

**Tuscany...wine&cuisine, art&landscape, a region for all seasons**

**Chianti-Montalcino-Montepulciano-Bolgheri STANDARD wine tour program**

## *The DiVine wine & gourmet tours*

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individual/corporate/incentive/educational **“custom” private tours** for small/medium groups in **Tuscany and Italy**, for tourism or business

luxury **wine tours** for **wine lovers** in the top wine estates, with **bilingual guides**, simultaneous translation, discovering the most important Italian wine regions; experiencing and tasting the top Italian wines such as: CHIANTI; BRUNELLO, BAROLO, AMARONE

**culinary tours** to discover the delicious traditional regional **gastronomy** and **cuisine**; **olive oil** tasting; private **cooking class**; **top restaurants** reservation

**mini van** or bus transfer, with chauffer; **shopping** in the most trendy **fashion boutiques** or **malls**

visit to the famous Art cities, such as **Florence, Siena, San Gimignano, Verona**

**accommodation** in charming 4\*/5\* country resorts, relais, hotels or private villas with swimming pool, located in the **most beautiful Tuscan and Italian country landscape**





preliminary **STANDARD program/budget**, for a **4 days/4 nights WINE TOUR in TUSCANY**, min 4 pax, with **3\* country resort** accommodation (**notice: the final program/budget would be arranged following client's specific request**)

**a) program**

**1st day, usually Tuesday or Wednesday** arrival in Tuscany, check-in

Arrival in Tuscany from abroad or from another Italian region by plane, or by client's cars or mini van;  
check- in a 3\* superior country resort in the Chianti area;  
welcome dinner (included in the price).

**2nd day, Wednesday or Thursday:** slowly the winding and scenic roads take us thru the romantic landscape of **the Chianti wine country**, to the magic **San Gimignano**, the pearl of Middle Age architecture

morning: visit to a 1st wine estate in the **Chianti Classico** area; **wine** and **extra virgin olive oil tasting**

lunch: in a typical restaurant (NOT included)

early afternoon: visit to a 2nd wine estate in the **Chianti Classico** area; **wine** and **extra virgin olive oil tasting**

late afternoon: transfer to **San Gimignano**, city tour

dinner: visit to a wine estate in **San Gimignano**, wine tasting of **Vernaccia wine**, dinner (included in the price)

after dinner: return to the hotel



**3rd day, Thursday or Friday:** the ancient hill-town of **Montepulciano** and its **Nobile** wine; then, along the scenic, breath taking roads of the **Crete Senesi**, to **Montalcino** and its world wide famous **Brunello**

morning: transfer to **Montepulciano**, visit to a wine estate and tasting of **Nobile** wine

lunch: in a typical restaurant (NOT included), city tour

early afternoon: transfer to **Montalcino**, visit to a wine estate and tasting of **Brunello** wine

late afternoon: return to the hotel;

dinner: in a local typical restaurant (NOT included)

**pls notice:** during both days, an alternative program for those not interested in wine, could be arranged upon request (cooking class, wellness treatment or shopping)



**4th day, Friday or Saturday, Bolgheri, the land of the famous Sassicaia wine**

morning: transfer to **Bolgheri** (1h50'); visit to a wine estate, **Bolgheri** wines tasting (NOT included)

lunch: in a typical restaurant (NOT included)

early afternoon: relax by the sea; visit to a wine estate, **Bolgheri** wines tasting (NOT included)

late afternoon: return to the hotel

dinner: farewell dinner in a typical restaurant of the city (NOT included);



**or else, if requested: 4th day, Friday or Saturday Florence, the heart of Renaissance and fashion**

morning: transfer to **Florence**; upon request, visit of the Uffizi Museum ( upon requested with licensed mother tongue Art History guide)

lunch: in a typical restaurant (NOT included)

afternoon: Florence city tour, free time, shopping

dinner: farewell dinner in a typical restaurant of the city (NOT included);

after dinner, return to the hotel

**5th day, Saturday or Sunday:** morning: check-out, **departure**





**b) budget per person: 935€, 890€, 845€, 800€, 755€** for a group of **4, 6, 8, 10 or 12 pax**, including:

- 4x nights accommodation, in a double or twin bedroom, in a 3\* country resort/hotel, with breakfast (NOTICE: single room supplement 120€/pax, for the entire tour, 4 nights)
- tour booking and organization
- full time tour guide, assistance and simultaneous translation into English (if requested, into any other language, NOT included in the price) during the entire tour duration (not during the visit to the art cities for which, upon request, can be hired a licensed guide, specialized in History of Art, NOT included in the price)
- 4 wine tastings (visit to the vineyards and cellars, lecture concerning cultivation and wine-making techniques; tasting of at least 3 wines, olive oil tasting and/or typical products such as cheese, ham; min. duration 2 h each)
- 1 welcome dinner, 1 dinner in San Gimignano

**not included in the price:**

- **Air tickets, travel insurance, insurance for possible cancellation (notice: these aspects of the tour are of the client's responsibility, included visa and any necessary documentation to entry Italy).**
- **Lunch and dinners, except for what listed above**
- **Transfer to and around Tuscany**

**Notice:** upon request we are able to provide a rented van service with or without chauffeur, NOT included in the price; yet, consider that van rental with chauffeur, are rather expensive in Tuscany; therefore, **in case of a group arriving by plane**, from an EU country, if interested in buying a certain quantity of wine, it might be cheaper **to send the van/bus to Tuscany, directly from their country**; that would be useful both for the transfer around Tuscany, and to bring back the wine (intra EU countries, up to 120 bottles per person, for private use, without any custom declaration); in any case, it's possible to organize a groupage of all the purchased wines, and land ship them to destination at rather convenient price within EU



**c) Terms, conditions**

- **Pls NOTICE: we are NOT travel agents, but free-lance travel consultants, wine experts and tour operator.** Therefore we do NOT provide air tickets, nor travel or cancellation assurance. **Clients might eventually ask their local travel agent, to take care of these aspects of the tour, including if necessary, collecting the money and acting with us, as an "official" partner in the organization of the tour**

- **Contract:** when the group leader would be able to collect a minimum number of participants on a tour, we will send an agreement (= proforma invoice), containing the terms of payment, cancellation, responsibilities etc. Let's anticipate just a couple important details:

**1) account payment:** in order to confirm all the bookings and services, as soon as the tour is confirmed, upon receiving our pro-forma invoice, we request the partner agent, or group leader, to forward to us, via bank money transfer, 50% of the total amount, as confirmation account payment. The remaining balance is due 30 days before arrival or eventually, CASH upon arrival. pls **NOTICE in general, no info about the wineries, nor about the accommodation (except pictures) we selected for the group, will be released, before receiving the account payment.**

**2) cancellation policy:** generally for possible cancellation of a single person or of the all group, we refer to what established by Italian law; in any case, a cancellation fee of 100% of the account payment will be applied no matter when the cancellation of the entire tour was communicated. However, we and the holiday resort, would offer the guests the opportunity not to waste the account payment, booking our services and the same accommodation, in any alternative period, depending on availability

