

Tuscany Dream Tour

Day One

Schedule a time to be picked-up within the location stated in your agreement between 12:00 noon and 3:00 PM.

Arrival to Villa Stefano

Dinner- provided at the villa



Day Two

Breakfast- provided at the villa

Day tour San Gimignano- guided tour

San Gimignano is a small walled medieval hill town the province of Siena, north-central Italy. Known as the Town of Fine Towers, San Gimignano is famous for its medieval architecture, unique in the preservation of about a dozen of its tower houses. San Gimignano's many bouquet shops offer great vacation shopping.

Pick up at villa, transfer to San Gimignano - escorted walking tour by Elana Tours (approximately 90 minutes). After walking tour there will be free time for some shopping.

Lunch- Departure to Sant' Agnese for lunch at a local farmhouse *

Silvano and Rita, own a local family organic farm which produce: wine, extra virgin olive oil, honey, balsamic vinegar. Lunch is a taste of all their genuine products: fresh pasta with meat sause, crostini and bruschetta, cheese with honey, eggs with truffles, farro salad and delicious vinlla ice cream with balsamic vinegar. The tour includes a visit to the acetaia (vinegar) cantina (cellar).

Mid-afternoon: Short drive to Castellina in Chianti for a nice stroll with Elena.

Dinner- provided at the villa



Day Three

Breakfast- provided at the villa

Wine tours:

Montoro e Selvole, located in the heart of Chianti Classico on a mountain just outside of Greve in Chianti ([www. http://www.maumatte.it/](http://www.maumatte.it/)). This charming farm is a family affair, you'll be greeted by Giovanni Matteuzzi and learn how he handcrafts this wine using traditional methods, aged in old barrels, with the help of the Tuscan hills and the temperate climate, the blending of the Sangiovese, Canaiolo, Malvasia and Trebbiano grapes, creating a traditional "Chianti Classico" fit to hold the Emblem of the Black Rooster.

The Castle of Verrazzano is located on a hilltop in the Chianti Classico area, the first grape growing and wine producing area in the world to be determined by an official proclamation, made by the grand Duke Cosimo III de' Medici in 1716.

Lunch- the Wind and Food Experience at Castello di Verrazzano, a five-course lunch with gastronomic specialties prepared with ingredients from the farm and other Tuscan producers, paired with several Verrazzano wines. *

Dinner- provided at the villa



Day Four

Breakfast- provided at the villa

All day guided tour of Siena with personal tour guide by Cristina Amberti

Siena - one of the most fascinating towns in Tuscany. The town is the capital of the Tuscan province of the same name. It preserves its medieval character to a remarkable degree, and has been largely unspoiled by new buildings. Its beautiful Gothic buildings include the Cathedral and Palazzo Pubblico, as well as numerous churches.

Then we will visit with Candida for a beautiful Tuscan dinner overlooking the sunset on the vineyard of Montepaldi. Candida is the granddaughter of a German Jewish man who married a Florentine woman and started a hat making business in 1905. First making hats for field workers and later, Candida, with her father made hats for movie stars and fashion models many years later. Today, Candida welcomes guests to her garden house inn for wonderful dining experiences.

Dinner- Candida's Garden House



Day Five

Breakfast- provided at the villa

A trip to our local butcher Frittelli Fabio to pick-up our bestacca alla Fiorentina the Friday night barbeque. Then off to tour Volterra, one of the most known town in Tuscany: its unique position and its ancient history leaves everyone enchanted. The site is believed to have been continuously inhabited as a city since at least the end of the 8th century BCE.

Lunch- restaurant TBD in Volterra or other location *

Dinner - Villa party night, dress up for a wonderful dinner under the stars with live music performed just for you on this special night.



Day Six

Breakfast- provided at the villa

All day guided Tour of Florence with personal tour guide Elena Pietrunti (all day tour)

Florence - is famous for its history: a center of medieval European trade and finance and one of the wealthiest cities of the time, it is considered the birthplace of the Renaissance, and has been called "the Athens of the Middle Ages". Florence, the spectacular capital of the region of Tuscany, is located on Italy's northwest coast. It is a stunning medieval city divided into two parts by the River Arno that flows from the Apennines through Florence and Pisa and on to the Ligurian Sea.

Lunch- restaurant TBD in Florence*

Dinner- provided at the villa,



Day Seven

Breakfast- provided at the villa

Day trip to Pisa and Lucca

Pisa is a city in Tuscany Central Italy, on the right bank of the mouth of the River Arno and on the Tyrrhenian. It is the capital city of the Province of Pisa. Although Pisa is known worldwide for its leaning tower (the bell tower of the city's cathedral), the city of over 88,627 residents (around 200,000 with the metropolitan area) contains more than 20 other historic churches, several palaces and various bridges across the River Arno. Much

of the city's architecture was financed from its history as one of the Italian maritime republics.

Lucca is a city and commune in Tuscany, Central Italy, situated on the river Serchio in a fertile plain near the Tyrrhenian Sea. It is the capital city of the province of Lucca. It is famous among other things for its intact Renaissance-era city walls.

Lucca was founded by the Etruscans (there are traces of a pre-existing Ligurian settlement) and became a Roman colony in 180 BC. The rectangular grid of its historical centre preserves the Roman street plan, and the Piazza San Michele occupies the site of the ancient forum. Traces of the amphitheatre can still be seen in the Piazza dell'Anfiteatro.

The walls around the old town remained intact as the city expanded and modernized, unusual for cities in the region. As the walls lost their military importance, they became a pedestrian promenade which encircled the old town, although they were used for a number of years in the 20th century for racing cars. They are still fully intact today; each of the four principal sides is lined with a different tree species.

Lunch- restaurant TBD in Lucca *

Dinner- provided at the villa, Tuscan barbeque



Day Eight

Breakfast- provided at the villa

Check out 10:00 AM



**Meals not included in price of Tuscany Dream package*



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