

Tuscan Treasures

BASK IN THE LUXURY OF TUSCANY

An Art and Culinary Tour of the Region

Welcome to the transformational art and cuisine of Tuscany. You'll enjoy private tours of Florence and its museums. The Uffizi's unparalleled collection... Michelangelo's David at the Accademia... indulge in a tour of the Chianti region... cooking classes...true Tuscan cuisine...with private car and guide. And custom options, of course.

Highlights Of Your Tuscan Treasures Tour

- · Private Driver and English-speaking Tour Guide throughout your vacation
- · First and last night accommodation in your choice of hotel/apartment in Rome
- · Dolce Vita Tour upon arrival
- · 3 nights in your choice of hotel in Florence with daily Buffet breakfast
- Introduction to Florence Walking Tour including the Cathedral and the Accademia Gallery
- Tour of the Baptistry, Duomo Gallery and climb up the Bell Tower or Cathedral Dome
- Private tour of the Piazza della Signoria and famed Uffizzi gallery
- Spectacular Sunset View of Florence and the Duomo with drinks on the panoramic terrace of the Forte Belvedere
- Selection of a day-long excursion or walking tour for your free "Design Your Own Italy" day
- Tour of the Chianti Region with a visit to a local wine producer.
- 2 nights' accommodation at an Agriturismo including a Cooking Class.
- Tour of San Gimignano and Siena with private driver and guide.
- · Farewell Dinner last evening at Your Own Italy's headquarters in Rome





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DAY 1 Welcome to Rome! Dolce Vita Tour

Your driver, waiting for you at Rome's Leonardo da Vinci Airport, will escort you by private car to your select boutique hotel in Rome. After relaxing and enjoying your welcome package, you will be picked up by your driver who will accompany you on your "Dolce Vita Tour" with an aperitivo on one of Rome's panoramic restaurant terraces followed by a dinner in a characteristic trattoria. Your driver will then escort you on a Rome-by-night tour culminating at the Trevi Fountain, made famous by the film, "La Dolce Vita," where Anita Ekberg and Italian actor Marcello Mastroianni bathe in the evening moonlight. After a stroll with a gelato, you will be accompanied to your hotel for a good night's sleep.



DAY 2 Tour of the Cathedral Santa Maria del Fiore and Accademia Gallery

Your private driver will pick you up at your hotel in Rome for the three hour drive to Florence. Enjoy the stop over in Orvieto to visit the famed 14th century cathedral and an excellent cappuccino in the main piazza. After relaxing in your hotel in Florence your private guide will take you on an afternoon tour of the historic center that will include the Gothic Cathedral dedicated to Santa Maria del Fiore and the Accademia Gallery Museum to see the famed David.



DAY 3 Florence: Tour of the Museum of the Duomo, the Baptistry, Piazza Della Signoria and Uffizi Gallery

In the morning, your private tour guide will take you on a tour of the recently renovated Museum of the Duomo where you will discover masterpieces of Arnolfo, Ghiberti, Donatello, Luca della Robbia, Antonio Pollaiolo, Verrocchio and Michelangelo. You will visit the Baptistery with its famed bronze doors sculpted by Lorenzo Ghiberti and splendid mosaics and inlaid marble floors. An optional climb up the stairs of the Bell Tower or Cathedral Dome will provide a unique perspective of Florence from above! After lunch at a selected restaurant, your tour guide will take you on a walking tour of the Piazza della Signoria and its many sculptures including the David (the original is in the Galleria dell'Accademia) by Michelangelo which was placed outside the Palazzo Vecchio as a symbol of the Republic's defiance of the tyrannical Medici. The graceful Loggia dei Lanzi houses the famed scuptures of Perseo holding Medusa's head, by Cellini (1554) and Giambologna's Rape of the Sabines. The day culminates with a private tour of the world-famous Uffizi Gallery. Enjoy the masterpieces of the Renaissance masters Giotto, Michelangelo, Botticelli followed by a glass of prosecco on the terrace overlooking the Piazza della Signoria.

Design "Your Own Italy" Day in Florence

Contact us for customizing options on this free day. Think of it as designing Your Own Italy. Choose a tour OR just relax and enjoy shopping!

DAY 5 Visit Medieval S. Gimignano and your Tuscan Villa Experience

Your Driver will pick you up at your hotel and transfer you to your Tuscan Villa experience in Chianti. On the way, you will visit the medieval gem of San Gimignano. Admire the towers, visit its museum and browse the shops for the local saffron. Your driver will then take you to Greve in Chianti, a nearby town famous for its Tuscan butcher shops for a local lunch. You will then be accompanied to a wine producing villa with vineyards and gardens for a two-day stay which begins with a tour of the grounds and wine tasting of last year's vintage during memorable evening "cena" in the villa.





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DAY 6 Tuscan Cuisine Cooking Class

After a delicious breakfast, you will experience a lovely walk in gardens of the Villa. Pick fresh vegetables and herbs in preparation for your cooking class in the Villa's spacious kitchen. Enjoy the hands on lesson with one of the qualified Italian chefs who will teach you all the tricks and techniques of authentic Tuscan cuisine. The day culminates with a delicious meal which you helped prepare!



DAY 7 Visit Siena...return to Rome for a Farewell Dinner

After a relaxing breakfast, your driver will pick you up at the Villa and take you to Siena with its charming backstreets, famous Piazza del Campo designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Tuscany's hidden gem boasts the impressive 13th century Siena Cathedral, a splendid example of Italian Romanesque-Gothic architecture. After lunch at a selected restaurant, your driver will take you back to your hotel in Rome. In the evening, you are invited as private guests to the Your Own Italy headquarters in Palazzo Doria Pamphili for a farewell dinner toast to your next Tour with Your own Italy.

DAY 8 Rome Departure...Arrivederci! Please come again.

Your driver will pick you up with plenty of time to make your flight. Rome salutes you with a warm and heart-felt arrivederci! See you again. Now that you've travelled with Your Own Italy, you know you have friends here.

OTHER INFORMATION



- There is a dress code for churches and basilicas. Shoulders and knees must be covered; shorts, miniskirts and sleeveless shirts are not permitted. It is recommended that you not take large bags or backpacks on tours that include churches as storage accommodations are not always available.
- · This tour is not fully accessible for wheelchair users or people with walking disabilities. However, please contact us directly and we will be able to take you on alternative routes suitable for you.
- · Please wear comfortable footwear as the tours on your vacation involve a lot of walking.
- Contact Your Own Italy for customization options on your vacation.
- · Refer to our website for details on our Cancellation Policy.
- The team at Your Own Italy is absolutely flexible and will customize your vacation to suite your personal tastes and needs. Are you traveling with children? Are you disabled? We will provide all the assistance necessary to adjust our packages to ensure that your vacation is truly memorable!

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