

# TREASURES OF TUSCANY

your private

tour



Traverse one of the world's most renowned food and wine territories with our exclusive Tuscan itinerary.

YOUR PRIVATE ITALY



## ARRIVAL IN CHIANTI & WELCOME DINNER

Overnight in Radda, Chianti

DAY 1



Transfer from Florence to Radda in Chianti. Arrival in Radda and check-in to hotel.

Visit of the charming little town of Radda in Chianti, where you will have time on your own to explore. Dinner at the hotel.

## SAN GIMIGNANO, LUNCH & WINETASTING, MONTEREGGIONI

Overnight in Radda, Chianti

DAY 2



Buffer breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to San Gimignano, a small, walled medieval town, famous for its medieval architecture, especially its towers, which may be seen from several kilometers outside the town. In fact, San Gimignano has managed to conserve fourteen towers of varying heights which have become its international symbol. Enjoy a 2-hour walking tour with a private English-speaking guide. The tour continues to a local Tenuta, which is a fantastic wine producer in the area, followed by lunch complete with wine tasting.

After lunch it's off to Monteriggioni, a perfectly preserved town where you can enjoy time on your own to explore. The small timeless town Monteriggioni is one of the best-preserved medieval Italian cities where art, history and the beautiful countryside work together to provides visitors with a rare example of beautifully preserved history and natural beauty. In the afternoon, you will transfer back to Radda and enjoy time to relax followed by dinner on your own.

## WINES OF THE TUSCAN CASTLES, VISIT TO THE BUTCHER IN PANZANO

Overnight in Radda, Chianti

DAY 3



Buffer breakfast at the hotel. Pick up by private bus and transfer to a beautiful wine castle in Chianti. Enjoy a visit to the cellars followed by a wine tasting of four delicious wines (Rosé, Chianti Classico, Bellezza, Alleanza). We will then make a stop for lunch at "The Butcher of Panzano" which is a mandatory stop for anyone travelling to this region of Italy. Enjoy the well-known "Solo-ciccia Menu" filled with numerous local dishes made from traditional Tuscan recipes and ingredients. There is wine included with the lunch, however you are free to bring your own favorite wine! In the afternoon you will visit another beautiful Castle in Chianti and another excellent wine producer. Enjoy a guided visit of the gardens, followed by a visit of the prestigious wine cellars, complete with winetasting. After the tasting we will then transfer back to the hotel in Radda where you will be free to have dinner on your own.

## COOKING COURSE AND LUNCH AT AN ORGANIC FARM. WINE TASTING IN MONTALCINO.

Overnight in Radda, Chianti

DAY 4



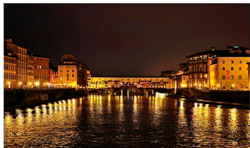
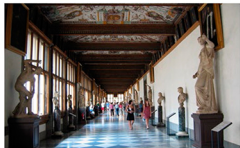
Buffer breakfast at the hotel. Pick up at Radda and transfer to a small organic farm outside of Pienza, dedicated to helping guests get closer to the source of their food. Upon arrival enjoy a guided tour with the owners where you will learn about all of the fresh vegetables, grains, and meats all produced on their farm and used to produce the food they consume on a daily basis. They also offer a variety of high-quality products such as extra virgin olive oil, pastas, canned vegetables, honey, and sheep and goat cheeses.

After the tour, you will enjoy a hands-on cooking lesson and prepare a true home-cooked Tuscan meal, just like a local! You'll prepare the first course, second course, side dishes and the typical Tuscan dessert, Tiramisu. You'll enjoy some delicious local wines with your meal and a coffee with your dessert. After lunch you'll be picked-up and transferred to a winery just outside of Montalcino. Enjoy a guided tour of the winery and visit of the town's historical palace. Then you'll visit the wine cellar, followed by a delicious 3-wine tasting. After the tasting, we will transfer back to the hotel in Radda for some time to relax, followed by dinner on your own.

## THE UFFIZI GALLERY & FLORENCE

Overnight in Radda, Chianti

DAY 5



Buffet breakfast at the hotel. Full day guided tour of Florence with a private English-speaking guide to The Uffizi Gallery, one of the oldest and most famous art museums of the Western world. You will then have some free time to enjoy lunch on your own in the wonderful city of Florence.

In the afternoon, you will participate in a pleasant walking tour, accompanied by a professional English-speaking and licensed history guide while discovering the secrets of this romantic city, with its narrow streets, spacious piazzas, and wonderful palazzi. Experience the unique spirit and atmosphere of this magical city. Admire the Piazza del Duomo, visit the main Florentine town square, Piazza della Signoria, and take in the breathtaking views over the Arno River from Ponte Vecchio, with its famous jewelry and artisan boutiques. We will then return to Radda for a dinner together at the hotel.

## SIENA, HANDS ON COOKING COURSE

Overnight in Radda, Chianti

DAY 6



Transfer from Radda to Siena, where you will have a 2-hour guided walking tour. Siena, like other Tuscan hill towns, was first settled in the time of the Etruscans and later prospered as a city-state, becoming a major center of money lending and an important player in the wool trade. The period of the early 1200's was crucial in shaping the Siena we know today and it was during this period that the majority of the construction of the Siena Cathedral was completed. It was also during this period that the Piazza del Campo, home of the famous Palio race, now regarded as one of the most beautiful civic spaces in Europe, grew in importance as the center of secular life. The picturesque city has been declared by UNESCO a World Heritage Site.

We will continue the day with a hands-on cooking course in the center of Siena with a fantastic native chef. Discover not only her cooking, but also the city, the Palio and the Contradas (neighborhoods) of Siena, and gain a true understanding of what it means to be Siennese. After enjoying a wonderful lunch you'll have some time to explore Siena on your own before we return by bus to the hotel in Radda.

## CORTONA & AREZZO

Overnight in Radda, Chianti

DAY 7



Buffer breakfast at the hotel. Pick up and transfer by bus to Cortona, which is a city filled with art, history, and culture and, is a true representation of classic Tuscan life. Enjoy a 3-hour guided tour of Cortona, enclosed by stone walls dating back to Etruscan and Roman times. Thanks to its dominant position, you can admire a spectacular view of the valley and even the nearby Lake Trasimeno. You will also visit the Etruscan Academy Museum of the City of Cortona.

You will enjoy some free time to explore, followed by lunch on your own. Then it's off to Arezzo, a charming historic town, where you can stroll along its small alleys and enjoy its quiet streets and beautiful panoramic views. You will be given a guided tour through the medieval square, Piazza Grande, with its well preserved, characteristic, gothic noble Palazzi. You'll also get to see the many towers and the Romanesque church of Santa Maria della Pieve and the gothic Duomo of San Donato. In the later afternoon we will return to Radda and enjoy a farewell dinner.

## DEPARTURE

DAY 8



Buffer breakfast at the hotel followed by check-out and transfer to Florence for departure.



## RADDA IN CHIANTI

Your Private Italy has chosen a 4 star hotel in the charming and beautiful medieval town of Radda in Chianti, a wonderful location for experiencing all of the gastronomic wonders of Tuscany. Radda is located up on a hill between the valleys of Arbia and Pesa and it has been inhabited since the 9th century. The town maintains its medieval look characterized by narrow streets, all meeting in the main square. The town boasts plenty of cozy caffès, fine dining restaurants, as well as many local Osteria and Trattoria, the more informal-style Italian restaurants.

### The tour includes the following services:

- 7 nights at a 4 star hotel in Radda in Chianti
- 7 Daily buffet breakfasts
- English speaking tour leader
- Private transportation for transfers and tours
- Welcome Dinner, wines not included
- English speaking guide, San Gimignano ( 2 hours )
- Tour of winery , San Gimignano
- Lunch at winery, wines included - San Gimignano
- Tour of winery with tastings, Chianti
- Lunch at the Butcher, wines included - Panzano
- Tour of winery with tastings, Chianti
- Visit to a farm, Pienza
- Cooking course with lunch and wines included, Pienza
- Tour of a winery with tastings, Montalcino
- Full day English speaking guide, Florence
- Advanced purchase & admission fee, The Uffizi Gallery
- Dinner at the hotel, Radda in Chianti
- English speaking guide, Siena ( 3 hours )
- Cooking course & lunch with wines included - Siena
- English speaking guide, Cortona ( 3 hours )
- English speaking guide, Arezzo ( 3 hours )
- Farewell dinner, Radda in Chianti
- City tax
- Italian tax
- Maps and brochures of the area

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