

## DREAMING OF THE ULTIMATE LUXURY EXPERIENCE IN TUSCANY AND FLORENCE 7 DAYS

#### San Gimignano - Greve - Lucca - Pisa - Florence - Montepulciano

Imagine waking up in your luxury villa to breathtaking views of the Tuscan Hills and Chianti countryside, discovering wine from the most famous wine region in the world, tasting (and making) extraordinary and fresh cuisine, visiting the artistic city of Florence, seeing the architectural phenomenon of the Leaning Tower of Pisa, and so much more. Fall in love with the region that only songs and poetry could be written about!

### Day 1 – Arrival – Villa in Chianti

Upon your arrival at Florence or Pisa Airport, you will be met and whisked off to your villa to enjoy a welcome glass of wine while enjoying relaxing views of the Chianti Hillside.

Your evening begins with a Prosecco Welcome Party and an introduction to the region followed by the chef's Hillside Al Fresco dinner featuring Farm-to-Table dishes and specialties. You will have a wine presentation and wine tasting paired with the chef's dinner, from the Villa's own well established vineyards.



#### Day 2 - San Gimignano - Town of Beautiful Towers

Enjoy fun and delicious activities in the beautiful walled town of San Gimignano. You will take an authentic Tuscan 4-course Cooking Class at an outdoor cooking school and learn lots of techniques. The menu includes Baking Bread, Appetizer, Fresh Pasta with a sauce, entree, and dessert. There will also be a walking, guided tour of San Gimignano with free time to discover off the beaten track treasures on your own.

An additional highlight to anticipate is a wine tasting at a San Gimignano, family-run, organic winery where they have a passion for country life and wine and a beautiful view of the Towers of San Gimignano. You will feel like an old family friend.



# Day 3 - Greve (Gateway to Chianti) & Lucca (Beautiful Roman City Walls)

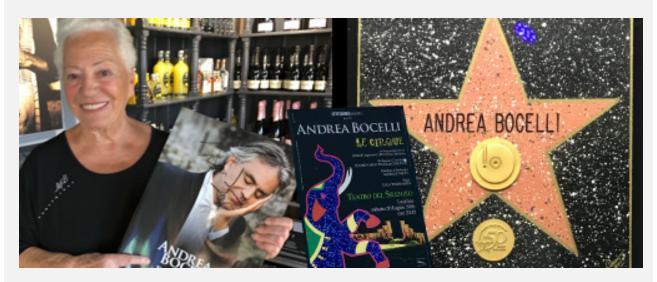
Begin your day in the Chianti Classico countryside in one of the most famous wine-growing areas in the world. In a hilltop hamlet in Greve, you will have a wine cellar and vineyard tour followed by a wine tasting with some local treats. Next, you will enjoy a guided walking tour of the medieval town of Lucca. Discover the birthplace of Puccini and visit the cathedral, piazza and San Michele Square. Lucca is considered one of the most beautiful towns in Tuscany.

Dinner will follow, full of local specialties and wine.



### Day 4 – Pisa (The Famous Tower) & Bocelli (The Famous Tenor)

Discover Pisa with a walking tour, admiring the magnificent Miracle Fields including the hidden treasures of the Pisa City Center; Cavalieri Square, Borgo Stretto, and Chiesa della Spina.



Do you love Andrea Bocelli's singing? One of the highlights of your week is the trip to Lajatico, the town of the world renowned tenor, <u>Andrea Bocelli</u>. This is an opportunity to see his outdoor amphitheater, Teatro del Silenzio, followed by a visit to the Bocelli Officine where **Andrea's mom (Eli Bocelli) will offer a view of the singer's private museum.** 

A special treat will be a meal prepared by the Bocelli's chef, paired with a Bocelli Wine Tasting, which will be hosted by the Bocelli family. This is a rare opportunity to interact with the famous singer's family at their home in a family setting.

### Day 5 - Florence - Art and Culture Mecca

Visit one of the world's most famous art cities. Enjoy a 3-hour guided walking tour of Florence city centre discovering all the main attractions of this unique Unesco World Heritage Site. This walking tour itinerary allows you to see all of the main sights and some of the smaller hidden places in between what is considered the heart of the historical city center of Florence.

The tour includes Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, Gate of Paradise, Brunelleschi's Dome, Dante's house, Signoria Square with the replica of David, Ponte Vecchio, Uffizi Square, Republic Square, Via Tornabuoni. Next there will be a visit to The Accademia

to view and learn about the Statue of David of Michelangelo followed by free time for a coffee or a gelato,

Enjoy a wine tasting and pairing class with a specialty dinner and presentation by the owner and wine expert.



# Day 6 - Montepulciano/ Montalcino - Enchanting Villages, Superb Wines

Explore the historic center of Montepulciano's old city on a guided tour followed by a scenic drive to Montalcino for a visit to the Abbey Sant'Antimo.

Visit a Brunello winery for a wine production tour followed by an outdoor wine tasting. Learn why this Sangiovese grape is special and enjoy an elegant tasting while viewing the vineyards where the wine is grown.

This evening savor a Farewell Chef's Dinner at your villa with the best food and wine in the area.



Day 7 - Departure

Choose to be driven to Florence or Pisa Airport or extend your stay with a few more days in Florence to further experience the wonders of this captivating city.



For more information on this intriguing, immersive luxury custom vacation in Tuscany, call us at 847-382-6590.