italy

Description: Today you will drive from Chianti into the heart of the Val D'Orcia which has recently been deemed a UNESCO world heritage site.

The area is unique in the world for it's rolling hills covered with vineyards.

Day 8 Wine Tasting at the Castello di Banfi

Location: Montepulciano, Italy

Activity: **Wine Tasting at Castello Banfi**

Description: Today you will drive from Chianti into the heart of the Val D'Orcia which has recently been deemed a UNESCO world heritage site.

The area is unique in the world for it's rolling hills covered with vineyards and beautiful hill-top towns. Your first stop will be the town of Montalcino where you will experience incredible views and have the opportunity to do some fantastic shopping if you so choose.

Following Montalcino you will move on into the countryside to the magical and world-famous Castello di Banfi.

Day 9 Montepulciano and Pienza

Location: Val D'Orcia, Italy

Description: Today you can take the time to enjoy the towns of Pienza and Montepulciano at your leisure which are beautiful historic towns that offer wonderful views over the valleys below and home to a number of local artisan shops.

Since this will be your last day in Tuscany, enjoy your time on the beautiful Ardene estate and enjoy the best of what this spectacular area has to offer.

Day 10 Arrivaderci!

Location: Florence, Italy

Car Rental: Drop Off Florence - Downtown Florence

Accommodation

Package

Florence

Hotel Tornabuoni Beacci Florence Rating : 4 Star

The Bechi Family is happy to welcome you to the site of the Hotel Tornabuoni Beacci to discover this charming hotel which is located in two Renaissance palaces, the Palazzo Minerbetti and the Palazzo Strozzi del Poeta, on one of Florence's most elegant shopping streets and close to the monuments which have made this city famous the world over.

Siena

Hotel Villa Casalecchi Rating : 4 Star

Villa Casalecchi is located 2 km from Castellina in Chianti, in the Siena county . Its position is absolutely strategic just a short distance from all the main artistic town in central Tuscany and even Umbria - you can reach Perugia in about an hour and half. An estimate of the time needed to reach the most characteristic places the area.

Montepulciano

Villa Cicolina Rating : 4 Star

Located just outside the stunning medieval town of Montepulciano, Villa Cicolina it ideally situated as a base from where one can explore some of the most stunning villages and countryside in Italy. This converted noble residence will inspire you with its beautiful grounds, views and hospitality

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