

# Gran Reserva Tuscany



October 1 - 7, 2023

## What to expect

This is a wonderful new tour, especially for our valued Gran Reserva club members to one of the premier wine regions of the world. Tuscany is renowned for producing some of the world's top wines in a stunningly beautiful landscape.

If you are visiting Tuscany you cannot miss Florence where the tour starts and finishes. The Renaissance city is a treasure trove of art with an astonishing contemporary vibe. Discovering Florence means taking the very same steps as legendary figures like Dante, as you turn a corner and find yourself in front of his house and in constant contact with a bonafide concentration of medieval and renaissance art.

Co-hosted by Filippo Magnani, an Italian local who has an intimate knowledge of the region, we will discover some of the top names in the world of wine whilst enjoying some intimate insider's secrets of the region.

The itinerary is subject to the hosts' policies in respect of the ongoing and evolving Covid situation, particularly with regard to the rules and laws in Italy.

## Highlights

- Visits and lunches in exclusive wineries across the finest wine regions in Tuscany including Bolgheri, Montalcino
- and Chianti Classico
- Private dinner in a palace in Florence
- Truffle hunting experience
- Michelin star lunch on the Etruscan coast

- Visit and lunch at olive oil and veg farm
- Winemakers dinner with producers from Montepulciano
- Coffee in San Gimignano

## Winery visits

Ornellaia, Castello di Monsanto, Argiano, Tua Rita, Capannelle



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## Trip Itinerary

Arrive in Florence at 4 star Hotel Lucchesi on Sunday 1st of October.

### Sunday 1st October

We meet the hotel before going for private dinner at Gondi Palace, a marvellous historic setting built in 1490. **D**

### Monday 2nd October

We head for a private truffle hunting experience in San Miniato, a town and comune in the province of Pisa. San Miniato sits at an historically strategic location atop three small hills where it dominates the lower Arno valley, between the valleys of Egola and Elsa rivers. It used to carry the additional sobriquet al Tedesco ("to the German") to distinguish it from the convent of San Miniato al Monte in Florence, which is about 40 kilometres (25 mi) to the northeast. Lunch at family style restaurant in San Miniato. After lunch drive 1 hour and 20 minutes south to reach the Tuscan coast The Etruscan Coast in the northern part of Maremma is the strip that stretches from the city of Livorno to town of Piombino, where the port for Elba Island is situated. Around 4.00 pm Check -in at Castello Bonaria, a country Relais on the coast. Light dinner at the hotel **B/L/D**

### Tuesday 3rd October

After breakfast there is a 20 minutes drive to reach Bolgheri, a tiny medieval hamlet where the most worldwide known Supertuscan wines are produced. Visit and tasting at top winery in Bolgheri Ornellaia. Ornellaia is considered one of Italy's leading wine estates known for its eponymous 'Super-Tuscan' blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. It was founded by Marchese Lodovico Antinori in 1981. We enjoy the sea breeze during a great lunch with wines at a fish restaurant on the beach Michelin star In the afternoon we visit the marvelous hamlet of Bolgheri Immortalized by local writer Giosuè Carducci in his poem "Davanti a San Guido", with the words "I cipressi che a Bolgheri alti e schietti van da San Guido in duplice filar", referring to the lines of Cypress trees that line the roads. Back to the hotel for some relaxation. Free evening. **B/L**

### Wednesday 4th October

Morning free at the hotel to relax. Then we will go to a farm in Suvereto where we will have lunch in the patio or garden. The owners of the farm, Elisabetta and her husband are some of Filippo's best friends They produce organic fruit and vegetables and top olive oil . (1 hectare of land). Afternoon visit Populonia, fantastic Etruscan hamlet overlooking the sea in fmore of Suvereto, a classic medieval village whose origins date back to before the year 1000. Situated on the slopes of the hills overlooking the Costa degli Etruschi, it is a true jewel, rich in history and art, set in the green valley of the River Cornia. Filippo will show us around his village and meet the family. Visit and dinner at Tua Rita winery. **B/L/D**

### Thursday 5th October

Check-out and leave the coast driving 1 hour and half direction Montalcino, cradle of the exceptional Brunello one of Italy's most famous and prestigious wines. Visit in fantastic location at top winery in Montalcino , meeting the owner of the estate Argiano. Visit and lunch in fantastic location at top winery in Montalcino, meeting the owner of the estate. After lunch drive to Siena for check-in at 5 stars hotel in the city center Hotel Continental for 2 nights. Free evening. **B/L**

### Friday 6th October

Visit and tasting at Castello di Monsanto. Visit and light lunch the boutique Capannelle winery in Chianti Classico wine area. In the afternoon visit the village of Radda in Chianti. Back to Siena for dinner with wine producers from Montepulciano including the Consortium Vino Nobile di Montepulciano. **B/L/D**

### Saturday 7th October

Check out and drive to San Gimignano for coffee Drive to Florence, end of the Tour around 2 pm.





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**\$5995 per person double occupancy**  
**\$1000 single supplement**  
**\$500 deposit per person**

## Included

- 1 night Hotel Lucchesi, Florence
- 3 nights Castello Bonaria
- 2 nights Hotel Continental, Siena
- Private transport by luxury coach
- Tour manager
- Breakfast daily; 5 lunches/ 4 dinners
- Visits and activities as specified

## Not included

Airfare; meals not mentioned above; travel insurance; gratuities for guides



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