

# Wine & Spa Tour in Tuscany

## Pisa - day 1 and day 2 and 3

Arrival at Pisa airport transfer to the hotel for overnight, including dinner and free city tour on the next morning



### Pisa:

Famous for its special tower, this important monument is only one of many to visit in Pisa. In the famous **Campo dei Miracoli**, you can find the main religious monuments: as the **Duomo Tower**, the **Battistero** and the **Campo Santo**.

### Day 3 – Morning LUCCA city tour

Transfer to Lucca (18 km), guided tour of the town and lunch.

In the and afternoon visit of “Manifattura del Sigaro Toscano” (the only cigar factory left in Italy) and a guided taste of “Sigaro Toscano and Grappa” (Tuscan cigar and grappa).



### Lucca:

The tour starts with a walk along its intact Renaissance era city wall being the international symbol of the city. From the walls you can see Guinigi Tower, the famous and medieval “Clock Tower”, the Duomo of Lucca and “hundred Churches” We recommend a walk through Via Fillungo.



## Day 3 – Afternoon LUCCA cigars

### The “TOSCANO” cigar

Visit of Cigar manufacturing, an Italian culture and tradition. In 1818 Ferdinando III, Grand Duke of Toscana, founded in Florence a tobacco factory where cigars were produced with fermented tobacco. Processing of tobacco leaves is a long work requiring special skills. A lengthy process using machinery and manpower is needed to create these world famous **Tuscan cigars**. The tour will show you how –even if machinery is used now, this is still a hand crafted product.



Also you will visit the heart of the cigar makers kingdom “Le sigaraie” (The cigar rollers ).

### Guided tasting of the “Toscano” cigar and grappa

You will be able to taste different types of the Toscano Cigars.



Transfer to Siena for dinner and overnight (146 km)

## Siena - day 4 and 5

Overnight in Siena or nearby, including dinner

Day 4 – Morning CHIANTI AND SAN GIMIGNANO (48 km)

Transfer, guided tour and wine tasting in a winery in Chianti, followed by a lunch and a guided tour of San Gimignano



developed in the future San Gimignano.

### San Gimignano:

the foundation of San Gimignano dates back to ancient times. According to the legend in 63 bc two brothers, Muzio and Silvio, two young patricians escaped from Rome after their implication in the conspiracy of Catiline, sheltered in Valdelsa and built two castles: the Castle of Mucchio and the Castle of Silvia, that

Visit: theDuomo/Square of Duomo/Chapel of Santa Fina /Square of Cisterna /Museum of tortures

Lunch in a locally renown restaurant.

Day 5 – Morning guided tour of Siena with free lunch



### Siena:

Siena is likely Italy's loveliest medieval city, and a trip worth making even if you are in Tuscany for just a few days. Siena's heart is its central piazza known as Il Campo, known worldwide for the famous Palio run here.

Transfer to Orbetello or Saturnia(154 km), hotel check-in and dinner.

## South Tuscany - Maremma

Days 6 - 7 -8

Overnight in Orbetello / Saturnia in B&B

Day 6 –Morning

Transfer to the Uccellina National Park (<https://www.parco-maremma.it/en/>) (38 km)

### Carriage tour in Uccellina Park



Uccellina Park covers 9,000 hectares (22,000 acres) plus an extra 8,500 hectares (22,000 acres) of open land around its boundaries. It is a paradise! Filled with bird life, plants and beautiful views. During the excursion you can admire the flora, fauna, and wild life. This wild and untouched land provides a perfect fusion of nature and meditation. Stop on the beach to view the beautiful landscapes.



### Lunch in a typical restaurant in Maremma

Here you will have the chance of tasting the excellent food prepared according to the tradition and with high respect of the territory. The combination with local wines and extra virgin olive oil will give a special taste to the dishes, a good memory of this territory.



After lunch transfer to Capalbio (25 km).

### Capalbio:



Is an ancient village surrounded by the Tuscan countryside. Within its walls you are able to "breathe" the atmosphere of the past centuries; along the narrow streets, squares and the ancient walkways you get the impression of stepping back in time.

On the crenelated tower of the Aldobrandesco castle (which still retains the piano played by Puccini) and on its walls, you can admire a panorama of extraordinary beauty. There is also the fifteenth-century church of St. Nicholas and the Oratory of Divine Providence with

"frescos" by Pinturicchio.

Dinner in a selected restaurant of the Maremma Region.



Transfer to the hotel for overnight.

Day 7 -Morning

Transfer to Pitigliano (60 km)



### Pitigliano

A guided walking tour in the ancient town of Pitigliano. Wander back in time, down cobble stone streets and delightful picturesque alleys and alcoves waiting for you .

Visit and explore the churches of Saint Maria and the Duomo of Saints Pietro and Paolo, the Jewish quarter and the Synagogue.

### Winery tour and wine tasting

Local vineyards give great wines and during this experience, you will learn about the different stages of production up to tasting the final product together with excellent local food.



### Lunch in a local restaurant

The restaurant is located in the “Tuff Rock Area”. You will taste a menu with typical local products, like Antipasto Maremmano, Acquacotta and Pici (type of pasta) with sausage and porcini mushrooms, wild boar and beans, handmade cake, local wines, coffee and grappa.

## Day 7- Afternoon

Transfer to another wonderful old village, Sorano (9,1 km)

### Sorano:

Another famous village in the Tufa area is Sorano, built on a high rock of tuff rock a few kilometres from Pitigliano. Sorano is defined the “Matera of Tuscany” for its peculiar look: many urban buildings are dug into the tufa.

Like Pitigliano, Sorano has Etruscan origins, which we understand from the remarkable discoveries of ancient settlements and necropolises.

Here you can visit the Collegiate Church of St. Niccolò, the ancient palace of counts Orsini and their Fortress, the defensive outpost of Masso Leopoldino and the unique archaeological park “Città del Tufo” (Tuff city).



Transfer to the next pearl: Sovana (9,8 km)



## Sovana:

Sovana is a small medieval village of the Tuscan Maremma. **Suana** is the name given by the Romans, derives from the Etruscan “*suf*”, meaning “*green earth*”. Sovana is the birthplace of Ildebrando di Sovana, who later became Pope Gregorio VII.

One of the most important monuments of civilization of the Etruscan, in the Etruscan Necropolis of Sovana, is the *Tumb of Ildebranda*

**Dinner in a typical local Trattoria.**

## Day 8 – Morning

### Mini Cruise of the laguna of Orbetello

Welcome on board the boat Remus from which you will enjoy the beauty of the landscape and the evocative sight of the town seen from the lagoon.

It might be possible to watch the fishermen working on board their vessels. The lagoon is home to the project life, funded by the E.U. whose aim it is to protect and preserve important aspects of the environment and its species. The lagoon has the shape of a trapezoid, whose bases are the coast and the promontory of Argentario and the sides are two strips of sand, called Tomboli, the Feniglia and the Giannella.

Inside it is divided in two parts: The Eastern and The Western lagoon with an isthmus in the middle, partially natural and partially man made, where the town of Orbetello lies.

**Lunch on board with typical sea products.**





## Day 8 - Afternoon

### Transfer to Marsiliana Castle (

The Estate belongs to the Corsini family, one of the oldest and most famous Italian aristocratic families. The name Marsiliana comes from the legend of La Bella Marsiliana who was kidnapped by Pirate Barbarossa and taken to the Sultan of Costantinopoli.

The guided tour will take you on a visit of the Castle with its tower, the wine cellar, the little interesting church and the Farm Museum with its collection of ancient tools and fragments of daily life in that times.



Wine tasting and dinner at "Tenuta Marsiliana".

## Day 9 -

The day will be organised depending on departure time from Pisa airport (195 km) or from Florence (191 km) or Rome (154 km)

Prices will be calculated depending on size of the group and period.



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