

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

Chianti-Montalcino-Pienza-Florence ELITE chauffeured 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 **lingual 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 **ELITE program/budget** for a **5 days/5 nights, WINE TOUR in Tuscany**, min **8**, max **18 pax**, with **4* hotel**, or **private villa** accommodation and **chauffered transfer** (**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 train, plane or coach

Transfer by van/bus with chauffeur (included in the price) to a country hotel/ resort 4* in the Chianti area; check-in welcome dinner (included in the price).

Notice: upon request, the group could be picked-up in any location in Italy by minivan or bus. In this case the rental service would be not included in the tour price (below) and should be calculated separately.

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 and Siena, the pearls of Middle Age architecture

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

lunch: in a typical restaurant (included)

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

late afternoon: return to the hotel; dinner in a typical restaurant (NOT included)

3rd day, Thursday or Friday, the ancient hill-town of Montalcino and its world wide famous Brunello wine; then, along the scenic, breath taking roads of the Crete Senesi, to Pienza, the jewel of Renaissance architecture and ..."pecorino", the typical Tuscan sheep milk cheese

morning: transfer to **Montalcino**, visit to a TOP wine estate and tasting of the **Brunello** wine

lunch: in a typical restaurant (included), city tour

early afternoon: transfer to **Pienza**, city tour, "pecorino" cheese tasting (included)

late afternoon: return to the hotel; dinner in a typical restaurant (NOT included)

Notice: during both days, an alternative program for women, if not interested in wine, could be arranged upon request (cooking class, wellness treatment or shopping)



4th day, Friday or Saturday, relax in the country side, cooking class

morning: free time, relax and light lunch by the pool of the resort

afternoon: upon request, Tuscan cooking class with a private chef, dinner at the resort (NOT included in the price)



5th day, Saturday or Sunday, Florence, the heart of Renaissance and... fashion

morning: transfer to **Florence**; upon request, visit of the Uffizi Museum (upon request, with licensed mother tongue Art History guide, NOT included in the price)

lunch: light lunch in a typical restaurant (NOT included)

afternoon: Florence city tour, free time, shopping

dinner: farewell dinner in a typical restaurant of the city (included); after dinner, return to the hotel



6th day, Sunday or Monday, departure

morning: check-out, transfer by minivan, to any airport in Tuscany (included), departure

notice: if the group would like to visit other towns such as Rome, Venice, Milano, we can arrange programs and accommodation for extra days



b) budget per person, 1.430€ for a group of minimum 8 pax, 1.160€ for a group of 16/18 pax, including:

- 5 nights accommodation, in a double or twin bedroom, in a 4* country resort/hotel, with breakfast (NOTICE: single room supplement 200€/pax, for the entire tour, 5 nights)
- tour booking and organization
- full time tour guide, assistance and simultaneous translation into English (if requested into any other language, NOT included) during the entire tour duration (not included during the visit to the art cities for which can be hired on request a licensed guide, specialized in History of Art, NOT included in the price)
- 2 (3?) 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)
- 2 lunch; 1 welcome dinner, 1 farewell dinner
- **transfer within Tuscany by minivan or bus with chauffeur during the entire tour**

notice: 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 to transfer the group around Tuscany, and to bring back the wine (intra EU countries, up to 120 bottles per person, for private use, without any custom declaration); that solution would remarkably cut down the budget per person listed above; in any case, there's no problem to organize a groupage of all the purchased wines, and land ship them to destination at rather convenient price within EU

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 into Italy).**
- **Any necessary transfer from other Italian regions to Tuscany and vice versa**
- **Dinners, except for the first and the last**



c) Terms, conditions

- **Pls NOTICE: we are NOT travel agents, but free-lance travel consultants, wine experts and tour operators.** Therefore we don't 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 30/20 days before arrival or eventually, CASH upon arrival. pls **NOTICE in general, with just a few exceptions, 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

