

Tour Includes:

- Accommodations for seven (7) nights at the listed hotels, rooms with private facilities
- Italian Buffet Breakfast daily, except day of arrival
- Welcome dinner with music & wine in Rome
- Wine Tasting plus Welcome dinner with wine at the Villa
- Restaurant dinner in the village of Figline Valdarno.
- Farewell dinner with wine at the Villa
- Arrival transfer with assistance from Airport to Rome Hotel
- Panoramic Rome tour & roundtrip transfers for dinner in Rome
- Guided tour of the Glory of Rome-Roman Forums, The Colosseum (skip the lines admission) and Pantheon
- Full day bus excursion to Chianti and villa
- Three hour guided tour of Florence with transfers, including admission Accademia
- Full day guided tour of Cinque Terre with train & boat
- Full day excursion with guide to Siena & San Gimignano
- Return transfer from Villa to Rome Airport
- Wine tasting in Montepulciano, and Wine tasting in San Gimignano
- English speaking tour escort throughout your trip
- Portfolio of travel documents

NOT INCLUDED: City tax; porterage; tips to driver, escorts or local guides. Anything not clearly stated as being included.

OPTIONAL
1/2 Day Vatican Tour:
\$80 Per Person
(min. 20 passengers)

Hotels/similar

ROME (3 NTS): Hotel Donna Laura Palace

> CHIANTI (4 NTS): Villa Casagrande







Distinct Travel



Rome & Tuscany

Sept 22 - 30, 2018

Tour Price \$3,680 Per Person - Air, Tax & Land (based on 20 passengers)

\$450 Single Supplement (additional, limited availability)

Optional Travel Insurance: \$190 Per person/\$214 Single Rm (non-refundable, highly recommended)

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DAY 1: ROME - Arrive into Rome Airport. Private transfer to your Hotel: **DONNA LAURA PALACE**. Take some time to explore independently or relax before an afternoon **panoramic tour of Rome** (Coliseum area and Circus Maximus) Enjoying a **welcome dinner** with **music and wine** this evening!

DAY 2: ANCIENT ROME - This morning enjoy a 1/2 day guided tour of the Glory of Rome including sights of Piazza Venezia, Rome Historical Centre with "The Vittoriano" the altar dedicated to the King Vittorio Emanuele II in 1911; the Roman Forums and the Colosseum, which is Rome's greatest amphitheatre built by the Emperor Vespasian in 72 A.C. (reserved admission included); and the Pantheon. The rest of the day is at your leisure to rest and relax of explore independently. Dinner on your own, overnight Rome.

DAY 3: VATICAN - Today you may enjoy a free day to explore Rome or enjoy <u>OPTIONAL</u> <u>Guided Tour of Vatican Museums</u>. (Round trip transfers to/from The Vatican, 4 Hour Guide, and skip the line admissions for Vatican and Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Basilica, by far the largest church in Christendom. All with a expert local guide). Dinner will be on our your tonight. Overnight in Rome.

DAY 4: MONTEPULCIANO and PIENZA, FLORENCE AREA - This morning we'll meet our driver and depart Rome for a **full day of touring in Florence**. We'll reach the hilltop town of **Montepulciano** an ancient village full of medieval and Renaissance buildings, famous for one of the oldest wines of Italy "Nobile" of Montepulciano. We will stop and visit a wine cellar in a typical and suggestive atmosphere for a **wine tasting** and enjoy some local products like ham, cheese and salami. We will proceed to **Pienza**, the Renaissance "ideal town," built by Pope Pius II and well-known for its pecorino (sheep) cheese. We will continue toward <u>VILLA CASAGRANDE</u> where we will enjoy a 4-night stay. This evening enjoy a **Welcome "Tuscan Feast" Dinner** featuring local wines and Traditional Tuscan fare. Overnight at the Villa.

DAY 5: FLORENCE - After breakfast at the Villa, we journey to FLORENCE for a morning 3-hour guided walking tour. Here we stroll down cobblestone lanes, through majestic squares and across ancient bridges, pausing along the way to visit and learn about Palazzo Vecchio, Piazza della Signoria, the cathedral, Giotto's bell tower and the Accademia (reserved admission). Florence offers the largest number of historical buildings and works of art in Italy as well as several world-class museums. In the afternoon, on your own, you may choose to do a little leather, gold or clothing shopping near Ponte Vecchio. Return to the Villa before enjoying a restaurant dinner with wine.

DAY 6: CINQUE TERRE - After breakfast, we depart for Cinque Terre (full day bus excursion with guide) and enjoy an unforgettable day dedicated to the discovery of one of the most amazing and enchanting land-scapes in the world. We travel though the little villages by train and boat (weather permitting). Within "The five villages" lies "Cinque Terre," an area suspended between sea and land, hanging from sheer cliffs surrounded by hills and vineyards. We will enter into a little piece of heaven. We'll tour the coast line by boat to admire this amazing landscape like you'd see in a postcard. Return to Figline Valdarno for dinner on your own and overnight at the Villa.

DAY 7: SIENA & SAN GIMIGNANO - After breakfast we have an exciting day! We'll meet our driver for a full day excursion to Siena (1/2 day guide) and San Gimignano. Independently discover the beauty of these perfectly preserved medieval towns. Although we will be on our own touring these areas, our driver can make recommendations on what to see and where to eat. Before leaving, we'll enjoy a wine tasting at a local farm in the area. Return to the Villa and enjoy a farewell dinner with wine.

DAY 8: DEPARTURE - After breakfast, return transfer to Florence Airport.