



SMALL GROUP TOURS



FLORENCE & TUSCANY



Florence & Tuscany Tour Summary

It's your time to rediscover the simple pleasures of life, while enjoying a stress-free vacation on our Tuscany Italy tour. Starting and ending in **Florence**, you'll spend 3 nights in the city. Enjoy **private walking tours** in Florence, including priority access to see Michelangelo's David at the **Galleria dell'Accademia**.

Then, make yourself at home in a beautiful **Tuscan villa hotel** for a whole week. From there, take day trips in executive Mercedes vans to explore surrounding Tuscany countryside, including **Siena & San Gimignano**, the **Chianti wine district**, **Montepulciano**, **Pienza**, **Cortona**, and many more.

The region of Tuscany is full of amazing and unique historical and cultural sites. And just as rich as its history and culture is the food and wine that's offered there!



11 days / 10 nights



Maximum of 12 travelers



Fully escorted with full-time tour leader

Start: Florence

Finish: Florence

Stay: 7 nights Tuscan villa hotel,
+ 3 nights Florence

Tour Itinerary - Florence & Tuscany

Day 1 | Friday

Welcome to Italia! Tonight you will rest in a beautifully restored palazzo, now a luxury boutique hotel, in the historical heart of Florence and relax after a long trip overseas. You can regain your energies tonight and start the trip of a lifetime in one of the world's most beautiful cities!

No meals included.

Day 2 | Saturday

Meet in the lobby in the morning and enjoy an orientation tour through the historical streets of **Florence**, guided by your expert local guide who will show you the main sites, churches, and shopping areas that Florence is known for. Enjoy lunch on your own. Before we make our way to the Tuscan countryside, we'll stop on one of the side-hills of Florence from where you can enjoy the most breathtaking view of the Renaissance city. Later, we'll arrive on the scenic property of a beautiful local **Tuscan Villa Hotel** (50 min. drive from Florence) surrounded by cypress trees, vineyards, and olive groves. After our arrival, you'll be able to enjoy some free time to relax, have a glass of vino, water, unpack, walk, take a power nap, explore the grounds, and freshen up. In other words make yourself at home in Tuscany. Benvenuto dinner in the property.

Meals included: Breakfast and Dinner

Day 3 | Sunday

You'll take your first peak into the Italian lifestyle in a small sleepy village in Umbria: **Castiglione del Lago** by Lake Trasimeno. Visit the various deli's and specialty gourmet shops, enjoy a typical Italian Sunday morning seeing families come out to greet their neighbors and stretch out with their morning "passeggiata" (stroll). Group lunch in a historical trattoria. Then to **Cortona**, the charming Etruscan hilltop village where "Under the Tuscan Sun" was filmed. Its massive 3,000-year-old walls are still standing! Enjoy some free time and have a gelato as you mingle with the locals, explore the intricate alley ways, picturesque views of the countryside, or sit back at a coffee shop. Group meets in **Piazza della Repubblica** to return to the Villa. Stop on the way for your group dinner in an oldest family-owned locanda with some traditional Tuscan dishes.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 4 | Monday

Today is a super-fun day where you'll have the chance to take part in a special hands-on **cooking class** by a local Chef, as he shows you how to make some simple Tuscan recipes that we'll enjoy for lunch. Enjoy a relaxing afternoon on your own at the Villa or a quiet walk in nature (the property offers several panoramic hiking trails). We'll then have a group dinner at a nearby family-owned Pizzeria for a fun, casual, fresh, piping-hot pizza!!

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner



Day 5 | Tuesday

San Gimignano, our first stop, is an absolutely astonishing example of a walled Medieval hilltop town, also known for its dry white wine, Vernaccia and its colorful local crafts: hand-painted pottery, alabaster, olive wood items, and much more. Enjoy plenty of free time and lunch on your own. After lunch we will drive to amazing **Siena**, where a local guide will meet us and give us a true “insider’s tour” of the city: she’ll tell us about the Sienese peculiar lifestyle, taking us through hidden parts of the city and pointing out things most tourists don’t know about! You will also have free time to explore the town and visit its amazing Cathedral. Group dinner in a typical local restaurant. Delizioso!

Meals included: Breakfast and Dinner

Day 6 | Wednesday

Enjoy a relaxing morning at the villa to spend at your leisure. Enjoy a glass of wine & book under the trees...or relax by the pool and gardens. This is your slice of La Dolce Vita! In the afternoon, we’ll depart for more wine and cooking again! We will experience another fun group **cooking lesson** by a local chef (participation is optional). Bring your aprons to the old kitchen and learn to make fresh pasta! Group dinner after the cooking class with a wine tasting.

Meals included: Breakfast and Dinner

Day 7 | Thursday

Our first stop is one of Tuscany’s most charming villages, **Pienza**, the drive alone offers some of the most stunning views of the countryside. Pienza was built as the ideal Renaissance city by Pope Pius II who “remodeled” it according to his taste. Lunch in a small family-owned trattoria, and then enjoy some free time in this fairytale-like community. Our next stop is the region’s highest hilltop town: **Montepulciano**, land of the Vino Nobile (“the noblemen’s wine”). Group walk through town, stopping for a visit at an **ancient wine cellar**. We meet at the Porta al Prato (large brick archway at bottom of hill), our final stop of the day will be for a delicious dinner made with farm-fresh ingredients and wines included. Buon Appetito!

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner



Day 8 | Friday

Drive to the nearby **Greve** in Chianti (only 15 minute drive) where we'll have some free time to shop and explore. Shortly afterwards, we will have panoramic drive through the heart of the oldest part of the Chianti Classico hills. We'll make a quick stop in the amazingly small and uniquely charming **Montefioralle** to walk around and explore. Then we'll visit an historic **wine estate**, with a private tour of the beautiful wine cellars, followed by group lunch paired with wines. Once we return, you'll have a little free time before our last group dinner, at the Villa. Please reserve some time after dinner to prepare your luggage for morning checkout.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 9 | Saturday

We transfer back to Florence in the morning. At our arrival, a local guide will meet you in the lobby for a private tour of the **Galleria dell'Accademia** to see **Michelangelo's David** up close and personal. And right after that, we will take a nice walking tour through the street of the cradle of the Renaissance! Dinner will be on your own tonight.

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 10 | Sunday

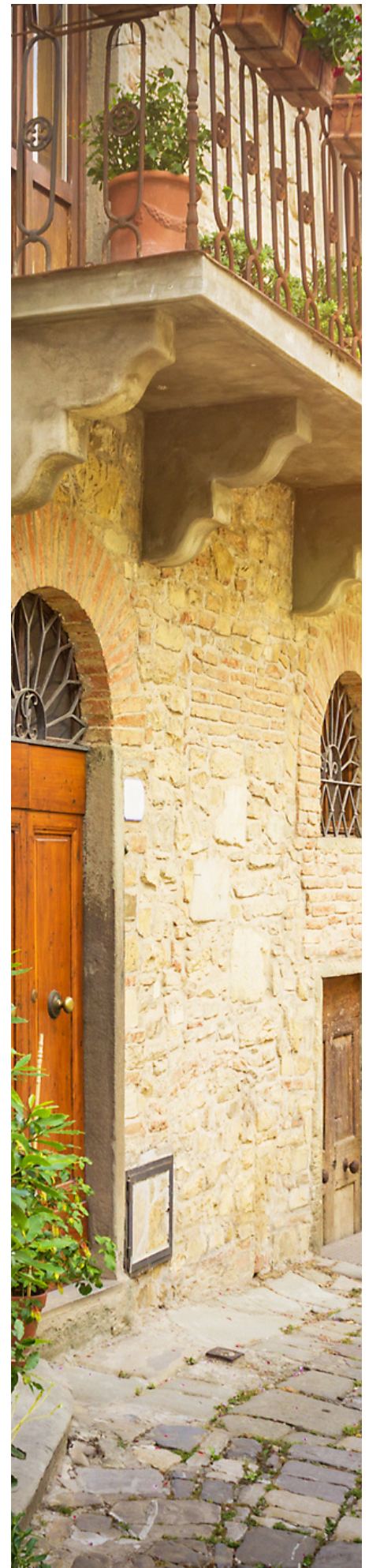
You can shop around Florence or.. take a day trip to Rome or Venice! Enjoy a day of total freedom in one of the world's most beautiful cities or easily take day trips to other areas by train, as Florence is centrally located. Ask us for recommendations on activities in Florence or other day-trips you can take from here. Tonight will be your last night of the tour so make it special!

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 11 | Monday

Hopefully, you can stay longer in this gorgeous country and explore other regions. Nada's Italy wishes to have you back and experience more parts of this colorful culture! Until next time, beautiful ITALIA says Ciao!

Meals included: Breakfast





What's included ?

Small group travel: maximum of 12 travelers per group!

Fully escorted day trips with a full-time English-speaking Tour Leader and professional private drivers.

Meals included: all *breakfasts*, some *lunches* and *dinners* (included meals are shown at bottom of each day's itinerary.)

Beverages included: bottled water, soft drinks, coffee, and 2 glasses of wine per meal (choice of red or white wine)

Private Walking Tours by licensed English-speaking City Guides, including **PRIORITY** entrance & tickets to attractions.

Private Transportation for day trips and transfers in comfortable air-conditioned Mercedes Executive vans (does not include: transfer from and to the airport, airfare, or any other personal travel expenses).

A+ Rated Customer Service with Nada's Italy you can rest assured that your travel experience will be completely stress-free. Your personal Journey Coordinator will assist you with any additional services you may need, provide expert packing and travel advice, and answer any questions you may have before your trip.

Return Traveler Program: receive up to \$800 credit per person towards any future trips you take with Nada's Italy!

No bag limit (many tour companies have a 1-bag limit per person).

Taxes & Fees: Local VAT taxes and government fees, City Tax, gas, highway tolls, city access licenses and permits, parking fees.

Staff & restaurant tips (additional gratuities can be given at the sole discretion of each traveler).

Important information

- Some tours start and end in different cities, make sure to book your flights accordingly.
- Reminders, hotel information, and arrival instructions will be sent only by email, please make sure we have your current email address.
- You must be in good physical condition to sign-up for this trip! There will be extended standing and walking over uneven pavement. An average walking tour is about 2-3 hours without sitting.
- We strongly recommend that you purchase Travel Insurance for your trip. For suggestions on policies and a quote, please contact us.
- You should know that air conditioning in Italy, as well as WIFI connection, are not always as reliable as they are in the United States.
- The hotel staff assigns rooms to guests, some rooms may include stairs. A view is not guaranteed. As we work mainly with small upscale boutique hotels, rooms can differ in size and layout. Please contact us if you have specific requests/needs.
- Even though tips to staff and restaurants are included, it is suggested that you put aside approximately \$100 in combined gratuities for your driver & Tour Director for your trip.
- It is your responsibility to obtain the required documents to travel to Italy. Your passport should be valid for at least 6 months after your return date.
- In the unlikely event your tour does not reach the minimum participation requirement of 6 travelers, we will work with you to choose another available tour or tour date. We will do our best to make the transition as smooth as possible.
- Please note: while we do our best to adhere to our published itineraries, they may be changed at the discretion of the Tour Leader due to weather conditions and other unforeseeable circumstances.
- Unless stated otherwise, all rates are per person, based on double occupancy, land only, in USD, and subject to availability. Rates may vary by departure date and are subject to change without notice.