

DISCOVER TUSCANY

FOOD, WINE, AND DOLCE FAR NIENTE



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TOUR OVERVIEW

"La dolce far niente" is an Italian phrase meaning "the sweetness of doing nothing." On this week-long trip to Tuscany, you'll get to taste this sweetness for yourself. Relax at a private villa, sample fine Brunello wine, enjoy local Pecorino cheese, and explore the most picturesque hill towns in the region. The Euro Travel Coach team will eliminate all the hassles of travel to ensure that you can sit back and soak in la dolce far niente.

TOUR SIZE

You'll be joined by 8-10 other travelers. Chelsea, Greg, and Betsy from the Euro Travel Coach team will serve as your hosts and will be available 24/7 to assist you during the trip.

PRICE & DATES

Tour 1: May 13-20, 2018 | **Tour 2:** May 20-27, 2018

\$2,995 per person* + airfare

\$500 deposit required (non-refundable)

*Additional fees apply for single room occupancy. Please inquire.

INCLUSIONS

The price includes:

- Villa accommodations for 7 nights
- All breakfasts
- All dinners (including wine for the table)
- Two lunches
- Transportation to all excursions
- Admission to baths in Bagno Vignoni
- Cooking class
- Sheep farm tour & Pecorino tasting
- Two winery tours and tastings
- Three city tours with local guides
- 24/7 support from the Euro Travel Coach team



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ACCOMMODATIONS

All seven nights of your trip will be spent in a beautiful private villa on a working farm outside of Montepulciano. This will allow you to unpack, settle in, and truly feel like a local. Each room has its own en-suite bathroom for your comfort. The villa is equipped with a lovely pool. In the mornings, we will provide a light breakfast featuring local produce, meats, cheeses, and baked goods.



ITINERARY

SUNDAY

Arrive & Dine

A member of our team will reach out to you in advance of the trip to arrange transportation from the Florence Airport to the villa (additional fees apply). Upon arrival at the villa, you can explore the area or enjoy a dip in the pool. A local chef will prepare a traditional, three-course Tuscan meal to welcome you to Italy. During dinner you can sip on a selection of local wines and get to know your fellow travelers.

MONDAY

Relax in Bagno Vignoni & Cook with a Local

Following breakfast at the villa, we will take you on a driving tour through the heart of Tuscany to the Castello Ripa D'Orcia. From here, you have the option to take a hike through the Tuscan hills to the ancient town of Bagno Vignoni. Alternatively, you can spend the morning soaking in hot spring fed pools and relaxing in a Roman Sauna at the Albergo Le Terme Spa. In the afternoon, you'll have free time to explore Bagno Vignoni and grab lunch at an osteria or wine bar. When we return to the villa, you'll have the opportunity to participate in a cooking class led by a local chef.

TUESDAY

Explore Assisi & Dine at La Grotta

Following breakfast at the villa, we will drive you to the picturesque hill town of Assisi. An experienced local tour guide will take you on a walking tour of the city and lead you through the magnificent Basilica of Saint Francis. You'll have the afternoon free to wander the ancient streets on your own. We'll return to Montepulciano in the evening and enjoy a delicious six-course meal at the famed La Grotta restaurant.



WEDNESDAY

Sample the Wines of Montalcino

No trip to Tuscany would be complete without a visit to a winery! You'll start the day with a tour and tasting at the renowned Tenute Silvio Nardi. After sampling the estate's excellent Rosso and Brunello, enjoy an al fresco lunch looking out over the gorgeous Sangiovese vines. Your day of wine tasting will continue with a visit to the famed Altesino winery where you'll learn more about the history of Brunello. Then we'll head to the town of Montalcino where you can window shop and walk off all that fabulous vino or duck into a tasting room to keep the buzz going. The evening will conclude with dinner in the Enoteca la Fortezza, which is located within a medieval castle.



THURSDAY

Experience Orvieto & Civita di Bagnoregio

After breakfast, we'll drive you to the charming hill town of Orvieto where a local guide will show you the sights of the Medieval town including the stunning cathedral, St. Patrick's well, and more. Following the tour, you'll have some time to shop and explore on your own before we head to Ristorante La Pineta for a leisurely lunch overlooking the shores of Lago di Bolsena. We'll walk off lunch by crossing the footbridge to Civita di Bagnoregio. You'll feel as though you've stepped into the middle ages as you wander the streets of this tiny village. Enjoy a selection of local cheese and charcuterie upon returning to the villa.



FRIDAY

Visit a Sheep Farm & Chalk Hills Hike

Get a taste (literally and figuratively) of the vast world of Italian cheese! You'll visit a working farm that produces a range of luscious Pecorino (sheep milk cheese) as well as extra virgin olive oil. Following a tour of the property, you'll sample 8 different raw milk cheeses while enjoying a glass of local wine and a stunning view of the Tuscan countryside. Afterwards, take a hike through the chalk hills to see a medieval castle, a fourteenth-century monastery, and an abundance of gorgeous scenery. The day will conclude with a casual dinner at the villa.

SATURDAY

Discover Siena

After breakfast, we'll drive you to the medieval city of Siena. A local guide will help you get oriented to the city, point out the Gothic architecture, and show you the many spiritual and secular monuments which sit in harmony in the historic center of Siena. Afterwards, you'll be free to shop and see the sights on your own. In the evening, we'll meet for a fabulous Sienese dinner at a local Ristorante.

SUNDAY

Return Home

If you're anything like the Euro Travel Coach team, you will be sad to leave the sun kissed hills of Tuscany. We'll make it as easy on you as possible by preparing a farewell brunch (depending on your flight time) and assisting you with arranging an airport transfer (additional fees apply). Once you're at the airport, you can start planning your next trip to Italy!!!

SPACE IS LIMITED - CONTACT US TODAY TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT!

**INTERESTED IN EXTENDING YOUR TRIP TO ITALY? INQUIRE ABOUT OUR TRAVEL CONSULTING SERVICES!
GROUP TOUR PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE A 20% DISCOUNT ON TRIP PLANNING.**

***Please note that the itinerary is subject to change.**