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8 days | 7 nights TOUR

UTOPIA ROADS OF TUSCANY CUSTOMIZED TOUR

Italy is the country with the highest number of places included in the UNESCO World Heritage List. Through Utopia Roads tour you could discover these places, such as the center of Florence, Siena, San Gimignano, Pienza, the wonderful Val d’Orcia and the incredible Chianti.

**Other dates available for
customized travel plans**

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO ITALY

Pick up, PRIVATE TRANSFER at "Amerigo Vespucci" **Florence** Airport (FLR),
So you won't have to worry about anything, we'll take you to your hotel where you'll stay for 7 nights.
Rest of the day at leisure and relax, you can familiarize with this enchanting city

Time arrival to be defined

Please note: in case of train delay over 20 min we cannot guarantee the private transfer service

Our Tip: Taste and Slow Italy Travel Agents Team will be glad to suggest how to spend your first day in Florence, nice hidden places to walk and where to find typical and authentic local food.

Lunch and dinner at leisure

DAY 2 | A DAY FULL OF ART

Breakfast at your hotel then... It will be an art day!!! Among museums, squares and many monuments, we'll take you to discover some of the most important artistic **treasures of Florence**.

in the **morning** Immerse yourself into the two thousand year old history in the "Cradle of the Renaissance," through the eyes of an expert, local guide, who will take you on an unforgettable journey to discover the most beautiful squares and monuments of Florence.

Florence is literally dotted with ARCHITECTURAL WONDERS and WORKS OF ART. On our group tour, you will admire firsthand the sites and monuments that have made Florence one of the most visited destinations in the world.

To start your tour, you will head to REPUBBLICA SQUARE, one of the most elegant and historically important "piazzas" in Florence, overflowing with refined cafés and luxury shopping. Follow your guide through the characteristic streets and picturesque alleys until you reach LOGGIA DEL MERCATO NUOVO, where your guide will demonstrate a symbol of good luck by caressing the nose of the famous PORCELLINO (wild boar) BRONZE STATUE. On this tour, you will learn all sorts of local legends, fascinating stories, and unexpected facts about Florence.

Right around the corner, your guide will lead you to the intriguing PONTE VECCHIO - a true icon of the city. This bridge is famous for its exclusive jewelry stores, unique structure, and for being the only bridge spared during the bombings during the Second World War.

Then, follow your guide to ACCADEMIA DEI GEORGOFILI and UFFIZI SQUARE, where you will discover the heart of Florence - SIGNORIA SQUARE. This true open-air museum is dominated by the imposing PALAZZO VECCHIO and the magnificent LOGGIA DEI LANZI, home to fascinating statues such as PERSEUS by Cellini and the RAPE OF THE SABINE WOMEN by Giambologna.

Your journey through Florence will lead to SAN GIOVANNI SQUARE, home of the wonderful FLORENCE CATHEDRAL and BRUNELLESCHI'S DOME, as well as the Baptistery and Giotto's Bell Tower. Continue your tour by visiting the INTERIORS OF THE **CATHEDRAL OF SANTA MARIA DEL FIORE**, saving your time by **SKIPPING THE LONG QUEUES** at the entrance and taking advantage of your expert guide, who will reveal all the secrets of this immense wealth of art and architecture.

Lunch at leisure

Our tips if you prefer street food: In Italy there is a thin line between junk food and excellence food... we will advise you where to find the most hidden and authentic street food kiosks.

Evening at leisure

I suggest to reserve a dinner to the Trattoria [Da Sabatino](#) the most authentic place to eat where the locals eat!



DAY 3 | THE LEANING TOWER

Breakfast at your hotel. Today we have to get up early otherwise we'll miss the scheduled group tour of the day !!!

In the early hours of the morning you will **depart from Florence with destination Pisa**. You will be able to fully appreciate the architectural magnificence of the city. In fact, once you arrive in Pisa you will be welcomed by our guide who will show you the marvellous **Piazza dei Miracoli**: during the guided tour you will be able to admire the Baptistery and the famous **Leaning Tower**, culminating **inside the imposing Cathedral**. Before leaving for Lucca, you will then have some free time for a little shopping or a cappuccino.

Lunch at leisure

You will then continue on to **Lucca**, famous for its ancient walls still intact and interrupted by imposing gateways. A **local guide will take you to the heart of the town's historical centre**, walking along the walls themselves, from which you will enjoy a breathtaking view over the rooftops of the houses.

Together with our guide, you will admire Lucca's most interesting monuments and churches, including Piazza dell'Anfiteatro, the Guinigi Tower, the Cathedral of San Martino and a relaxing stroll through the picturesque alleyways and antique shops.

Our tour ends with a pleasant stop at a pastry shop located in the heart of Lucca's walls, where we can taste the famous buccellato, the city's traditional cake.

Dinner at leisure

DAY 4 | THE UFFIZI GALLERY MUSEUM

A Journey Through Art: Your Exclusive Uffizi Experience

Wake up to a delightful breakfast at your hotel, then get ready for an unforgettable artistic adventure in the heart of Florence!

Join our **expert local guide**, a true art enthusiast, for a **fascinating deep dive** into the treasures of the **Uffizi Gallery**—a must-see for first-time visitors and seasoned art lovers alike.

As you walk through the **magnificently adorned halls**, your guide will lead you on an **engaging journey through the masterpieces of the Renaissance**, bringing to life the stories behind the works and the vision of the artists who shaped art history.

Your tour begins with the **revolutionary talents of Giotto and Masaccio**, the pioneers of Italian painting, and follows the **evolution of art across the centuries**. Prepare to be mesmerized by **Botticelli's ethereal "Birth of Venus"**, **Leonardo da Vinci's delicate "Annunciation"**, and **Michelangelo's powerful "Tondo Doni"**, among many other timeless masterpieces.

But the experience doesn't stop there! As you explore the **vast halls and sunlit corridors** of the Uffizi, you'll be treated to **breathtaking panoramic views** of Florence through the museum's iconic windows—a picture-perfect moment to capture!

At the end of your guided tour, you are free to continue exploring at your own pace. Revisit your favorite artworks, soak in the grandeur of the gallery, or simply unwind at the **Uffizi café**, sipping on a **cappuccino or spritz** while enjoying a **spectacular view of the Florentine skyline**.

Renaissance art, stunning cityscapes, and an unforgettable experience—this is Florence at its finest!

Highlights

- Save your precious time with an included skip-the-line ticket!
- Fully immerse yourself into the lives of the Renaissance, as you discover the Uffizi's masterpieces led by a passionate and art-loving, local guide
- Spend as much time as you please in the Uffizi Gallery, exploring independently after the tour finishes



Florence, night shot

DAY 5 | THE HEART OF TUSCANY

Breakfast then a great group tour experience in Tuscany countryside.

Discover the untouched charm of Tuscany—a day of unforgettable experiences awaits amidst ancient towns, rolling vineyards, and exquisite wines!

Your journey begins with a comfortable morning bus ride from Florence toward the enchanting **Chianti** region. As you traverse lush green hills, you'll arrive at **Monteriggioni**, a true hidden gem nestled in the Tuscan landscape. This quaint medieval town, with its perfectly preserved walls and inviting piazza, offers you a unique opportunity to step back in time and savor its timeless ambiance. From Monteriggioni, our adventure leads you to the heart of medieval splendor in **Sienna**. Stroll through the legendary Piazza del Campo—famed for its historic Palio and stunning Gothic architecture. Admire the imposing Palazzo Pubblico and its iconic Torre del Mangia before continuing your guided exploration toward the majestic Duomo, one of Italy's most celebrated Gothic masterpieces. And if you've chosen the complete tour, you'll have additional free time to wander Sienna's historic center at your own pace.

Next, prepare to be mesmerized by the postcard-perfect landscapes of the Chianti region. Enjoy a **wine tasting** in a charming **cellar** where you'll sample the region's best Chianti, paired with delicious homemade snacks and an in-depth tasting of local wines and extra virgin olive oils.

Finally, our journey culminates in **San Gimignano**—an evocative medieval town recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Famous for its crisp **Vernaccia white wine and its iconic towers** that soar like ancient skyscrapers, San Gimignano invites you to lose yourself in its narrow alleys and breathtaking vistas.

Experience Tuscany in its purest form—a harmonious blend of history, culture, and natural beauty that promises memories to last a lifetime. This tour will offer you a complete immersion in the spectacular Chianti hills, ensuring an unforgettable experience.



Monteriggioni, village medieval walls

DAY 6 | AN IMMERSION IN THE VAL D'ORCIA

Breakfast at your hotel and departure to **Val d'Orcia**.

Leave Florence and immerse yourself in the authentic heart of Tuscany with a visit to the enchanting **Val d'Orcia**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Discover the charming towns of **Montalcino, Pienza, and Montepulciano**, and enjoy two exclusive wine tastings paired with the famous **fresh Pecorino cheese!** Your journey begins in Montalcino, the land of renowned wine **Brunello**, where a delightful **wine cellar welcomes you for an unforgettable tasting experience**. Stroll through the picturesque streets to the hilltop, where a breathtaking panorama unfolds before your eyes: sun-drenched rolling hills, ancient oak trees, evocative olive groves, winding country roads through pristine vineyards, and solitary cypress trees. Make sure to have your camera ready!

Next, continue on to **Pienza**, the "ideal city" envisioned in the 15th century by the celebrated architect Bernardo Rossellino at the behest of Pope Pius II. Here, admire authentic architectural gems such as the Duomo and Palazzo Piccolomini—filming locations for scenes in Zeffirelli's famous *Romeo and Juliet*—and revel in one of the most evocative panoramic views of the Val d'Orcia.

Your final stop is **Montepulciano**, home to the renowned **Vino Nobile** and, more recently, a filming location for the movie "New Moon." Delight your palate with a combined wine and Pecorino tasting in a captivating historical setting: a genuine underground cellar where wine was traditionally stored beneath ancient walls, before heading back to Florence.

This exclusive experience offers a complete immersion into the timeless flavors, scents, and landscapes of Tuscany, leaving you with unforgettable memories of art, nature, and tradition.

Highlights

- Discover the heart of Tuscany - Val d'Orcia and its beautiful towns of Montalcino, Pienza and Montepulciano
- Indulge in an explosion of taste: enjoy two different wine tastings and savour the famous Pecorino cheese of Pienza!
- Be accompanied by an expert and knowledgeable tour leader, who will assist you during your journey
- Comfortable shoes are recommended
- Please note that the given order of the visits may change

The group tour includes

- Roundtrip journey by fully-fitted GT Coach
- Expert multilingual escort
- Free visit of Montalcino, Pienza and Montepulciano
- Visit to a wine cellar in Montalcino with tour of the wine cellars and tasting of the world-famous Brunello
- Visit to a winery in Montepulciano with tasting of the "Vino Nobile"
- Pienza Pecorino cheese tasting



Val d'Orcia, characteristic countryside

DAY 7 | A DAY AT LEISURE IN FLORENCE

Breakfast and all day at leisure!

You can spend the entire day relaxing or in case you feel energetic enough you can take the day to explore Florence your own way, do some shopping, visit other world-famous museums and galleries, or just stroll around... it's up to you!!!

Our Tip: Ask Taste and Slow Italy Travel Agents Team, we will suggest you how to spend your last day in Florence, best and most authentic place to do shopping. We warmly suggest you to visit Ferragamo museum and Gucci garden area. Two places absolutely amusing. Then the renaissance gardens scattered everywhere around Florence. Or the hidden and enchanting area of Fiesole...

DAY 8 | SEE YOU SOON ITALY !

Breakfast at the hotel.

Today the trip concludes and it's time to say your goodbye.

A **private transfer** will take you from your hotel to the airport whenever it's convenient for you. In case you have an afternoon or late evening flight you could have more of Florence sights, do some last minute shopping or gallery and museum hopping.

IT HAS BEEN A PLEASURE

GRAZIE & ARRIVEDERCI

Hotel Selections

7 nights in Firenze – Hotel Boutique Dedo 3*** or same level

- Price based on min. 2 Passenger
- Some tour detail can vary considering dates and local events

TOUR INCLUDES

- Accommodation comfortable hotel 3*
- Shared guided tours as per description.
- Entrance tickets
- Experiences, tastings, as per itinerary
- Private transfers where indicated.

OPTIONAL

- Medical, cancellation and baggage insurance
- Other tailored services (to book previously), the services requested on site will be quoted apart.

TOUR DOES NOT INCLUDES

- Everything not mentioned in “the tour includes.”
- Flight tickets /Rental car
- Tourist accommodation taxes
- Medical-luggage and cancelation insurance
- Optional tours/experiences

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