GRAND TOUR OF TUSCANY - THE 5 SENSES 2026-27

Duration: 9 days · Tour languages: English

Day 1 · Date TBD · Cortona

Rome > Cortona “the most beautiful village in Tuscany” - Arezzo km.240

Departure from Rome – lunch on your own – guided visit of Cortona (a town rich in monuments of great historical and cultural interest, where Etruscan and medieval art prevail, including Piazza della Repubblica with the 12th-century Town Hall, Piazza del Duomo with the Cathedral of Santa Maria Assunta, and the Diocesan Museum) – in the evening, hotel accommodation in Arezzo - dinner at the hotel - after dinner, Arezzo by night with private coach and tour leader, walking tour through the historic centre – overnight stay.

Day 2 · Date TBD · Montepulciano

Arezzo “an elegant and ancient city” & Montepulciano “between the…

Val di Chiana and Val d’Orcia” km.100. Breakfast at the hotel – full-day guided excursion – visit of Arezzo (Cathedral, Medici Fortress, Petrarch’s House, Piazza Grande, Vasari Loggia, Church of Santa Maria della Pieve, Piazza San Francesco, the Church of San Francesco housing one of Piero della Francesca’s most famous works –The Legend of the True Cross–, Roman Amphitheatre), and Montepulciano (an ancient Etruscan hill town that reached its height during the Renaissance; its historic centre, enclosed within 4th-century walls, is a succession of elegant palaces and churches, culminating in Piazza Grande with the Palazzo del Capitano, seat of the Town Hall, and the Cathedral) – typical lunch in a restaurant – tasting of local products - free time for shopping - in the evening return to the hotel in Arezzo - dinner at the hotel – after dinner walking tour with tour leader – overnight stay.

Day 3 · Date TBD · Montalcino

Val D’orcia “the eighth wonder of the world, a Unesco World Heritage…

Site” - Pienza “the ideal city” – San Quirico D’orcia “a fairytale setting” – Montalcino “home of Brunello” km.190. Breakfast at the hotel – full-day guided excursion – visit of Pienza, a UNESCO World Heritage Site (the ideal city envisioned and created by the humanist Pope Pius II, a small jewel set among the gentle hills of the Val d’Orcia, with its splendid square, history-filled palaces, winding lanes and romantic views), San Quirico d’Orcia (an ancient Etruscan village on the Via Francigena, immersed in an almost fairytale landscape of vineyards and olive groves, standing high on the hill among beautiful rocky outcrops and medieval parish churches), and Montalcino (walking tour through the medieval village of military origin, famous worldwide for its wine) - typical lunch in a restaurant – DOC wine tasting - in the evening return to the hotel in Arezzo - dinner at the hotel – after dinner walking tour with tour leader – overnight stay.

Day 4 · Date TBD · San Gimignano

Arezzo – Siena - San Gimignano “the Manhattan of the Middle Ages”…

Lucca km.200. Breakfast at the hotel – full-day guided excursion – Siena, a UNESCO World Heritage Site (Basilica of San Domenico, Cathedral, Crypt, Baptistery, Piccolomini Library, Piazza del Campo, Torre del Mangia - exterior only) - tasting of traditional sweets - typical lunch in a restaurant – visit of San Gimignano, a UNESCO World Heritage Site (tour of the historic centre of the city of towers, Piazza della Cisterna, Vicolo dell’Oro, Piazza del Duomo, Collegiate Church of Santa Maria Assunta) - in the evening arrival at the hotel in Lucca - dinner at the hotel – free evening - tour leader at guests’ disposal – overnight stay.

Day 5 · Date TBD · Carrara

Versilia & The Apuan Alps “Colonnata lard, Carrara marble, and the…

beaches of Versilia” km.180. Breakfast at the hotel – full-day guided excursion – visit of Carrara (Piazza Alberica, Cathedral of Sant’Andrea, Teatro degli Animosi, the Floating Stone fountain in Piazza d’Armi), Colonnata (a characteristic village in the heart of the Apuan Alps, famous for Carrara white marble and the delicious Lardo di Colonnata), Forte dei Marmi (its elegant seafront), Viareggio (walking tour along the pier and Liberty-style tour) - typical lunch in a restaurant – DOC wine tasting - in the evening return to the hotel in Lucca - dinner at the hotel – after dinner Lucca by night, with private coach and tour leader, walking tour through the historic centre – overnight stay.

Day 6 · Date TBD · Livorno

Livorno “the city of Modigliani and of the Italian Communist Party”…

& Pisa “the Leaning Tower” km.100. Breakfast at the hotel – full-day guided excursion – visit of Livorno (walking tour of the historic centre and the places associated with Modigliani – Piazza del Municipio, Teatro San Marco in the Venezia district, the octagonal Church of Santa Caterina, the lanes and bridges overlooking the Medici Canals, Mercato delle Vettovaglie) - typical lunch in a restaurant - in the afternoon guided visit of Pisa (walking tour through the city centre: Piazza Vittorio Emanuele, Corso Italia, Logge dei Banchi, Lungarno Mediceo, Piazza dei Cavalieri, Piazza dei Miracoli with its UNESCO-listed landmarks: the Leaning Tower, the Baptistery, the Cathedral, and the Camposanto) - in the evening return to the hotel in Lucca - dinner at the hotel – free evening - tour leader at guests’ disposal – overnight stay.

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Day 7 · Date TBD · Firenze

Lucca - Florence “Palazzo Pitti” km.90

Breakfast at the hotel – in the morning guided visit of Lucca (Church of San Francesco, Piazza dell’Anfiteatro, Basilica of San Frediano, Palazzo Pfanner, the city’s Renaissance walls, Piazza Napoleone and Palazzo Ducale, Cathedral of San Martino) - typical lunch in a restaurant – in the afternoon guided visit of Ponte Vecchio and Palazzo Pitti (Palazzo Pitti houses some of Florence’s most important museums: on the first floor is the Palatine Gallery with a vast collection of 16th- and 17th-century paintings, together with the Royal Apartments furnished with 19th-century period pieces. On the ground and mezzanine floors is the Treasury of the Grand Dukes, also known as the Silver Museum, which contains the Medici family’s great collection of precious objects. The Gallery of Modern Art is on the top floor and houses an outstanding collection of paintings, including works by 19th- and 20th-century Tuscan artists. In the Palazzina del Cavaliere, detached from the palace and set within the Boboli Gardens, is the Porcelain Museum, while the Palazzina della Meridiana houses the Museum of Fashion and Costume, known as the Costume Gallery, with garments and fashion artefacts tracing the history of the past 300 years) and the UNESCO-listed Boboli Gardens - dinner in a gourmet restaurant – free evening – tour leader at guests’ disposal – overnight stay.

Day 8 · Date TBD · Firenze

Florence “the UNESCO-listed historic centre”

Breakfast at the hotel – full day devoted to a guided walking tour of Florence’s UNESCO-listed historic centre (Basilica of Santa Croce and the Pazzi Chapel, Piazza della Signoria, Loggia dei Lanzi, Palazzo Vecchio, Baptistery of San Giovanni and Giotto’s Bell Tower, Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, Basilica of Santa Maria Novella, San Marco Museum with frescoes by Fra Angelico) – free time - typical lunch in a restaurant – dinner in a traditional restaurant – after dinner Florence by night, panoramic minibus tour with tour leader (Piazzale Michelangelo, San Miniato al Monte, Scandicci, the Certosa, Fiesole) – overnight stay.

Day 9 · Date TBD · Firenze

Florence “the Uffizi Gallery” - Rome km.280

Breakfast at the hotel – in the morning guided visit of the UNESCO-listed Uffizi Gallery (the Gallery occupies the entire first and second floors of the great building constructed between 1560 and 1580 to a design by Giorgio Vasari: it is one of the most famous museums in the world for its extraordinary collections of ancient sculpture and paintings from the Middle Ages to the modern era. Its 14th-century and Renaissance painting collections contain some of the absolute masterpieces of all time, including works by Giotto, Simone Martini, Piero della Francesca, Fra Angelico, Filippo Lippi, Botticelli, Mantegna, Correggio, Leonardo, Raphael, Michelangelo and Caravaggio, as well as masterpieces of European painting, especially German, Dutch and Flemish) – lunch on your own – free time for shopping – in the afternoon departure for the return journey – arrival in the evening. Please Note: the scheduled visits may be rearranged between the various days according to museum opening times or technical requirements, but the programme remains unchanged.

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