



# Food, Wine and Cooking Classes Itinerary

in the Tuscan Countryside and Siena

**Jun 15 – Sep 28, 2024**

A tour in Tuscany with a stay at Villa Bonizella is a unique experience. From the moment you land in Florence to the day of your departure, you will not have to think or worry about anything. Through our carefully crafted, eight days program, you will experience the best of Tuscan art and culture, with a specific focus on food, wine and cooking classes. Your hosts are Italians who have lived for over 25 years in the United States, a family with an aristocratic background and local history that unlocks access to exclusive places closed to the general public. The offer includes transportation (including to/from Florence airport) to all events, daily breakfast and several lunches and dinners at the Villa, housekeeping, daily guided tours, wine tastings, a cooking class and tickets for museums, castles, concerts and other attractions.

The Villa combines modern comforts (AC, swimming pool, high speed internet, rooms and bathrooms with up-to-date features) with the charm of a centuries-old European mansion decorated with original antique furniture. The 150 acre property, setback more than a mile from the nearest road, includes acres of olive trees, an extensive vegetable garden, and several hiking paths.

The villa is conveniently located near Florence, Siena, Pienza, San Gimignano, the Val d'Orcia, Montalcino and the Chianti Classico wineries.

## Itinerary

### Saturday

- Pick up at Amerigo Vespucci Airport in Florence and Arrival at Villa Bonizella
- Check-in, welcome veggie and fruit cocktails served
- Leisure time at the pool and down time
- Light lunch at the Villa
- Walk in the countryside with a stop to the local shepherd Alessia Farina
- Return to the Villa, Leisure and relax time at the pool
- Dinner at the Villa, served in the garden by the pool with the products of our organic vegetable garden

#### Sunday

- Breakfast at the Villa
- Departure to a spectacular medieval Castle with private art collection not open to the public and accessible only to guests of the Villa (photographs are not allowed)
- Light Lunch at the Villa by the Pool
- Tour of the property including vegetable garden, olive grove and reservoir
- Leisure time at the pool
- Dinner at the local gourmet restaurant Conte Matto in Trequanda

#### Monday

- Breakfast at the Villa
- Departure to Montalcino, with panoramic views of Val d'Orcia
- Arrival in Montalcino, Wine Tasting of Brunello di Montalcino accompanied by food at the historic Fattoria dei Barbi
- Walk around the picturesque town of Montalcino
- Return to the Villa
- Leisure time at the pool
- Dinner at the Villa, served in the garden by the Pool

#### Tuesday

- Breakfast at the Villa
- Departure to the quaint town of Sinalunga
- Visit the Farmer's Market in Sinalunga
- Cellar tour and Wine Tasting of Vino Nobile de Montepulciano at the winery Poliziano
- Cheese tasting and picnic lunch at Caseificio Cugusi
- Walk around Montepulciano with English-speaking guide
- Return to the Villa
- Cooking class with Tuscan Chef and Dinner at the Villa -- You will make your own handmade pasta!

#### Wednesday

- Breakfast at the Villa
- Departure to Vico d'Elsa in the Chianti Region
- Visit Guicciardini family winery Fattoria Majnoni Guicciardini, including the family residence with 16th Century frescos
- Wine tasting and lunch at the Fattoria Majnoni Guicciardini
- Visit of San Gimignano with English-speaking guide
- Dinner in San Gimignano
- Return to the Villa

#### Thursday

- Breakfast at the Villa
- Panoramic drive through Crete Senesi
- Visit to Siena and drink at the Piazza del Campo, where the famous Palio takes place
- Duomo & Good Government
- Lunch in Siena
- Return to the Villa
- Relax and watch the sun set by the pool with a glass of wine
- Wine Tasting at Podere Alberese with Lucia Bozzano
- Dinner at the Villa

#### Friday

- Breakfast at the Villa
- Excursion to the Thermal Baths at Terme di San Giovanni, Rapolano, including light lunch
- (treatments to be booked in advance)
- Return to the Villa
- Cooking lesson with Tuscan Chef Jacopo – you will make hand-made gnocchi and tiramisu!
- Dinner by the pool prepared and served by the Tuscan Chef Jacopo by the pool

#### Saturday

- Breakfast at the Villa
- Drive to Amerigo Vespucci Airport in Florence

# The Offer

**\$3,900 per person**

**Single occupancy fee – \$550**

**The offer includes:**

- Transportation to and from Amerigo Vespucci Airport in Florence
- Transportation to all planned events
- Accommodation at the Villa with private bath for 8 days and 7 nights
- All Breakfasts and Meals at the Villa, including wine
- Museum Tickets and Guides' fees
- Tour Operator Fees
- Wine Tastings with accompanying Food
- Cooking Class and Chef served dinner
- SPA entrance ticket, Lunch, use of all Pools and Hot Springs

**The offer does not include:**

- Meals in restaurants outside the Villa
- Transportation to and from airports other than Amerigo Vespucci Airport in Florence
- SPA treatments, which must be booked in advance

During the 2024 season, we will offer the Villa from Saturday to Saturday to a minimum of 4 people to a max of 12 people.

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