

ESSENCE OF TUSCANY: WINE, ART, AND TIMELESS LANDSCAPES



Duration: 6 days 5 nights

Min number of people: 1

The price refers to: person

Program:

Day 1 - Florence

Upon arrival at Florence airport, private transfer from the airport to the hotel in Florence. Meals and day at leisure.

Day 2 - Florence

In the morning, meet your private guide at the hotel lobby to start a full-day tour among the wonders of Florence. Enjoy the guide's storytelling about sculptures, paintings, and religious artwork, with a focus on Florence's artistic heritage. Starting from the Accademia Gallery, best known for housing Michelangelo's iconic statue of David, the gallery also features an impressive collection of Renaissance art, including works by artists such as Botticelli, Ghirlandaio, and Pontormo. After visiting the Accademia Gallery, your guide will accompany you to a local restaurant for a quick lunch. After lunch, your guide will accompany you to the Uffizi Gallery, one of the most famous art museums in the world, renowned for its exceptional collection of Renaissance masterpieces. Housed in a historic building, the gallery boasts works by iconic artists such as Leonardo da Vinci, Michelangelo, Botticelli, and Caravaggio. Then the tour will proceed to the Dome Complex of Florence, centered around the iconic Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, Florence Cathedral, one of the city's most impressive architectural landmarks. The stunning cathedral's dome, engineered by Filippo Brunelleschi, is particularly remarkable for its innovative construction, with an intricate double-shell design that was a technical marvel for its time. Definitely a must-see for anyone interested in art, history, and architecture. At the end of the visit, your guide will accompany you back to your hotel. Rest of the day and dinner at leisure.

Day 3 - Florence

In the morning, meet your private driver for the transfer to a local estate in the Tuscan countryside for a truffle hunt, an exciting and unique experience where you search for the prized underground fungus, with the help of the "trifolau" and his faithful dog. You will be accompanied by the Truffle Hunter through the forests, to start the search for this renowned gastronomic piece. The dog, with the sense of smell, sniffs out the hidden truffles, and once they locate them, the hunter carefully digs them up. Learn about the different types of truffles, such as white and black, and their culinary importance. At the end of the experience, you can choose to have a fun cooking class to learn more about the Tuscan Culinary Heritage preparing your lunch with the truffles you've picked up, or simply enjoy the fruits of your hard work with a full lunch directly after the hunt, all accompanied by local wines. After lunch, private transfer back to the hotel. Rest of the day and dinner at leisure.

Day 4 - Siena and San Gimignano

In the morning, after breakfast and check-out, private transfer from Florence to the hotel in Siena. After the check-in, enjoy a 2-hour guided visit with a skilled private guide of this renowned medieval city. Siena is renowned for its well-preserved medieval architecture and rich cultural heritage. Famous for its distinctive fan-shaped Piazza del Campo, where the Palio horse race is held twice a year, Siena offers a glimpse into Italy's past with its narrow winding streets, stunning Gothic buildings, and vibrant art scene. You will enter Siena's Cathedral, or Duomo di Siena, which is a magnificent example of Italian Romanesque-Gothic architecture. Its construction began in the 12th century and was expanded over several centuries. The cathedral's striking black-and-white striped marble exterior and intricate façade, designed by Giovanni Pisano, make it one of Italy's most beautiful churches. At the end of the tour, meet your private driver for the transfer to a local winery in the Tuscan countryside. Here you will have the chance to enjoy a guided visit of the winery where you will walk through the cellar, where barrels of wine are stored, and learn about different wine varieties and the factors that influence their flavors. At the end of the visit, enjoy the tasting of their top labels accompanied by a typical Tuscan lunch. You will have a delightful and immersive experience, allowing you to explore the art of winemaking while being surrounded by the scenic beauty of vineyards. At the end of the tour, meet again your private driver for the transfer to your hotel. Rest of the day and dinner at leisure.

Day 5 - Cortona and Montepulciano

In the morning, meet your private driver for the transfer to Cortona. Upon arrival, enjoy a 2-hour guided visit with a skilled private guide of this charming hilltop town in Tuscany known for its stunning medieval architecture, scenic views, and rich history. Steeped in Etruscan, Roman, and medieval heritage, Cortona offers narrow cobblestone streets, ancient walls, and picturesque squares. With its panoramic views of the surrounding countryside, it exudes a peaceful, timeless atmosphere, making it a perfect place for history lovers, art enthusiasts, and those seeking a tranquil escape. At the end of this guided visit, meet again your private driver for the transfer to one of the best wineries in the nearby area. You will have an immersive food and wine tour through the stunning vineyards of the estate located at the foot of Cortona, to discover the beauty of this ancient land. The highlight of the visit will be the wine tasting session, where you will taste a selection of the winery's top quality wines, paired with local Tuscan delicacies. After lunch, the driver will accompany you to Montepulciano to have a walk on your own of this beautiful hamlet, which is a blend of history, art, culture, gastronomy, offering also breathtaking panoramas of the Tuscan landscape, which makes it a must-see destination in the region. After some time at leisure, your driver will accompany you back to the hotel.

Day 6 - Departure

In the morning, after breakfast and check-out, private transfer to Florence airport for departure.



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Tuscany is one of Italy's most celebrated regions, known for its breathtaking landscapes, history, world-class art, and exceptional cuisine. Located in the heart of Italy, the region is often seen as the quintessential Italian countryside, offering a perfect blend of nature, culture, and tradition. Whether you're exploring its rolling hills, medieval towns, or iconic vineyards, Tuscany provides a wealth of experiences that will captivate any traveler.