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Tuscany Discover, Cookery & Foodie Experience

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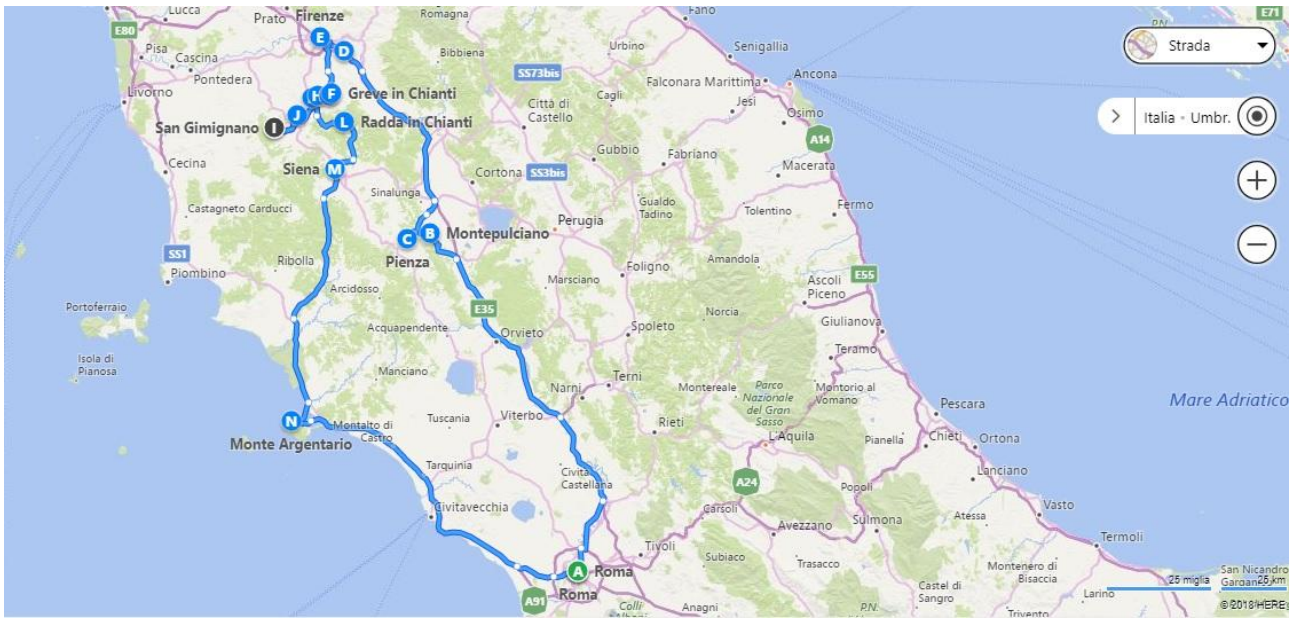

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DAY ONE

Rome – Montepulciano – Pienza – Montalcino&Brunello - Val d'Orcia

- **9:00 / 9:30am:** Very special drive from Rome to Tuscany with your Host as you will visit a marvellous part of Italy!
- Our first destination will be the town of **Montepulciano**
- Visit to the impressive ***Underground City*** and the ancient ***Etruscan cellars*** owned by the a local wine maker with a tasting and chance to purchase typical products
- Visit to the *Church of San Biagio*
- Lunch at our special local venue with great views over ***Val d'Orcia***
- After lunch, carry on towards the ***Val d'Orcia*** region of Tuscany with a visit the tiny but charming town of **Pienza**
- **Cheese tasting** in one of the town's numerous cheese boutiques, as Pienza is considered the capital of *Pecorino cheese*
- This afternoon we will reach our beautiful family-run winery near the town of **Montalcino** for a wine tasting of one of the world's most exclusive wines: ***Brunello di Montalcino***
- Late afternoon arrival at our lovely ***accommodation*** overlooking the wonderful Tuscan countryside of *Chianti and Val d'Orcia*, our *home* for 3 nights
- Welcome drink aperitif as our hosts welcome you to the peace of the Tuscan countryside,
- Once you have settled in and absorbed the beauty of the surrounding area, typical dinner at your accommodation will follow
- Good night's rest

DAY TWO

Foodie Discovery – Firenze Vecchia

- This morning you will head out on a unique ***"Explore & Nibble"*** experience with your host
- Our destination will be Florence's most authentic food market with a selected Cheese tasting with Truffled pecorino "tartufone" and other different aged pecorinos, northern Italy cheeses, fresh ricotta, mozzarella etc., followed by a transfer to Florence's most authentic quarter for a ***Bread tasting*** in a famous local bakery with *schiacciata all'olio, pane toscano, pane ai cereali, crostata, "cantuccini di Prato" biscuits etc.*.
- We will also look out for our favourite butcher for a tasting of *typical finocchiona, salame di cinghiale, prosciutto, coppa, etc.*
- This afternoon will feature a driving tour to ***Piazzale Michelangelo*** and to the ***Church of San Miniato***, including a the city centre and surrounding area for a full immersion into the art, history and sites of Florence!
- Dinner at our favourite local place in Florence, where the locals go!
- Transfer back to your accommodation

DAY THREE

Florence – Cookery Experience – Essence of Florence

- After breakfast it'll be straight to the marvellous city of Florence and.... ***sleeves up*** for a cooking session at an exclusive Florentine venue
- Visit the kitchen before setting off to pick up the ingredients and groceries with your host to prepare lunch
- This afternoon you will visit the ***Oltrarno*** area to explore Florence's old "botteghe", where are artisans will be working away creating masterpieces of silk, bronze, mosaic, gold, leather, hand-made shoes and carved wood
- Time at leisure for shopping before dinner in the heart of Florence
- Transfer back to your accommodation

DAY FOUR

Drive through the Tuscan countryside – Balsamic Vinegar – San Gimignano Badia a Passignano

- This morning we say goodbye to our hosts as we head further into the **Chianti region**
- Our drive through the Chianti countryside will take us by the beautiful medieval towns of **Greve in Chianti** and **Montefioralle,** hometown of ***Amerigo Vespucci***
- Light lunch at our beloved **local farm in Chianti**, where the owners will show their farm specialties: *olive oil*, ***balsamic vinegar*** *and Chianti wine* with a quick tour of their property
- Dessert will be in the beautiful town of **San Gimignano** with a visit and chance to enjoy a world prize winner for best Gelato in the world at *"Gelateria Dondoli"*
- Then you will reach your next accommodation in the middle of the Tuscan countryside
- Welcome aperitif with a visit of the ancient villa, the estate and the cellars of the farm, which are in an original 13th century cellar-grotto
- Dinner will be at *ItaliaSpeciale*'s favourite restaurant in the Chianti region in the nearby town of **Badia a Passignano**
- Good night's rest

DAY FIVE

Cookery Experience - Castle – Winery - Ceramics

- After breakfast, this morning will feature a **Cookery Experience** under the expert guidance of our Hosts and Chefs at our accommodation
- Lunch to sample the fruits of our labour
- In the afternoon we will reach a nearby **Castle** for a visit and to enjoy one of Tuscany's most breathtaking views.
- Then a short stroll down the hill to reach the castle's cellars, where our hosts make their famous wines
- On the way back to our accommodation, visit to a local *Ceramics* workshop, where you can see artists painting live on their ceramic pieces, followed by a beautiful drive through the most fascinating area of Chianti
- Dinner will be in a restaurant nearby

DAY SIX

Truffle Hunt – Sant'Antimo Abbey - Siena

- After breakfast , **this morning will feature a truffle hunt with your hosts!**
- Truffle lunch at their venue with outstanding views of the countryside and of the town of *San Gimignano* in the distance, culminating with our hosts' award-winning **Vinsanto!**
- This afternoon we will reach **Siena** for a romantic evening visit
- Time permitting, we will make a quick stop at the mystical ***Sant'Antimo Abbey***, where monks usually pray singing Gregorian chants.
- Visit and time in **Siena** with dinner at our excellent venue
- We do recommend our experience in a small deli shop in the heart of the city centre where the owners produce very special cold cuts (*mortadella di cinghiale, soprassata di carni miste ecc*) and amazing "Composte", special jams of mixed products like fruit, vinegar, liquors, truffle etc.
- Later this evening we head back to our accommodation

DAY SEVEN

The Tuscan Coast – Argentario Peninsula – Fish Lunch - Rome

- After breakfast, this morning it is time to say good bye to our hosts
- Our trip back to Rome will be a further journey of discovery as we drive along the **Tuscan coastline** with a few en-route stops
- Fish lunch will be on the stunning **Argentario peninsula** near *Porto Ercole*
- After lunch, a short drive around the area, which offers splendid views of the sea and coastline
- Then we will take the Aurelia highway to reach *FCO in Rome*...***arrivederci Italia!***

****Lunch on Day One and Day Seven are both strictly connected to flight arrival and departure***

Highlights & What's included

€3750 eur

- ***Guests: min 4 / max 6***
- Starting point:Rome Airport @ 9:30am on Day One (please contact us for arrangements)
- Ending point: Rome Airport on Day Seven (please contact us for arrangements)
- Fully escorted by our Tour Leader and Hosts
- Accommodation 7 days / 6 nights: SINGLE/DOUBLE EN-SUITE ROOM ACCOMMODATION (NO single room supplement!) - *subject to availability*
    - **3** nights at our enchanting accommodation in the sweeping hills of the Tuscan countryside and Val d'Orcia
    - **3** nights in Chianti

- **An exciting and unique journey of discovery through the very best of Tuscany: *Val d'Orcia, Chianti, Florence, Siena, San Gimignano, the Argentario Peninsula, etc!***
- Hands-on Cookery Classes at our exclusive venue in Florence and at *Fattoria Sant'Appiano*
- Foodie Experiences:
    - Markets in Florence in the lovely *Oltrarno* quarter of Florence
    - Cheese Tastings
    - Wine Tastings & Winery visits
    - Tastings
    - Gelato at renowned Gelateria in San Gimignano
- Truffle hunting with truffle lunch
- Accompanied visit through the beauty of Florence
- Visit to several beautiful towns and sights in the Tuscan *Val d'Orcia & Chianti* regions
- Ceramics
- All restaurants and venues are highly selected and offer the most special ***ItaliaSpeciale Experiences!***
- All meals included as per the program with selected wines

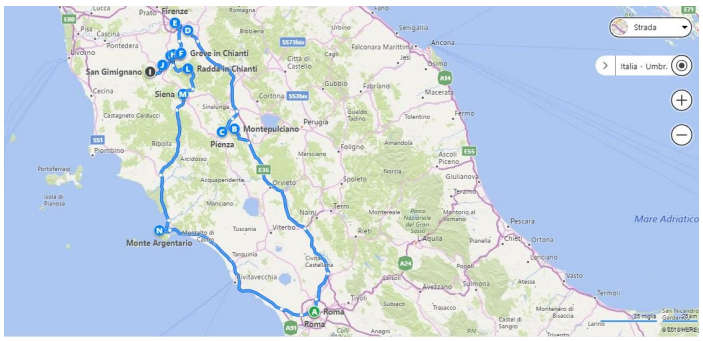
Not included

- Flights / Entrance Fees (Musuems, Exhibitions etc), although we would be pleased to arrange upon request / Gratuities

Exclusive Add-ons: **Ferrari &Lamborghini or Vintage car (see below)**

A word on Tipping

At ***Italia Speciale*** our mission is to assure only the best experiences possible around Italy through our highly selected network of Partners and Hosts, all committed to delivering the highest standards of knowledge and service to our guests. We do this by nature and soul, as proud as we are of our proposals and our people. Tips are never expected and always come as a nice bonus for our partners. Should you feel the need to share a token of gratitude, ideally your Host should collect €75 eur in cash per guest on Day 3 to cover all tips that deserve to be shared among all Partners. Tips are not compulsory by any means, and should be given exclusively for high quality service.



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Add-on Experiences for
Tuscany Speciale Experience 2019

Tuscany by Supercar

Ferrari & Lamborghini

This experience can feature a **Ferrari Experience** behind the wheel of our ***Ferrari and Lamborghini Supercars.***. You will have the chance to drive along winding panoramic roads of Tuscany and reach nearby villages to explore. **Fully escorted**.
Duration: from 1 day to 7 days - tailored.
Quote tailored on request.
Please enquire for quote.

Tuscany by Vintage Fiat 500 & Classics

Vintage Fiat 500

This holiday can feature a **vintage car experience** behind the wheel of one of our **classic Fiat 500s or Italian Vintage Classics**! You will have the chance to drive along relaxing panoramic roads and reach nearby villages to explore. Fully escorted.
Quote Tailored on request.
Please enquire for quote.

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Breakdown & Payment

Proposal Cost: €3750 pp Eur

Payment breakdown:

- €500 Eur non-refundable deposit due upon booking
- Balance due either before or upon meeting

Payment method:

Deposit:

- Cash Payment: *please see below*
- Bank Transfer + bank charges
- Credit Card: +3.5%
- Credit Card via Paypal: +4.5%

Balance*:

- Cash payment in FULL: €150 eur DISCOUNT
- Bank Transfer + bank charges
- Credit Card: 3.5%
- Credit Card via Paypal: +4.5%

*** CASH AMOUNT REQUIRED UPON MEETING: €500 pp**

Thank you,
Leonardo

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