



# TUSCANY TOUR

October 6th to 12th, 2024

Expanding on our love of food and table, A'Tavola will be offering yet another unforgettable trip this year, to experience first hand that which inspires us. Through travel, food and the making of new friendships, we will explore all that the spirit of Tuscany has to offer.

**Experiencing a culture's food is one of the best and most enjoyable ways to understand and appreciate its people.**

**Join our small group for an intimate & memorable experience of the Tuscan countryside. We will spend a week exploring the culture through food, breathtaking landscapes, a cooking class, wine tastings and private tours of some of Italy's most charming villages.**

## DAY 1 | FLORENCE & GREVE IN CHIANTI

### Sunday, October 6th

Buongiorno! Welcome to Tuscany...we are delighted to have you! Today one of us, along with our driver, will greet you at the Florence Airport rendezvous spot at 2:00PM to transport you back to our Villa. On arrival you will then have time to settle in, unpack & explore the grounds that we will call home for the next week. This evening our friend Susanna, a wonderful local chef, will prepare a welcome dinner for everyone. This will be a great opportunity to connect with the other travelers & to get to know one another.

Dinner

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*\*We recommend guests arrive in Florence a day or two in advance in order to recover from the journey and to take advantage of your time in Italy. If staying in Florence, it is just a 15 minute ride back to the airport terminal when the time comes to meet our group for the drive to our Villa outside Greve in Chianti. Please consult us before finalizing your travel arrangements if you have any questions.*

## **DAY 2 | BARBERINO VAL D' ELSA & SAN GIMIGNANO**

### **Monday, October 7th**

Barberino Val d' Elsa, despite being in Chianti, is slightly off the usual tourist tracks, which makes it perfect for those wishing to explore a more authentic, un-crowded Tuscany. The historic center of Barberino Val d' Elsa is a classic medieval settlement, elongated in shape and divided by a main street that connects the two gates, the Sienese-Roman and the Fiorentina. We will have time to explore this town before driving to the famous town of San Gimignano. In town, we will stop at one of our favorite restaurants for a delicious lunch. San Gimignano is a charming hill town with its striking medieval towers. We will have time to leisurely explore this photogenic town, including a stop at one of Italy's best gelato shops. After gelato, we will head back to the Villa to relax before dinner later in the evening.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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## **DAY 3 | GREVE IN CHIANTI**

### **Tuesday, October 8th**

Prepare for a delightful day of gastronomic indulgence and wine tasting as we explore the renowned Chianti region. Our day begins with a drive to the Florence American Cemetery for a guided tour. This cemetery is honoring the lives of American soldiers lost in World War II. We will then head to Greve where you will have time to explore our host village and visit some of our favorite shops. We will visit our favorite family-run butcher shop, Falorni's. Dating back to 1806, Falorni's has evolved into a culinary institution known for its dedication to preserving the flavors of Chianti. In the afternoon, we will enjoy a tour of the Vignamaggio, a Tuscan winery that has been in operation since 1404. After we enjoy a beautiful lunch and a tour of the vineyards we will head back to the villa to relax before an exciting evening! Later this evening we will have dinner at Dario's in Panzano. Chef Dario Cecchini is the most famous butcher in Tuscany! Not only is he a master of the grill, but also a captivating personality who brings the art of Tuscan cooking to life.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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## **DAY 4 | SIENA**

### **Wednesday, October 9th**

Today we visit Siena where we will enjoy a special, in depth tour of the medieval town, led by our Tuscan guide and friend Camilla, who has been a licensed tour guide for over 30 years. Our tour will include visits to the Cathedral, which houses works by Michelangelo, Bernini, & Raffaello, along with strolling some of the most impressive Piazzas, Medieval fountains & Gothic palaces. We will gather together in Siena for lunch at one of Camilla's local favorite cafes. After lunch, guests will have time to shop some of the Medieval streets and explore on their own before we head back to our Villa.

Dinner tonight will be at one of our favorite restaurants in Radda in Chianti.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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## **DAY 5 | COOKING CLASS, WINE & ABBEY TOUR**

### **Thursday, October 10th**

Today we will breakfast together at the Villa and then prepare for a truly immersive culinary and culturally rich experience at Badia a Coltibuono. Our beloved Badia (which means "abbey") dates from the 11th century and operates today as a well known cooking school, which was originally founded by the women of the renowned Medici family from Florence. The day will include a tour of

the abbey & wine cellar, which takes place after our cooking class in regional Tuscan cuisine and our lunch together. Down the road from the abbey is a charming shop, where you will be able to purchase traditional Italian products. After a full day of enjoying the local food & wine, we will head for the villa to wind down before dinner.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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## **DAY 6 | AREZZO**

### **Friday, October 11th**

After enjoying breakfast together at the Villa we will head to the beautiful Tuscan town of Arezzo. We will visit the hilltop Cathedral to view the 15th century fresco of Mary Magdalene by Piero della Francesca on the vaulted ceiling. There is deep history and much to explore in this charming town. We will have some free time to explore the town on our own before heading to lunch at one of our local guides favorite spots. After our visit we will head back to the Villa to have time to pack our things for our departure tomorrow. Tonight Chef Susanna and her team will prepare a farewell dinner for us as we reflect on our week together.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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## **DAY 7 | FLORENCE - DEPARTURE DAY**

### **Saturday, October 12th**

Today, after our farewells, we will make an early departure from the Villa as our driver transports the guests back to Florence arriving at the airport by 10:00 am. This allows all our travelers to choose from several options including the short ride back into Florence for an extended visit, to catch a train to numerous destinations in Italy or elsewhere in Europe or to simply remain at the airport for departing flights. Please feel free to inquire of us for any suggestions if you plan to extend your stay after the tour.

Breakfast

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\*Arrival and departure logistics will have been sent to you. If you need assistance planning your arrival and departure flights, please check with us before purchasing.

**\*\*NOTE-**

This promises to be a wonderful trip for all; however, flexibility and a spirit of adventure are always appreciated! We will do our very best to stick to the itinerary but we may have to change it due to weather or any unexpected situations.

Throughout the year leading up to our tour dates, we will continue to make various schedule changes and updates to this itinerary, including any newly discovered features and activities that might become available. Final Itineraries will be provided to all travelers prior to departure.

**Tour Price Includes:**

\* 7 days / 6 nights lodging at a private 17th Century Villa

\* Accommodations most always include en-suite bathrooms

- All breakfasts / all lunches & dinners with local wine / gratuities
- Small group travel / typically around 18 guests

\* Snacks and Beverages available at the villa

- Private transportation / Van or Coach & Driver for all excursions
- Local Guides / Various Private Tours

\* Entrance Tickets

- All excursions listed in detailed itinerary

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**Tour Price Does Not Include:**

\* Air Transportation.

\* Travel insurance for your trip. (which we recommend)

\* Anything that is not specified as included

- Any personal related expenses or travel related expenses outside of the scheduled itineraries.
- Any alcoholic beverages or any other wines that are not presented during scheduled meals.

\* Optional additional tips to restaurants, tour guides or drivers. We will pay gratuities to our various service providers. Any additional gratuities may be given at the sole discretion of each individual traveler.

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**Individual Tour Pricing - Provence 2024**

**\$7,495.00 per person / Double Occupancy**

**Single Supplement \$3,500.00 (Single booking opportunities are very limited and may not be available )**

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**PAYMENT SCHEDULE:**

50% of total trip cost due at time of registration.

Remaining -50% of total trip cost due by June 15, 2024.

**Schedule of Cancellation Fees -**

Canceling more than 160 days prior to tour start date:

Cancellation Fee - 25% of total trip cost

Canceling 120 to 159 days prior to tour start date:

Cancellation fee - 50% of total trip cost

Canceling less than 120 days or less prior to tour start date:

Cancellation fee 100% of total trip cost

No exceptions will be made.

**There is no refund or partial credit for leaving  
a program early or for arriving late.**