



# Tuscan Tastes & Towns

4 DAYS / 3 NIGHTS

FEATURING 3 NIGHTS IN TUSCANY, WINE AND OLIVE OIL TASTING AND A COOKING CLASS



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# Your Itinerary

## Day 1: Rome • Montepulciano • Pienza • Montalcino • Figline Valdarno

- Meet your local guide this morning and depart Rome.
- A scenic ride will take you past the beautiful landscapes of the regions of Lazio, Umbria and finally Tuscany.
- Your first stop is at the Tuscan town of Montepulciano. This medieval city is filled with history and art, and known for its “nobile” wine. Make sure to buy a bottle or two at the local shops.
- Enjoy free time for shopping and exploring this lovely town, where you’ll even be able to sample some of the local specialties.
- Next, you’ll visit the charming town of Pienza, in the heart of the Val d’Orcia area and designed by Pope Pius II.
- Take time to soak in the Renaissance marvels of this town during your free time.
- Then it’s off to Montalcino, where you may choose to walk around the walls of the fortress or simply enjoy the scenic views. Make sure to sample some of the local wines and pecorino cheese.
- Arrive at your accommodations at the Villa Palagina for the next three nights in the Figline Valdarno area, surrounded by olive groves, vineyards and the Tuscan hillsides.
- Enjoy a special tasting upon arrival, featuring the Villa Palagina’s very own wines and olive oils

## MEETING

Departure is at 7:15 AM in front of Hotel Massimo d’Azeglio, Via Cavour 18, Rome. Look for the Daiquiri Tours sign on the motorcoach.

## Day 2: • Figline Valdarno • Siena • Greve • San Gimignano • Figline Valdarno

- After breakfast, we’ll spend the day further exploring the marvels of Tuscany.
- Start off this morning in the medieval town of Siena. Enjoy a walking tour with a local expert of the city’s architectural gems, including the shell-shaped square of Piazza del Campo, one of the most jaw-dropping town squares in the world and the site of the famous 600-year old horse race called “Il Palio that takes place every year, twice a year.”
- Enjoy some free time for lunch before heading to your next Tuscan town.
- Visit San Gimignano, a UNESCO World-Heritage site. You’ll catch some of Tuscany’s best views from its medieval towers and fortifications. The shop-lined streets are great for quality souvenirs, such as delicious local sweets, ceramics and leather goods.
- Return to the Villa Palagina in the early afternoon for a Tuscan cooking class with the chef. Learn how home-made pasta is made and enjoy a delicious Typical 3-course Tuscan dinner at the Villa, paired with Tuscan wines from the region.



## DAY 3: • Figline Valdarno • Florence • Figline Valdarno

- After breakfast, you'll head over to Florence, a city filled with Renaissance masterpieces.
- Meet a local guide for a fascinating tour of the city, including the Piazza della Signoria, the Piazza del Duomo with its famous gilded baptistry doors, the Ponte Vecchio, and less well-known yet charming parts of the city.
- In the afternoon, you may wish to visit one of the renowned museums, such as the Uffizi Galleries, the Accademia Museum, or even the Pitti Palace. Take time to wander around its beautiful streets, where shopping opportunities abound.
- We also recommend visiting the Mercato di San Lorenzo for inexpensive souvenirs, and the Mercato Centrale for delicious specialty foods and lots of variety for lunch.
- Return to Figline Valdarno in the late afternoon, where you may enjoy the beauty and tranquility of this place for one last night.



## DAY 4: • Figline Valdarno • Volterra • Pisa • Rome

- Enjoy breakfast this morning and check out of the hotel. Arrivederci Villa Palagina!
- Travel to Volterra, a fascinating Tuscan city renowned for its alabaster with Etruscan origins. A local guide will help you bring this city to life during a walking tour.
- Then you're off to Pisa, where you will have time to explore the Piazza dei Miracoli, the Leaning Tower (exterior visit), the Baptistry (exterior visit) and other important monuments. You may choose to venture farther into Pisa to Piazza dei Cavalieri, where you can admire the historic Scuola Normale, one of the most historic universities in the world.
- Spend time at leisure before returning to Rome, where your trip will come to an end.

# Your Accommodations\*

## Villa Palagina\*\*\*\*

Figline Valdarno, Tuscany, Italy • [www.palagina.it](http://www.palagina.it)

The Villa La Palagina and farm is located in the heart of Tuscany, in the Valdarno near Chianti. Besides the comfortable rooms located within the villa the property also produces its own wine, olive oil, honey and other local products renowned in the Tuscany region of Italy.



# Itinerary at a Glance

- A: Rome
- B: Montepulciano
- C: Pienza
- D: Montalcino
- E: Figline Valdarno
- F: Siena
- G: Greve in Chianti
- H: San Gimignano
- I: Florence
- J: Volterra
- K: Pisa



**Prices starting at \$1342 per person**  
(double occupancy)

## Package Includes

- Transport by deluxe motorcoach from/to Rome
- Tour director (English-language)
- 3 nights in Villa Palagina (Figline Valdarno)
- Walking tours of Siena, Florence, and Volterra
- Time to explore Montepulciano, Pienza, Montalcino, and Pisa
- Wine and cheese tasting at the Villa Palagina
- Tuscan cooking class
- Gratuities for porters and waitstaff
- 3-Course Tuscan dinner

## Package Excludes

- Hotel pickup, drop-off
- Additional meals and beverages
- City tax (payable at the hotel)
- Gratuities for tour director, local guides, driver and housekeeping

## 2018 Departure Dates

- July 29
- August 5 & 25
- September 9, 23, & 30
- October 10 & 21
- November 1

More departures available in 2019!

**Travel. Your Way!** Optional Excursions are available daily and can be added on prior to departure.

\*When the Villa Palagina is not available on one of our departures a similar property in Tuscany will be utilized.



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