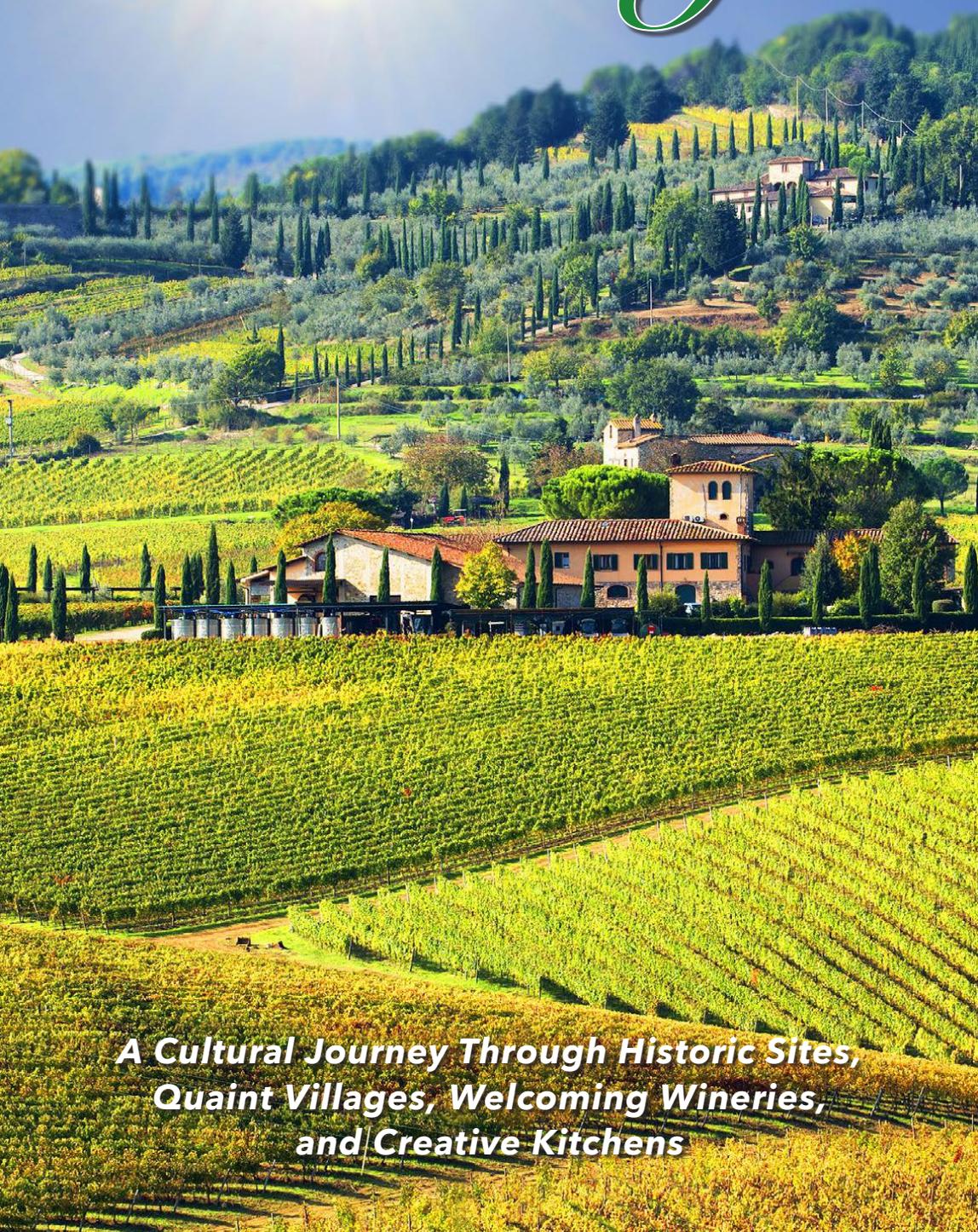


Flavors of Tuscany



***A Cultural Journey Through Historic Sites,
Quaint Villages, Welcoming Wineries,
and Creative Kitchens***



Your 9-Day Itinerary *(subject to change)*

Day 1: En route from U.S.

Day 2: Arrive in Florence, Italy / Castellina (D)

Welcome dinner

Overnight: Castello La Leccia

Day 3: Castello La Leccia (B,L,D)

Enjoyment of accommodations with cooking class at the property, evening wine tasting and tour, plus leisure time

Overnight: Castello La Leccia

Day 4: Piensa (B,L,D)

UNESCO site tour, organic farm visit

Overnight: Castello La Leccia

Day 5: Cortona (B,D)

Santa Margherita church, Bramasole villa, city center, Etruscan museum.

Overnight: Castello La Leccia

Day 6: Volterra / San Gimignano (B,D)

Panoramic Volterra city tour, San Gimignano tower exploration, visit award-winning Gelateria Dondoli

Overnight: Castello La Leccia

Day 7: Monteriggioni / Castellina in Chianti / Gaiole (B,L,D)

Walled medieval village visit, Abbadia a Isola, vineyard excursion with cooking class and dinner

Overnight: Castello La Leccia

Day 8: Siena (B,D)

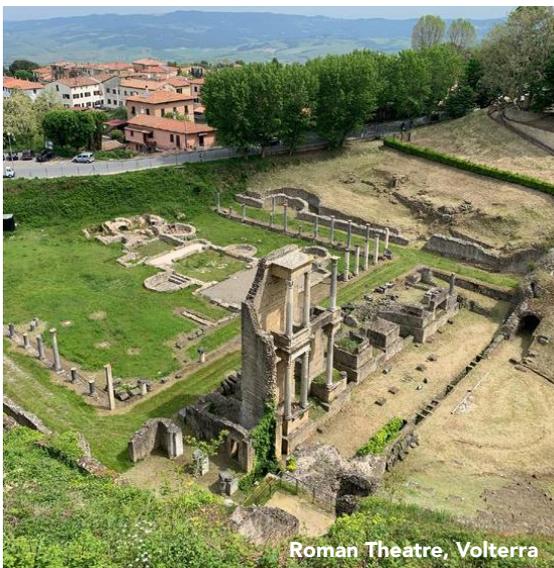
Guided sightseeing, Duomo, Sanctuary of Santa Caterina, Piazza del Campo, farewell dinner

Overnight: Castello La Leccia

Day 9: Florence / Depart for U.S. (B)

(B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner)

Activity Level: Activities are generally not very strenuous, however, this program requires individuals to have higher mobility due to many steep hills and stairs to climb in Chianti. Guests should be able to enjoy two hours or more of walking, be sure-footed on cobbled and uneven surfaces, and walk up and down stairs without assistance.



Roman Theatre, Volterra



Relax

- With your small group, enjoy seven nights deluxe accommodations in the luxurious hilltop Castello La Leccia in Castellina featuring exceptional views of the lush, rolling Tuscan landscape.

Explore

- Admire the Etruscan ruins and Roman center in Volterra before visiting charming San Gimignano—the *Town of Fine Towers*—which is completely encircled by medieval walls.
- Stop into the Renaissance town of Pienza, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, which sits atop a hill overlooking the Tuscan countryside.
- Discover Podere Il Casale, an organic farm. Tour the grounds while learning about the owners' passion for the slow food movement, followed by a leisurely lunch.
- Take a guided tour of Cortona with free time to explore afterward.
- Wander within the walled medieval village of Monteriggioni—a city along the ancient pilgrim road of Via Francigena. Visit Abbadia a Isola and the hilltop village of Castellina in Chianti.
- Stroll Siena—another UNESCO World Heritage Site—with its well-preserved cityscape, celebrated Duomo, and bustling Piazza del Campo.

Partake

- Learn secrets of preparing traditional Tuscan food in class with chefs from Castello La Leccia.
- Savor a cooking class and dinner at Badia a Coltibuono, a remarkable winery featured on the Netflix TV show *Salt Fat Acid Heat*.

What's Included

- 7 nights accommodations
- 7 breakfasts, 3 lunches, and 7 dinners served with wine
- All lessons and tastings as described in the 9-day itinerary
- Private motor coach transportation
- Luggage portage
- Gratuities to Orbridge Travel Director, local guides, drivers, porters, and wait staff for included meals
- Group airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times



Insider, Interpreter, Epicure, Host

Your Orbridge Travel Director will infuse your journey with an epicure's appreciation of food and wine, a local's knowledge and pride of place, and a travel aficionado's ability to gather the beauty of all senses to your discoveries in Italy.





Your Accommodations (subject to change)

Become part of *la famiglia* as you settle into this authentic Tuscan wine estate. Sip a glass of Chianti on a sun-dappled terrace, stroll the grounds, and admire vineyards draped with Sangiovese, Merlot, and Petit Verdot grapes.

Historical sources cite La Leccia castle's ownership was divided among 16 owners for strategic purposes. Near the mid 1400s, the Ricasoli family dominated a large part of the Chianti Classico region as well as the castle.

After being modified to serve more as a villa in the 18th century, the entire property was purchased in 1920 by Giuliano Daddi, great-grandfather of the current proprietors, and subsequently was the site of heavy bombardments during WWII that destroyed part of the tower, the last medieval testimony, and devastated a wing of the villa.

Recently undergoing more than four years of careful and rigorous restoration, the castle and the surrounding garden have returned to life.

With a focus on sustainability and the environment, the original spaces remain intact but feature modern enhancements using eco-compatible materials and technologies. To warm the surroundings, wooden floors, beamed ceilings, pastel colors, and furniture were designed exclusively for the common spaces and made by Florentine craftsmen.

Each room offers climate control, desk, LCD TV, complimentary Wi-Fi, phone, safe, minibar, and en suite bathroom with a shower or tub and shower, sundries, and hairdryer.

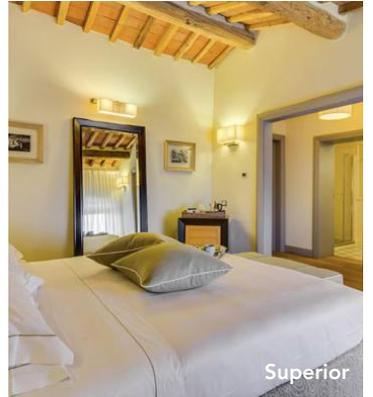
CATEGORIES

Superior: Enjoy elegant furnishings and a serene area to unwind after an enriching day of exploration (approx. 301-484 sq.ft.).

Deluxe: Delight in absolute refinement with beautiful views of the surrounding countryside. Each room is different from the others, but all provide modern comforts and tasteful décor (approx. 452-603 sq.ft.).



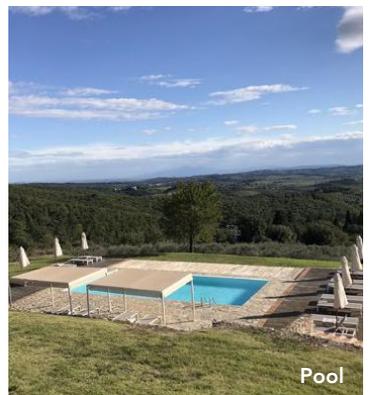
Courtyard



Superior



Deluxe



Pool

Optional Post-Tour Florence



Florence is arguably the cultural capital of Europe and the showcase of Renaissance exuberance. Lovers of beauty, art, and history can extend their experience in Tuscany to embrace the treasures of this magnificent city.

Post-Tour Itinerary *(subject to change)*

Day 9: Depart Castellina / Arrive in Florence (L)
Guided walking tour with art historian: Piazza della Signoria, the Duomo and Ponte Vecchio; local culinary market tasting tour to sample a delicious assortment of breads, cheeses, salumi, crostini, balsamic vinegars, sweets, and seasonal specialties—paired with glass of Chianti; afternoon artisanal tour and boat excursion on the Arno
Overnight: Hotel De La Ville

Day 10: Florence (B)
Historic walking tour: Baptistery of San Giovanni, Uffizi Gallery
Overnight: Hotel De La Ville

Day 11: Florence / Depart for U.S. (B)

What's Included

- Two nights accommodations at Hotel De La Ville or similar, with breakfast each morning
- Guided art history and cultural tour, plus a panoramic walking tour of Florence's historical highlights
- Local market experience and tasting, featuring three courses and a glass of wine
- Visit to artisanal leathermaker and jewelry workshops
- Private boat tour on the Arno River
- Admission to the Uffizi Gallery
- Luggage portorage
- Gratuities to local guide, drivers, and porters
- Airport transfers for guests departing during the suggested times



Ponte Vecchio