

Thorence - Siena - San Gimignano - Genoa - Alba May 18-28, 2020 ~ \$4,350/person (double occupancy)

- Round trip airfare from Detroit to Italy
- Walking tours of Florence, Siena and San Gimignano
- Tastings of the great wines of Italy
- 7 dinners including a Welcome Dinner in Florence
- 9 nights in beautiful 4* hotels
- Truffle hunting in Alba
- 7 lunches at spectacular wineries in Tuscany and The Piedmont
- Italian tour leader (fluent in English) throughout our journey
- Daily breakfast
- · Luxury motor coach with WiFi



The Wine Counselor - Tuscany & The Piedmont

DAYS 1 & 2, May 18 & 19: United States & Florence

Depart USA on overnight flight to Florence. Meals served onboard. Meals onboard. Upon arrival we'll be greeted by our tour leader and transfer to Florence. We'll enjoy a half day guided tour of the amazing "Renaissance City." A special welcome dinner in Florence featuring the famous "Bistecca alla Fiorentina" concludes our day. Overnight in Florence. (D)

DAY 3, May 20: Tuscany - Montalcino & Peinza

Relax on a scenic drive to Castello Banfi, Montalcino. Our guided visit of this storied castle includes a 4 course lunch paired with appropriate wines. Continue to picturesque Pienza, an UNESCO World Heritage Site, famous for "Pecorino cheese," with its breathtaking view over the splendid Tuscan countryside. Explore the many-colored food shops. Dinner in the charming restored old olive mill and overnight at the 16th century Palazzo Mannaioni in idyllic Montaione. (B|L|D)

DAY 4, May 21: Tuscany - Siena

After breakfast we'll continue to the Guicciardini Strozzi estate in the San Gimignano area. We'll savor a three course lunch and four wines before departing to Siena. This UNESCO World Heritage Site, famous for the Palio horse race is a medieval marvel. Enjoy our two hour guided walking tour of this Tuscan jewel. You'll have dinner on your own in Siena, returning to the Palazzo Mannaioni. (B|L)

DAY 5, May 22: Tuscany - Bolgheri & San Gimignano We'll explore the Bolgheri region. Our visit to Enoteca San Guido where lunch includes the world renowned Guidalberto, Ornellaia, Le Volte and Sassicaia wines is sure to be a highlight of our trip. These "Super-Tuscan" wines are world-famous for their quality. On our way "home" we'll visit the "Town of Fine Towers," San Gimignano. This UNESCO World Heritage Site is famous for its fascinating medieval architecture and towers. Dinner and overnight at Palazzo Mannaioni. (B|L|D)

DAY 6, May 23: Tuscany

On to Greve in Chianti. Our guided visit to Castello di Vicchiomaggio includes a tasting of three estate-produced wines and a Tuscan lunch. The winding roads of Chianti lead us to the delightful Castello di Querceto for a guided visit of the estate, wine tasting of three estate-produced wines and a snack. Dinner in a classic local restaurant and overnight at our "home away from home", the Palazzo Mannaioni. (B|L|D)

DAY 7, May 24: Cinque Terre & Genoa

Today we leave Tuscany and travel to Genoa. En route, we stop for the famous Cinque Terre focaccia lunch paired with a tasting of three local wines. We'll learn about the unique Ligurian terracing cultivation and we'll savor "Sciacchetrà", a typical delicious dessert wine. A relaxing stroll down to the enchanting town of Manarola follows. Dinner on your own in the home of pesto! Overnight at the magnificent Hotel Bristol Palace. (B|L)

DAY 8, May 25: The Piedmont - Alba

Depart for Alba in the Piedmont. Alba is the capital of the UNESCO heritage area of Langhe and is famous for its white truffles. We'll have a walking tour of this historic town and time for lunch on our own. After lunch we'll delight in a tasting of eight wines (including the famous Barolo) at the Paolo Manzone winery. Dinner and overnight at the extraordinary Albergo Dell'Agenzia Hotel, home of the University of Gastronomic Sciences and the Wine Bank. (B|D)

DAY 9, May 26: The Piedmont - Alba & Barbaresco

Truffle hunting today in Tartuflanghe! After our hunt we'll feast on a three-course lunch based on truffle specialties. Then to the Montaribaldi vineyard in the lovely little town of Barbaresco to try the same name wine and other typical wines of the area (Barolo, Nebbiolo and Dolcetto). Dinner and return to the Albergo Dell'Agenzia. (B|L|D)

DAY 10, May 27: The Piedmont - Asti & Induno Olona
Depart to Induno Olona with a stop at the Castello di Razzano on the way. We'll have a guided tour of the "Wine Museum" and cellars, then lunch with a tasting of eight wines
including the famous Asti Spumante! Dinner and overnight
at the stunning gardens of Villa Porro Pirelli. (B|L|D)

DAY 11, May 28: Departure Day

Today it's "Arrivederci!" to Italy. Grazie, Consigliere del Vino!

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