Flavors of Chianti

MAY 20-28, 2021

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A Cultural Journey Through Tuscany’s Historic Sites, Quaint Villages, Welcoming Wineries, and Creative Kitchens
Dear Fellow Traveler,

Join our small group for an intimate journey exploring Chianti’s countryside—a region brimming with living history, extraordinary family traditions, and an endearing farm-to-table way of life.

Settle in for seven luxurious nights amidst the deluxe accommodations of Castello La Leccia in Castellina, featuring exceptional views of the lush, rolling Tuscan landscape.

Each invigorating day is enriched by historical site visits, cultural activities and interactions, memorable cuisine, and festive wine tastings.

Space is limited. With significant savings of more than $800 per couple, we anticipate this tour will fill quickly, so be certain to reserve your spot today and share this brochure with family and friends who may be interested in traveling with you.

Please reserve online at arizonaalumni.orbridge.com, by calling (866) 639-0079 or by returning the enclosed reservation form.

Sincerely,

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As we embark on this new world of group travel, the health and well-being of our guests, our team, and the communities we visit remain our top priority. For a detailed listing of the enhanced safety measures and hygiene protocols specific to our tours, please visit www.orbridge.com/wellness.

Orbridge takes seriously the responsibility to minimize our global environmental impact. Each year we plant 100,000 trees in U.S. State Forests with afforestation needs as an on-going initiative among our evolving sustainability efforts. Learn more at orbridge.com/going-green.
Embrace the bewitching enchantment, bucolic ambiance, and charismatic culture of Chianti.

Meander through Tuscany’s colorful cities, cypress-studded hilltop towns, classic cucinas, and idyllic vineyards during this small-group journey. Explore the Italian countryside that provides endless inspiration for artists, chefs, and vintners alike.
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: Volterra / San Gimignano (B,D)
Panoramic Volterra city tour, San Gimignano tower exploration, visit award-winning Gelateria Dondoli
Overnight: Castello La Leccia

Day 4: Pienza (B,L,D)
UNESCO site tour, organic farm visit
Overnight: Castello La Leccia

Day 5: Greve (B,L,D)
Villa Vignamaggio visit, cooking class and wine tasting
Overnight: Castello La Leccia

Day 6: Cortona (B,D)
Santa Margherita church, Bramasole villa, city center, Etruscan museum.
Overnight: Castello La Leccia

Day 7: Monteriggioni / Via Francigena / 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.
Repose

• 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—before strolling down the road to visit the Abbadia a Isola abbey.

• Stroll Siena—another UNESCO World Heritage Site—with its well-preserved cityscape, celebrated Duomo, and bustling Piazza del Campo.

Partake

• Visit Villa Vignamaggio—the childhood home of Lisa Gherardini, immortalized as the Mona Lisa by Leonardo da Vinci—and work side-by-side with Italian chefs during a cooking class and wine tasting.

• 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 handling

• 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 that 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. Subsequently, it was the site of heavy bombardments during WWII that destroyed part of the tower and the last medieval evidence and devastated a wing of the villa.

Undergoing more than four years of careful and rigorous restoration, the castle and the surrounding gardens recently 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 hair dryer.

**CATEGORIES**

**Superior:** Enjoy elegant furnishings and a serene area to unwind after an enriching day of exploration (approx. 270-302 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. 322-516 sq.ft.).
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 culinary tasting tour to sample a delicious assortment of breads, cheeses, salumi, crostini, balsamic vinegars, olive oils, sweets, and seasonal specialties—each paired with notable Tuscan varietals including Chianti and Nobile

**Day 10:** Florence (B)
Historic walking tour: Piazza della Signoria, Palazzo Vecchio, Ponte Vecchio, Dante’s house, San Lorenzo Market, Duomo, viewing of Michelangelo’s David at Accademia Gallery

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

**What’s Included**
- Two nights accommodations at Hotel Santa Maria Novella—shown below—or similar, with breakfast each morning
- Guided artisanal and cultural tour featuring food and wine tastings
- Guided panoramic walking tour of Florence’s historical highlights
- Admission to Accademia Gallery for a viewing of Michelangelo’s David
- Gratuities to driver and local guide
- Airport transfers for guests departing during the suggested times
MAY 20-28, 2021
Florence Post-Tour: May 28-30, 2021

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Special Alumni Rate: **Save more than $800** per couple

**AN EXCLUSIVE EARLY RESERVATION BONUS**

Reserve by January 22, 2021 to receive six bottles of wine featuring labels by vintners you will visit during this program.

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