

ITALY—A TUSCAN MASTER CLASS

Cooper's Hawk Master Sommelier Emily Wines is hosting this tour to offer Wine Club Members a deep dive into one of her favorite wine regions. We start and end in Florence, a treasured Tuscan city with a UNESCO World Heritage historic center culturally rich in art, architecture, and fabulous cuisine. Florence is our gateway to the picturesque rolling hills, vineyards, and olive groves for which the Tuscan region is famous. Visits include the Tuscan towns and villages you've seen in pictures and movies: Siena, nestled in the Chianti hills; Montalcino, rich in wine history; the iconic coastal Bolgheri; and San Gimignano, with its famous towers. Throughout this beautiful region, we'll be walking through vineyards, visiting wineries and cellars, and learning from master winemakers. And, of course, tasting extraordinary wines. Join Emily at her finest—framed by the gracious and alluring vineyards under the Tuscan sun!



DEPART U.S.

Board your overnight flight from your home city.

saturday, july 08, 2023

ARRIVE IN FLORENCE, ITALY

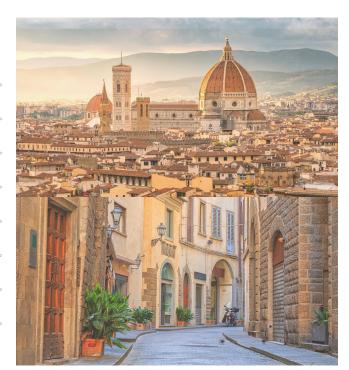
Welcome to Italy! Meet your Tour Director at your hotel for a wine and cheese reception before celebrating the start of your tour with a welcome dinner at a popular restaurant.

Meals Included - Dinner

Hotel – Hotel Cellai or Similar

HIGHLIGHTS

Arrive in Florence
Welcome Dinner





FLORENCE

Florence welcomes you! One of the most popular cities in the world, Florence is known as the cradle of the Renaissance. Our experience today starts with a tour from our local guide of the Galleria dell'Accademia di Firenze to view one of Michelangelo's masterpiece sculptures: David, the most treasured piece in the gallery. The statue, constructed from pure marble, stands more than 14 feet tall and represents part of the Biblical story of David versus Goliath. Next, we expand our knowledge of Italian cuisine with an interactive cooking class! Savor traditional specialties and learn how to prepare a five-course Tuscan meal—unique to the area in flavor—accompanied by Chianti wine and extra virgin olive oil. After enjoying the delicious results of our class, you'll have some leisure time on your own. This evening, we'll head just outside the city to enjoy a group dinner.

Meals Included – Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner Hotel – Hotel Cellai or Similar

HIGHLIGHTS

Galleria dell'Accademia di Firenze

Michelangelo's David

Tuscan Cooking Class





FLORENCE - CHIANTI - SIENA

This will be an extraordinary day devoted to Tuscan wines and great food. We'll begin by traveling to the Chianti area, which offers a unique landscape of green, gentle hills covered with wide fields of vineyards and olive groves, small stone villages, Romanesque parish churches, and countryside stone houses. The Chianti landscapes are so beautiful that they inspire photographs that become postcards and calendars distributed across the globe. Any wine produced in the Chianti region of central Tuscany is considered Chianti, and historically, the wine was associated with a squat bottle enclosed in a straw basket called a fiasco. However, the fiasco is now only used by a few winemakers, and most Chianti is now sold in more standard-shaped bottles. We will visit two fabulous wineries today to enjoy tours, tastings, and Tuscan cuisine. We'll overnight in Siena, located in the heart of Tuscany and known for its well-preserved medieval architecture, rich history, cultural heritage, and beautiful countryside.

Meals Included – Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner Hotel – Hotel Athena or Similar

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Chianti Vineyards





SIENA - EXCURSION TO MONTALCINO

This morning, we'll head to Montalcino, a small hill town with a picturesque countryside, beautiful views, and world-renowned wines. We'll enjoy vineyard walks, winemaking presentations, tastings, and tours at two Brunello di Montalcino wineries. Afterward, enjoy a picnic lunch at a local olive grove. This evening, a special dinner awaits you.

Meals Included - Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Hotel – Hotel Athena or Similar

HIGHLIGHTS

Brunello di Montalcino Wineries						
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SIENA – EXCURSION TO BOLGHERI – CASTIGLIONE – BORGO

Depart after breakfast for free time in Bolgheri, a town of timeless charm on the Etruscan coast and the "wine road." Continue into the heart of the Tuscan Maremma to visit a vineyard and cellar for a wine tasting and lunch. This area is particularly famous for its wines from the Super Tuscan wine region, including the iconic Sassicaia and Ornellaia. After lunch, enjoy a tour and tasting at a renowned wine resort surrounded by vineyards and olive groves. Return to Siena for an evening at your leisure.

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HIGHLIGHTS

Bolgheri Town Visit





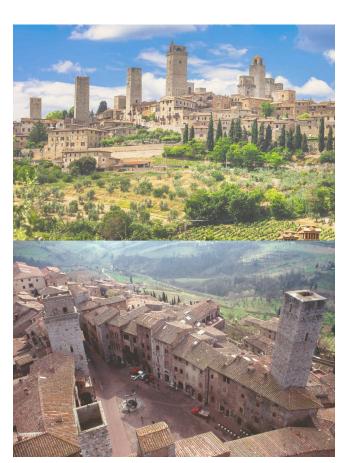
SIENA - SAN GIMIGNANO - FLORENCE

Journey through the Tuscan countryside to the magnificent walled San Gimignano, named for a bishop who saved the city from Attila the Hun! You'll feel like you've stepped into the Middle Ages as you glimpse what life must have been like more than 700 years ago. Legend has it that in the 12th century, rival families here began building towers to flaunt their power and wealth. The result was the construction of 72 towers for an impressive medieval skyline and the town's modern nickname: "Medieval Manhattan." Enjoy free time to admire some of the remaining towers, explore the ancient streetscapes, or shop for local specialties such as saffron, Vernaccia white wine, and "Golden Ham" (dry-cured ham made with saffron). Enjoy lunch at a nearby farm in the Tuscan countryside. Afterward, tour a vineyard and winery and enjoy a tasting. Return to Florence for an evening at your leisure.

Meals Included – Breakfast, Lunch Hotel – Hotel Cellai or Similar

HIGHLIGHTS

San Gimignano
Tuscan Farm Lunch
Winery Visit





FLORENCE

Explore Florence on your own or take one of our optional excursions. This historically and culturally rich city is renoowned for its art, history, and architecture, including the famous Duomo, Uffizi Gallery, and Ponte Vecchio. Additionally, Florence is known for its beautiful gardens and parks. Your Tour Director will be on hand to help you make the most of your day. This evening, we celebrate with a farewell dinner and live music at a local restaurant.

Meals Included – Breakfast, Dinner Hotel – Hotel Cellai or Similar

HIGHLIGHTS

Florence On Your Own
Optional Excursions
Farewell Dinner







DEPART FLORENCE, ITALY

After breakfast, your Globus custom tour comes to an end with your transfer to the airport.

itinerary changes

While we do our best to outline the planned itinerary, all events listed are subject to change. Whenever adjustments are needed, our tour director will ensure appropriate alternative plans. Impromptu changes can occur due to local issues.

mobility guidelines

We often tour wineries, cellars, and other historic locations. Your itinerary includes walking tours in historic locations that often have uneven cobblestones and stairs. We've endeavored to find a balance so there is ample time to relax and enjoy lunch or a unique site; however, there are many visits that will require guests to be on their feet and mobile for extended periods of time. Your tour director will give you an explanation of each day's activities the day prior, including the amount of activity involved. Please advise of any mobility issues at the time of booking so we can work with our ground operators to best accommodate you.

inclusions

INCLUDED

7 nights' accommodations at superior first-class hotels as shown or similar

Sightseeing, tours, activities & attractions as shown

Breakfast daily, five lunches, five dinners

Tour Director, local guides

Private coach throughout

Taxes

NOT INCLUDED

International airfare

Meals when not mentioned as included

Room service & personal room charges

Excess baggage and porterage

Local guide gratuities

Private transfers if you do not arrive/depart with group

Trip cancellation and travel insurance

Additional pre/post nights



\$4,747

Double occupancy (per person)

\$5,527

Single occupancy

Space is limited on this tour, and it will be sold on a first-come basis upon receipt of deposit. You must have a valid passport for travel to Italy. Your U.S. passport must be valid for six months beyond your return dates and have at least two blank visa pages. This tour requires a minimum of 20 people to operate. Wineries, hotels, dinners, activities, and attractions are subject to change. Please read through the attached booking terms and conditions for further details and important information. Currently, there are no COVID travel health protocols that apply to this tour; this remains subject to change.

deposit & final payment

\$750 DEPOSIT (NON-REFUNDABLE)

per person, due upon making reservations

FINAL PAYMENT

due by May 1, 2023

This tour requires a minimum of 20 participants to operate at the costing shown. Falling below 20 participants might create additional cost. A non-refundable deposit of \$750.00 per person is due upon making reservations.

Final payment will be due May 1, 2023. Forms of payment include cash, check, MasterCard, Visa, or American Express.

airfare

Airfare is not included, but we are happy to assist you in securing your air tickets. Our air ticketing fee is \$35 per ticket. You need to arrive in Florence, Italy, on July 8, 2023, which means you need to depart the U.S. on July 7, 2023. An arrival transfer will be included. Your first event will be a Welcome Dinner on July 8, so we recommend you land by 2 PM. Your departure home from Florence is on July 15, 2023 at a convenient time for your flight itinerary.

land cancellation policy

This tour is non-refundable. Trip cancellation and travel insurance are recommended and will be quoted at the time of booking. If we have a waitlist, we may be able to assist with a name change instead of a cancellation on land only. Name changes have a \$200 per person administrative fee. There is no guarantee we will have someone to take your spot, in which case full cancellation fees will apply. Air tickets are non-refundable from the time of ticketing. No name changes are allowed on air tickets.

reservations



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