



Tuscany Travel Guide

REDEFINING LUXURY TRAVEL



Welcome to Tuscany

WHO SHOULD VISIT

Tuscany is a destination that appeals to a wide range of travellers. It offers history and culture for those interested in art, architecture, and medieval heritage. Food and wine lovers can indulge in the region's renowned cuisine and award-winning wines. Nature enthusiasts can enjoy outdoor activities and scenic drives through the rolling hills and countryside, offering plenty of opportunities for families to enjoy. Tuscany is also a romantic destination for couples seeking a picturesque and intimate getaway. With a versatile mix of experiences, Tuscany has something for everyone.

WHEN TO GO

Tuscany is a year-round destination, but the best time to visit depends on your preferences. Spring, from March to May, offers mild temperatures (8-23°C), fewer crowds, and blooming flowers and greenery. Summer, from June to August, is the peak tourist season with warm and sunny weather (15-30°C) perfect for outdoor activities and sightseeing, however it can be more crowded and expensive. Autumn, from September to November, has mild temperatures averaging 22°C, fewer crowds, and stunning autumn foliage. Winter, from

December to February, is the low season with colder temperatures (4-7°C), occasional snow, and fewer tourists, but it's a great time to enjoy cosy restaurants and cafés and explore local museums and galleries.

HOW TO GET THERE

PLANE: The easiest option is to catch a flight. There are three main airports to fly in to; Bologna is the main international terminal, Florence & Pisa.

TRAIN: Thanks to the high-speed regional trains you can easily reach Tuscany from anywhere in Italy. Direct trains to Florence (the gateway to Tuscany) from main cities like Rome, Milan and Venice are easy to access.

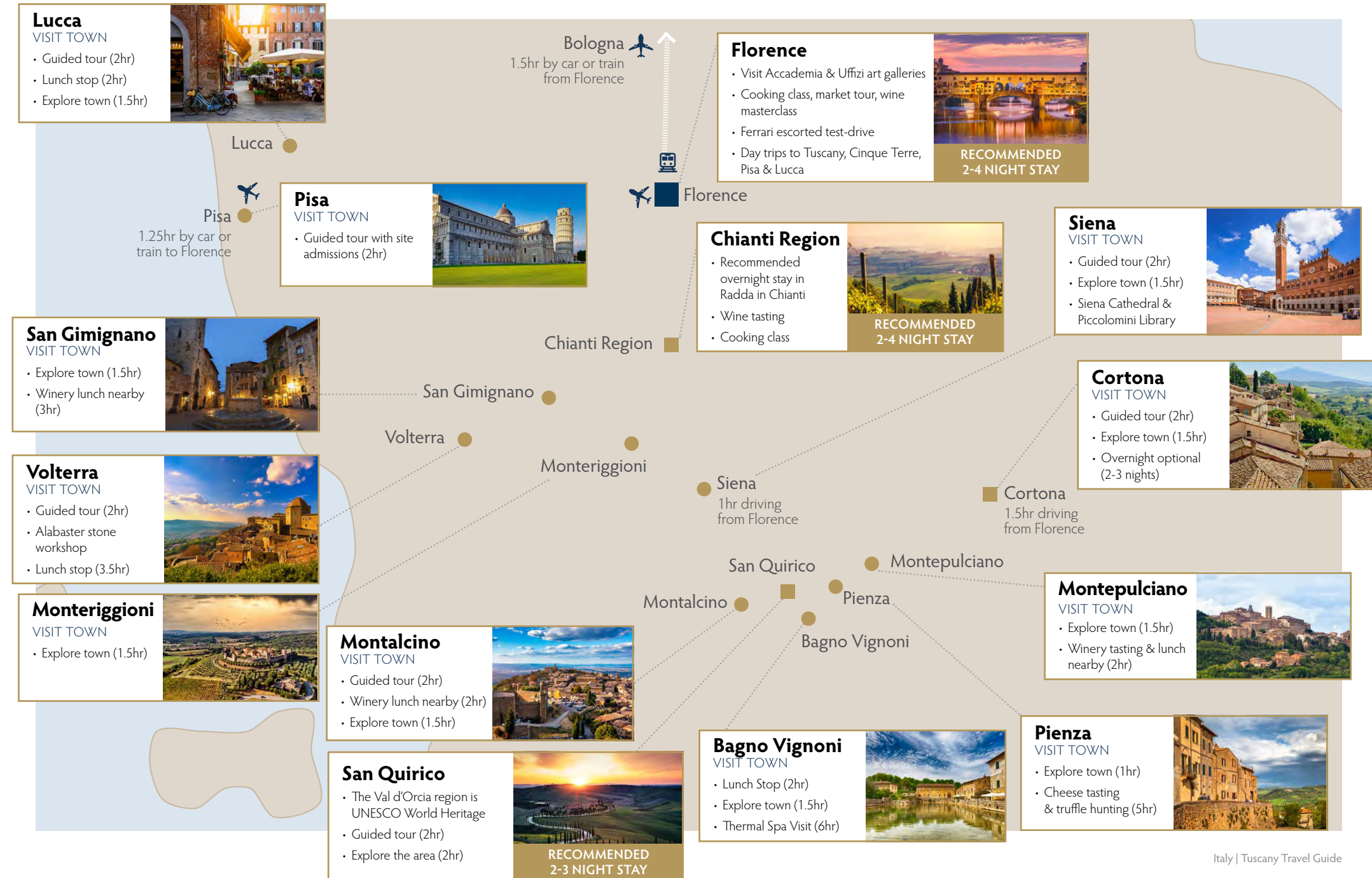
CAR: Tuscany is easy to navigate with a car, making it a great option for those wanting to self-drive around the area. Be prepared for narrow and winding roads, particularly in the countryside. If you are looking to do wine-tasting in the area, it is a good idea to organise private transfers on these days. It is important to note that many towns in Tuscany have restricted driving zones, so it's important to check local regulations before driving into town centres.

THINGS TO CONSIDER

- Day trips from Florence may only allow exploration of the most crowded and touristy areas nearby. For a more authentic and unique Tuscan experience, heading further south is a must.
- Tuscany is not just a wine lover's paradise - there's something for everyone! From hands-on cooking classes to truffle hunting adventures and exploring charming hilltop towns. Discover the best that Tuscany has to offer with our top recommended activities on pages 3 and 4.
- Live the Tuscan dream and stay in a stunning, authentic Tuscan villa. With most villas averaging 4-6 bedrooms, it's perfect for families or groups of friends. Explore our range of Tuscan villas on pages 5-8 to find the best option for you. Keep in mind, villas are typically located outside of towns, so transportation is needed to explore. Also, most villas require a minimum 7-night rental (commonly from Sat-Sat) - make sure to plan accordingly for this.



Regional Highlights



Introducing Our Luxury Tuscan Villa Collection

Experience the perfect blend of luxury, culture, and history by staying in an authentic Tuscan villa. Whether you're travelling with family, friends, or a larger group, a villa provides a perfect retreat to relax and unwind amidst breathtaking natural beauty. As experts in Tuscan villa accommodation, Ormina Tours offers a carefully curated selection of the best luxury villas on the market, each one located close to charming towns and villages that you will likely have on your itinerary. Enjoy easy access to the region's iconic landmarks, culture, and gastronomy with a range of price points and bedroom options to suit your Tuscan getaway. **When planning, remember that most villas require a minimum 7-night stay from Sat - Sat, especially during the peak months of June to August. Contact Ormina Tours today to learn more about our villas and start planning your unforgettable Tuscan villa experience.**



Fortezza Rossa

Private Tuscan Villa Package

CHIANTI REGION8 DAYS

Enjoy a truly memorable experience in Tuscany, while staying in your own private villa. Nestled in the heart of the picturesque countryside, this fully customisable week-long escape is designed for a seamless journey of cherished moments with family and friends. Explore iconic Tuscan towns, from the medieval allure of San Gimignano to the historic streets of Siena. Indulge in an alabaster workshop, master Tuscan cooking, and savour renowned wines. Guided tours, exclusive tastings, and private transfers ensure a truly unforgettable experience. Then, retreat to your opulent villa, a haven of tranquillity, to unwind. Embrace the romance, beauty, and joy of Tuscany as you create timeless memories together.



Tuscan Villa's Comparative Overview

VILLA	LOCATION	BEDROOMS	MAX GUESTS	FROM PRICE*
Castello Magico	near Lucca	3	6	\$17,800
Ricordi d'Estate	near San Gimignano	4	8	\$10,700
Uliveto	Chianti Region	4	9	\$14,700
Prato del Contadino	near San Gimignano	4	8	\$25,000
Paradiso dei Sognatori	Val d'Orcia Region	6	14	\$22,100
Fortezza Rossa	Val d'Orcia Region	6	14	\$18,200
Villa dei Papaveri	Val d'Orcia Region	6	14	\$22,100
Casa Sacra	Chianti Region	6	14	\$29,100
Torre Antica	Chianti Region	7	14	\$30,000
Rifugio del Pastore	Chianti Region	7	14	\$29,500
Fattoria	Chianti Region	15	30	\$41,200
Tenuta del Villaggio	Chianti Region	18	37	\$74,100

* All prices are listed in AUD unless otherwise stated. Prices are for 7 nights (Sat-Sat) based on seasonal availability.

CREATING YOUR PERFECT TUSCAN VILLA EXPERIENCE

A journey through Tuscany is an immersion in a world of rolling vineyards, historic towns, and delectable cuisine. To make the most of your Tuscan adventure, we can help you craft a custom itinerary tailored to your preferences. In your time in the region, you can explore the best of Tuscany's sites and experiences, as well as incorporating days of leisure to relax, unwind and enjoy your private villa.

CHOOSING THE RIGHT VILLA FOR YOUR GROUP

- > **Location:** The first step in building your Tuscan getaway is selecting the perfect villa location. See our Regional Highlights on page 2 for a comprehensive overview that will help you select the ideal location to suit your group's preferences. Our Luxury Tuscan Villa Collection features villa's in the north and south of Tuscany.
- > **Traditional vs. Modern Style:** Tuscan villas come in various styles, from rustic, traditional farmhouses to sleek, modern designs. Traditional villas often feature exposed beams, terracotta floors, and rustic charm, while modern ones boast a more contemporary architecture style. All villas are equipped with modern facilities to suit your needs.
- > **Customising your stay:** Each villa boasts a range of amenities to enhance your stay, from swimming pools to outdoor kitchens and pizza ovens. Be sure to read of the features of your selected villa. Enhance your experience further by opting for additional services such as an on-site chef who will prepare authentic Tuscan meals, ensuring a true culinary experience, or add-in grocery services to stock your kitchen with local ingredients. Families can also benefit from babysitting services for added convenience.

CRAFTING YOUR ITINERARY

See our private Villa Package on the next page as a starting point to planning your dream Tuscan Villa experience and embark on a journey through the heart of Italy's countryside. **Get in touch with us today to start crafting your bespoke Tuscan villa experience.**

Highlights & Inclusions

- > 7 nights at the luxury Villa Uliveto in the Chianti Region.
- > 7 Breakfasts, 2 lunches.
- > Daily maid service & mid-week change of bed linen (see Villa for full list of included services).
- > Visit iconic Tuscan towns and villages including Siena, San Gimignano, Radda in Chianti, Volterra, and Monteriggioni.
- > Guided sightseeing tour and alabaster workshop in Volterra.
- > Local Tuscan cooking class with lunch and paired wines.
- > Wine tasting at a renowned winery in San Gimignano.
- > Guided sightseeing tour of Siena, including admission to Siena Cathedral.
- > Private wine tasting and olive mill tour in Chianti.
- > Shopping excursion to Leccio's Luxury Mall outlet including a wine & olive oil tasting, light brunch, 10% discount at participating stores, & priority service at the Tax Free Lounge.
- > Private transfers to and from Florence (airport or city centre).
- > Option to add private chef and/or grocery delivery services.

8 Guests from \$4,995 AUD per person

DAY 1 Florence - Chianti Villa

Upon your arrival at Florence airport, you'll be warmly greeted and transferred to the stunning Chianti Villa. Once settled in, take your time to relax, unpack and explore the grounds.

DAY 2 Chianti Villa - Siena - San Gimignano - Chianti Villa (B, L)

Embark on a captivating journey through Tuscany's most legendary towns. Your day unfolds with a memorable day trip to Siena and San Gimignano, each offering its own unique charm. Begin with a stop in Siena, with a guided sightseeing tour, immersing you in the city's rich history. The highlight is your visit to the awe-inspiring Siena Cathedral, an architectural masterpiece that resonates with the past. Afterward, visit Podere La Marronaia Winery, promising a delightful wine tasting experience paired with a sumptuous Tuscan lunch. You will then have time to explore the enchanting streets of San Gimignano at your leisure, before returning to the Chianti Villa.

DAY 3 Chianti Villa - Leccio - Chianti Villa (B)

Embark on a premium shopping excursion to the renowned Luxury Mall outlet in Leccio. Enjoy VIP inclusions such as a wine and olive oil tasting, brunch, and 10% discount at participating stores. Return to the villa in the afternoon for an evening of leisure.

DAY 4 Chianti Villa - Castellina in Chianti - Radda in Chianti - Chianti Villa (B, L)

Indulge in a truly Tuscan experience today as you partake in a private cooking class held in Castellina in Chianti. Under the guidance of a local, learn to create three traditional recipes. Following the culinary session, delight in the fruits of your labour with a splendid Tuscan lunch. In the afternoon, enjoy a private wine tasting and an olive oil mill tour at the esteemed Castello di Volpaia, before returning to the villa for the evening.

DAY 5 Chianti Villa (B)

Today is yours to enjoy at the villa. Revel in the surroundings, take leisurely strolls, or simply unwind by the pool – the choice is entirely yours.

DAY 6 Chianti Villa - Volterra- Monteriggioni - Chianti Villa (B)

Experience the captivating allure of Monteriggioni during a day trip to this charming destination. Enjoy leisure time to discover these historic streets before continuing to Volterra for a guided sightseeing tour that includes an alabaster stone workshop, showcasing the intricate craftsmanship of the region.

DAY 7 Chianti Villa (B)

Today, immerse yourself in the serenity and luxury of the villa, where old-world charm harmoniously merges with modern comforts. With its captivating Mediterranean vistas, the villa's olive tree-studded garden and multiple terraces offer picturesque spots to relax and reflect.

DAY 8 Chianti Villa - Florence (B)

As you bid farewell to the Chianti Villa, our team will ensure a seamless transfer back to Florence city or the airport, marking the conclusion of your unforgettable journey.



Feature Villa

VILLA ULIVETO CHIANTI REGION

4 BEDROOMS MAX 9 GUESTS

- > This beautifully renovated farmhouse seamlessly blends old-world charm with contemporary design.
- > The villa is arranged over two floors, with the kitchen, dining room, and living area flowing out to the terrace, offering stunning views of the surrounding countryside, including outdoor pool, indoor heated pool and SPA.
- > See our full range of luxury Villa's to find your dream Tuscan stay.



PARADISO DEI SOGNATORI

VAL D'ORCIA

6 BEDROOMS MAX 14 Guests

This luxurious villa has six bedrooms and beautiful views of the Tuscan countryside. With a sophisticated and contemporary décor that combines modern design with antiques. Perfect for those who want privacy and relaxation, the lush garden and swimming pool offer an idyllic spot to bask in the sun, while the outdoor dining area is ideal for intimate gatherings with loved ones.

7 NIGHTS: FROM \$22,100 AUD

- > Swimming pool, pizza oven & vegetable garden
- > Internal elevator & gym facilities
- > Daily cleaning service, wifi and utilities included

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FORTEZZA ROSSA VAL D'ORCIA

6 BEDROOMS MAX 14 Guests

Nestled in the heart of the Val d'Orcia lies a six-bedroom villa that beckons you to discover the beauty of Tuscany. This peaceful retreat transports you back in time while providing all the modern luxuries of today. The magnificent 18th-century farmhouse has been beautifully renovated in contemporary style with unique antiques, inviting you to indulge in the ultimate Tuscan experience. Relax in the swimming pool or enjoy the generous al fresco dining areas while taking in the picturesque views of the countryside.

7 NIGHTS: FROM \$18,200 AUD

- > Swimming pool & pizza oven
- > Daily cleaning service, wifi and utilities included

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VILLA DEI PAPAVERI VAL D'ORCIA

6 BEDROOMS MAX 14 Guests

This exquisite Tuscan villa artfully blends traditional farmhouse elements with contemporary design. With six double bedrooms across two floors, each with tasteful decor, luxurious bedding, and ensuite bathrooms, the villa epitomises sophistication and comfort. The garden features an infinity pool and several al fresco dining areas, offering breathtaking views of the countryside, perfect for intimate gatherings.

7 NIGHTS: FROM \$22,100 AUD

- > Infinity swimming pool, pizza oven, vegetable garden & gym facilities
- > Crib & high chair available
- > Daily cleaning service, wifi and utilities included

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CASA SACRA CHIANTI REGION

6 BEDROOMS MAX 14 Guests

This villa was originally built in the 15th & 16th century, and it was once owned by the Administrator of the town's Abbey. The villa has been renovated with original materials and handcrafted features and is decorated with antique furnishings. The property is surrounded by a 10-acres Tuscan oak forest and has a large infinity pool. Enjoy stunning views of the Chianti countryside and visit the nearby Abbey, known for its vineyards.

7 NIGHTS: FROM \$29,100 AUD

- > Infinity swimming pool & BBQ
- > Twice weekly housekeeping and wifi included

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GOT A LARGER GROUP? RENT THE ENTIRE ESTATE TENUTA DEL VILLAGGIO

18 BEDROOMS MAX 37 Guests

Escape to this enchanting estate nestled in the rolling hills of Tuscany. Three elegant villas (Villa Uliveto, Torre Antica, and Rifugio del Pastore, shown right), each exuding a timeless charm and character, offer 18 luxurious bedrooms surrounded by fragrant rosemary and lavender. Experience the original features of 16th and 17th-century farmhouses tastefully restored with modern amenities and clean energy. Relax by the sparkling infinity pool or soak in the jacuzzi, and discover endless cultural, gourmet, and natural adventures in the surrounding medieval hamlets.

ESTATE 7 NIGHTS: FROM \$74,100 AUD

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Villas on the Chianti Estate

ULIVETO CHIANTI REGION

4 BEDROOMS MAX 9 Guests

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This beautifully renovated farmhouse seamlessly blends old-world charm with contemporary design. Enjoy breathtaking Mediterranean views from the olive tree-filled garden, multiple terraces, and the al fresco dining area complete with a barbecue.

7 NIGHTS: FROM \$14,700 AUD

- > Outdoor and indoor pool
- > Daily maid service and linen changes
- > Wifi and utilities included



TORRE ANTICA CHIANTI REGION

7 BEDROOMS MAX 14 Guests

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This magnificent villa spans 5 levels and boasts 7 ensuite double bedrooms, a capacious living room, 2 sitting rooms, a dining area, and a state-of-the-art kitchen. Meticulously renovated with a fusion of modern and classic styles, it's adorned with exquisite antiques. The villa's original features, including natural stone walls and a petite turret on the roof, afford unparalleled 360° vistas of the stunning Chianti region.

7 NIGHTS: FROM \$30,000 AUD

- > Outdoor and indoor pool
- > Daily maid service and linen changes
- > Wifi and utilities included



RIFUGIO DEL PASTORE CHIANTI REGION

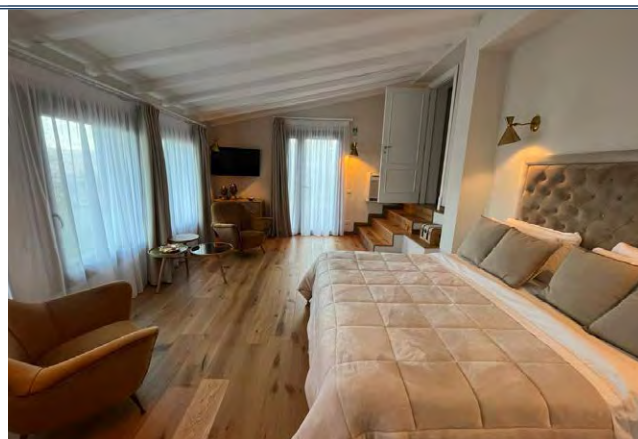
7 BEDROOMS MAX 14 Guests

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This charming Tuscan villa boasts seven double ensuite bedrooms, a modern kitchen, and a spacious living room. Restored tastefully with a blend of modern & classic styles, it offers a private infinity pool and a Mediterranean garden with breathtaking views of the vineyards. Within driving distance of Tuscany's famous art cities, including Florence and Siena, it is the perfect getaway for those seeking both comfort and culture.

7 NIGHTS: FROM \$29,500 AUD

- > Panoramic outdoor swimming pool
- > Daily maid service and linen changes
- > Wifi and utilities included





CASTELLO MAGICO near LUCCA

3 BEDROOMS MAX **6** Guests

Stay in a beautifully renovated castle with stunning views of the sea and valley. Perfect for small groups or families of six with 2 spacious and stylish bedrooms, plus a 1 bedroom **dépendance**. The Italian garden is the perfect setting for open-air summer dinners, complete with lavender bushes, roses, and citrus trees. Conveniently located near art galleries, ateliers, shopping, and the beautiful beaches of Versilia.

7 NIGHTS: FROM \$17,800 AUD

- > Self-catering villa
- > Includes cleaning and linen changing every 4 days with garden and pool maintenance
- > Wifi, air-conditioning & amenities included

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PRATO DEL CONTADINO near SAN GIMIGNANO

4 BEDROOMS MAX **8** Guests

Escape to the Tuscan countryside with this stunning four-bedroom farmhouse, perfectly located for exploring the region's cultural and natural wonders. Recently restored with traditional Tuscan charm, the villa features a lush garden with a swimming pool, al fresco lounge, dining area with pizza oven, spacious living and dining areas, a fully-equipped kitchen, and home theatre.

7 NIGHTS: FROM \$25,000 AUD

- > Swimming pool, home theatre, pizza oven
- > Towel & linen changes
- > Wifi and utilities included
- > Private chef, massages, grocery shopping and concierge services available on request

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RICORDI D'ESTATE near SAN GIMIGNANO

4 BEDROOMS MAX **8** Guests

Ideally situated for exploring regional highlights, including Volterra, Florence, and Siena. The villa is surrounded by a lush garden, boasting an exclusive pool, a large courtyard with a table, chairs, and barbecue for al fresco dining. Beautifully furnished and decorated with classic, high-quality furnishings, artwork, and finishes throughout.

7 NIGHTS: FROM \$10,700 AUD

- > Includes weekly cleaning and linen changes
- > Personal chef or dinners available on request
- > Babysitting service available

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FATTORIA CHIANTI REGION

15 BEDROOMS MAX **30** Guests

This restored Tuscan farmhouse, boasts panoramic terraces, al fresco dining area, and an exclusive pool, surrounded by vineyards, olive groves, and gardens. The main villa has twelve bedrooms with ensuite bathrooms, while the separate 'Old Barn' has been converted into a rustic living space with three apartments, each featuring a double bedroom and bathroom.

7 NIGHTS: FROM \$41,200 AUD

- > Swimming pool & SPA with infrared Finnish sauna and massage room
- > Daily maid service, wifi and utilities included
- > Private chef available on request

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Our Private Itineraries

Our private itineraries are designed as perfect introductions to Tuscany. Private itineraries are available to take on any date that suit your travel schedule. While we can tailor them to suit your interests, we have recommended itineraries based on extensive experience, using exquisite hotels, sightseeing options, entrance to attractions and transport as indicated.

Our recommended itineraries are typically based on private sightseeing and private driver experiences. Group sightseeing and self-drive options may also be available upon request.



COMPARE PRIVATE ITINERARIES

Tuscan Village Stay	Food & Wine Tasting	Food & Wine, In-Depth
ITINERARY		
6 Days 5 Breakfasts 2 Lunches 1 Dinner	5 Days 4 Breakfasts 2 Lunches 1 Dinner	7 Days 6 Breakfasts 4 Lunches
BEST FOR		
First-timers and families: stay in a Tuscan villa and enjoy classic Italian activities and visits to nearby must-see sites.	Authentic Tuscany with little time to spare: experience the best of, or tailor it to your preferences.	Wine and food lovers: unique local food experiences, showcasing some of Tuscany's best wines.
INCLUSIONS		
FOOD <ul style="list-style-type: none">> Welcome dinner at villa with local wine> Cooking class with lunch> Pizza making class with lunch WINE <ul style="list-style-type: none">> Local wine tasting at a San Gimignano winery> Wine tasting at Villa Casagrande	FOOD <ul style="list-style-type: none">> Michelin Star cooking class> Pecorino di Pienza cheese tasting> Lunch in Montalcino's wine region WINE <ul style="list-style-type: none">> Winery tour & tasting, Cortona> 2 x Nobile di Montepulciano red wine tours and tastings> Brunello wine tasting lunch in Montalcino's wine region	FOOD <ul style="list-style-type: none">> Chianti wine tasting lunch> Cooking class with local produce> Val d'Orcia wine tasting lunch> Truffle hunting> Cheese and truffle tasting with local wine WINE <ul style="list-style-type: none">> 2 x Chianti wineries & tasting> Val d'Orcia winery tour & tasting lunch> Vino Nobile di Montepulciano tasting
UPGRADE OPTIONS		
Extend your stay to visit Cortona, an important cultural and artistic centre. You can also add a few nights in Florence to explore the magical Tuscan capital.	Extend your stay to spend a day in Bagno Vignoni – a charming town and a UNESCO World Heritage Site offering natural thermal waters.	Extend your stay to spend a day visiting the protected endangered villages of Pitigliano and Sorano.
PRICE		
from \$2,195pp AUD \$365 per day	from \$3,845pp AUD \$769 per day	from \$4,795pp AUD \$685 per day
		MOST POPULAR



Montepulciano, Italy



Pienza, Italy



Pienza, Italy



Private Tuscany: Food & Wine Tasting

Private Tuscany: Food & Wine, in depth

Ormina Highlights & Inclusions

- > 4 nights in exquisite 4 and 5-star hotels.
- > 4 breakfasts (B), 2 lunches (L), 1 dinner (D).
- > Guided tour of Cortona.
- > Michelin Star cooking experience with dinner.
- > Winery tour and tasting in Cortona.
- > Wine tastings at two wineries in Montepulciano including lunch.
- > Pienza cheese farm visit and tasting.
- > Montalcino winery lunch and tasting.
- > VIP transfers as indicated.
- > Note: hotel city taxes, if applicable, are not included.

DAY 1 Cortona

Welcome to rolling hills of Tuscany and this gastronomy focused tasting of what the region has to offer. Arrive in Cortona, Under the Tuscan Sun, to check in to your amazing hotel just outside the town and freshen up before enjoying an introductory sampler – a tour of the winery with a tasting, followed by an evening to relax.

STAY **2** NIGHTS: Il Falconiere Relais & Chateaux 5-star

DAY 2 Cortona (B, D)

Cortona is a hilltop town with predominantly medieval architecture, steep narrow streets, significant museums and a historic centre. While the origins of the settlement are Umbrian, it was the Etruscans that developed the town that eventually became a Roman colony. Learn more of the history and the gastronomic significance of the surrounding region on a guided morning tour. In the afternoon, enjoy a Michelin Star cooking class experience followed by dinner at your hotel. The cooking class celebrates traditional Tuscan recipes designed by Silvia Baracchi.

DAY 3 Cortona – Montepulciano – Val d'Orcia (B, L)

Drive through the Tuscan countryside into the picturesque Val d'Orcia. Stop in Montepulciano, a major producer of an array of food and drink including pork, cheese, 'pici' pasta and of course wine. Enjoy time to stroll the hamlet, before visiting two wineries for tastings to discover Nobile di Montepulciano red wines, the first Italian DOCG wine characterised by gorgeous ruby red colour and aromas of bright red fruit. The visit includes lunch at one of the wineries. Afterward, continue to another romantic retreat in either a village or rural setting, depending on your preference.

STAY **2** NIGHTS: Locanda in Tuscany or Hotel Relais Palazzo del Capitano 4-star

DAY 4 Val d'Orcia – Pienza – Montalcino – Val d'Orcia (B, L)

Indulge in a progressive day of food & wine. For appetisers, visit a cheese farm for a Pecorino di Pienza cheese tasting. Afterward, transfer to Montalcino for the main dish, a Brunello wine tasting lunch in Montalcino's wine region. Montalcino producer top-notch wine with unrivalled complexity. Finish with leisure time in the hilltop town of Montalcino to browse the quaint shops that include quality wines from the region. Retire to your retreat for a final evening of relaxation.

DAY 5 Val d'Orcia (B)

After breakfast, depart for your ongoing journey.

Twin Share per person from **\$3,845 AUD**

UPGRADE OPTIONS

- > Upgrade to a 5-star hotel in Val d'Orcia: recommended – Castello di Velona Resort & Spa or Castello Banfi.
- > Extend your stay to spend a day in Bagno Vignoni – a charming town and a UNESCO World Heritage Site offering natural thermal waters.
- > Include transfers into Cortona and out of Val d'Orcia for a seamless journey.

Ormina Highlights & Inclusions

- > 6 nights in exquisite 4-star hotels.
- > 6 breakfasts (B), 4 lunches (L).
- > Privately curated wine masterclass with sommelier.
- > Chianti winery tastings and lunch.
- > Tuscan cooking class with lunch.
- > Montalcino winery tasting and lunch.
- > Truffle hunting experience on a farm also producing cheese, with tour and lunch.
- > Day to relax in Bagno Vignoni's thermal spas.
- > Montepulciano wine tasting.
- > VIP transfers as indicated.
- > Note: hotel city taxes, if applicable, are not included.

DAY 1 Florence – Chianti region

Welcome to Tuscany's Chianti area, an important region for wine lovers. Transfer from Florence for the start of your discovery of all three Tuscan wine regions – Chianti, Montalcino and Montepulciano. On arrival, commence this gastronomic feast with a privately curated masterclass with your own sommelier at your hotel.

STAY **3** NIGHTS: Palazzo Leopoldo 4-star or similar

DAY 2 Chianti region (B, L)

Enjoy a full day excursion across Chianti, one of the most well-known and appreciated wine regions. Admire the beautiful Chianti landscape as you visit two amazing wineries where you will be delighted by a wine tasting lunch and independent stroll through charming Tuscan hamlets.

DAY 3 Chianti region (B, L)

Experience authentic Tuscany with a hands-on cooking class followed by lunch. Like all Italian cuisine, Tuscan cooking is based upon using the most fresh and simple ingredients of the season including legumes, cheeses, vegetables and fruits. The rest of the day is at your leisure to perhaps enjoy the hotel SPA or self-discover the nearby region by walking or hiring an e-bike.

DAY 4 Chianti region – Montalcino – Val d'Orcia (B, L)

Discover the rolling hills of Southern Tuscany as you make your way to Val d'Orcia, renowned for its UNESCO World Heritage listing, Brunello di Montalcino wine and Pienza Pecorino cheese. On the way, enjoy a winery tour and a wine tasting lunch. Afterward, visit Montalcino where you have independent time to explore the historical centre before arriving at your retreat.

STAY **3** NIGHTS: Locanda in Tuscany or Hotel Relais Palazzo del Capitano 4-star

DAY 5 Val d'Orcia – Pienza – Val d'Orcia (B, L)

Become a truffle hunter and discover this ancient art with a professional seeker and his/her dog. On the same property, visit the cheese farm and combine your experiences and delight your taste buds with a cheese and truffle infused lunch including local wine. Afterward, you will have leisure time in Pienza to explore Piazza Pio II, Cattedrale dell'Assunta and Palazzo Piccolomini, which has a unique and breath-taking view of the Val d'Orcia Valley.

DAY 6 Val d'Orcia – Bagno Vignoni – Val d'Orcia (B)

Unwind with a relaxing day at Bagno Vignoni thermal paradise – a charming town named a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Relax in the day SPA and enjoy the thermal pools, cherished by the Romans for their healing powers.

DAY 7 Val d'Orcia – Montepulciano – Florence (B)

Discover Vino Nobile di Montepulciano, the first wine in Italy to receive the "denominazione di origine controllata e garantita" (DOCG) that was decreed to be amongst the best wines in Tuscany. Enjoy a wine tasting and continue to Montepulciano, with its elegant Renaissance palaces, ancient churches, charming squares and hidden corners. Afterwards, transfer to Florence for your ongoing journey.

Twin Share per person from **\$4,795 AUD**

UPGRADE OPTIONS

- > Upgrade to a 5-star hotel in Val d'Orcia: recommended – Castello di Velona Resort & Spa or Castello Banfi.
- > Extend your stay to spend a day visiting the protected endangered villages of Pitigliano and Sorano.



Our Small Group Journey
Tuscan Villages SMALL GROUP JOURNEY 7 DAYS
Welcome to Tuscan Villages, a journey boasting Tuscany's most amazing towns, villages, iconic landscapes and traditions that have profoundly influenced world culture, art, gastronomy and history through a lifestyle that blends passion with simplicity.



Private Tuscany: Village Stay

- Ormina Highlights & Inclusions
> 5 nights in the historic Hotel Villa Casagrande.
> 5 breakfasts (B), 2 lunches (L), 1 dinner (D).
> Cooking class to learn Tuscan seasonal dishes with an included lunch.
> Full day excursion to Siena and San Gimignano with wine tasting at a San Gimignano winery.
> Cooking class to learn the art of Pizza making including lunch.
> Full day excursion to Arezzo with a half day guide.
> Airport VIP transfers on arrival and departure.
> Note: hotel city taxes, if applicable, are not included.

DAY 1 Florence – Tuscany (D)
Welcome to Florence, the capital of Italy's Tuscan region! After your transfer, unwind at your Tuscan Villa with a short tour and wine tasting. Settle in for the evening and enjoy a welcome dinner with a glass of wine.
STAY 5 NIGHTS: Hotel Villa Casagrande 4-star or similar

DAY 2 Tuscany (B, L)
Enjoy your first cooking class to prepare three traditional and seasonal Tuscan dishes, and afterwards indulge in your creation over lunch. In the afternoon, enjoy it at your leisure to perhaps discover the lovely village of Figline Valdarno or relax in the hotel's pool and spa.

DAY 3 Tuscany – Siena – San Gimignano – Tuscany (B)
Full day excursion to Siena and San Gimignano to discover the beauty of these preserved medieval towns. The day includes wine tasting on a local farm before returning to the Villa for an evening at leisure.

DAY 4 Tuscany (B, L)
In the morning, enjoy a pizza making class with lunch from the dishes prepared. In the afternoon, you have leisure time to visit the Villa's health centre, rent bikes, go horseback riding, take a walk in the town (right outside the Villa gate) or visit the cellar and museum of the Villa which has hosted Popes and royalty.

DAY 5 Tuscany – Arezzo – Tuscany (B)
Visit Arezzo by train for a half day guided walking tour of this ancient Etruscan town.

DAY 6 Tuscany – Florence (B)
Transfer to Florence airport or Florence train station for your onward journey.

Table with 2 columns: Twin Share per person, from \$2,195 AUD

- UPGRADE OPTIONS
> Add a private guide in Siena with admission to Siena Cathedral and Piccolomini Library to maximise the visit.
> Visit Florence for the day with a half day guide and travelling either by return train or private driver.
> Add a private driver for a half day excursion to visit Cortona or the fantastic The Mall designer outlet located nearby.

Good things come in small packages.

> MAXIMUM 10 GUESTS

Our small group set departure tours are limited to 10 guests, the smallest group size on the market.

> LEISURELY PACED – 2 & 3 NIGHT STAYS

One night is never enough, which is why our well-designed itineraries focus on 2- and 3-night stays. This makes your experience more leisurely, relaxed and well-paced including time for self-discovery.

> EXQUISITE 4 & 5-STAR HOTELS ONLY

We use exquisite 4-star superior and 5-star hotels only on our Small Group Journeys. All city hotels are centrally located within a short walking distance of places of interest.

> GUARANTEED DEPARTURES

Our Small Group Journeys are guaranteed to depart with a minimum of just two guests giving you the confidence and certainty to book.

Ormina Highlights & Inclusions

- > 6 nights in exquisite 4-star hotels.
> 6 breakfasts (B), 2 lunches (L).
> Private driver and tour escort.
> Guided sightseeing in Siena and Lucca.
> Tuscan cooking class at a local's home.
> Wine tasting in Tuscany's renowned Chianti region.
> Truffle hunting experience.
> Cheese farm visit, tasting and lunch.
> Alabaster stone crafting workshop in Volterra.
> Visit villages that rank amongst the best in Italy including Volterra, Pienza and Monteriggioni.
> Entrance to Siena Cathedral and Piccolomini Library.
> Deluxe VIP transport.
> Arrival transfer on the first day.
> Note: hotel city taxes, if applicable, are not included.



DAY 1 Florence
Welcome to Florence, the heart of Tuscany and the perfect starting point for your Tuscan experience. If not partaking in our pre-tour Florence city break, we suggest a visit to Florence Cathedral, Accademia or Uffizi Galleries or simply stroll the streets and take advantage of Florence's famous leather markets.

OVERNIGHT: Hotel L'Orologio Florence 4-star or similar

DAY 2 Florence – Siena – Monteriggioni – Chianti (B)
Depart for the Tuscan countryside. On arrival in Siena, enjoy a privately guided walking tour of the historic centre, declared a World Heritage Site for its preserved gothic appearance dating from the 12th to 15th century. The tour includes an explanation of Siena's Contrade or family districts that have existed since the Middle Ages, as well as visits to Siena Cathedral and Piazza del Campo, that hosts the twice yearly Palio horse race. Afterward, enjoy time to explore Siena before departing for the unique medieval walled town of Monteriggioni. This evening you may relax and enjoy your Tuscan retreat in Chianti.

STAY 3 NIGHTS: Palazzo Leopoldo 4-star or similar

DAY 3 Chianti (B, L)
Enjoy the entire day exploring the Chianti region, commencing with a hands-on cooking class in the home of a local, followed by lunch with local wine. In the afternoon, visit a Chianti winery for a tour and tasting.

DAY 4 Chianti – Pienza – Chianti (B, L)
Today venture into the amazing Val d'Orcia, a region of Tuscany characterised by gentle cultivated hills, gullies and picturesque villages that is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site for its cultural landscape. Participate in the thrill of a truffle hunt on a farm, followed by truffle and cheese tasting and delicious lunch. Afterward, discover the beautiful hilltop town of Pienza.

DAY 5 Chianti – San Gimignano – Volterra – Lucca (B)
Visit the multi-towered town of San Gimignano featuring a 12th century Romanesque church with famous frescoes and Piazza del Duomo that houses

the Museo Civico and Palazzo del Popolo. Enjoy time with your tour escort to explore the village at your leisure including perhaps, climbing the stairs of one of the towers for a fantastic view. Afterward, visit the ancient village of Volterra, an important Etruscan city, featuring beautiful winding cobbled streets and artisan craftsmanship. The visit includes a brief alabaster stone workshop to learn the secrets of carving the local stone. The walled mountaintop town's history dates to before the 7th century BC and contains structures from the Etruscan, Roman and Medieval periods. The evening is yours to explore enchanting Lucca, famous for its historic centre, medieval towers and best-preserved ramparts in Italy.

STAY 2 NIGHTS: Alla Corte degli Angeli 4-star or similar

DAY 6 Lucca (B)
Enjoy a half day walking tour with a local guide. Afterward, you have leisure time to continue to explore the town's maze of streets, people watch in its famous Piazzas or wander along its ancient walls.

DAY 7 Lucca (B)
If you are not extending your stay with us in Tuscany, your tour ends on hotel check-out.

Departures and Pricing

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* All prices are listed in AUD. Prices in other currencies are available on our website.

Top Experiences

WINERY TOUR, TASTINGS AND PICNICS

A wine tour in Tuscany is a must for wine enthusiasts, with rolling hills covered in vineyards and a reputation for producing delicious wines like Chianti, Brunello di Montalcino, and Vino Nobile di Montepulciano. Visitors can explore the vineyards and cellars, learn about the winemaking process, and sample the wines. Many vineyards are family-friendly, with children welcome to tour the vineyards and learn about the winemaking process. Onsite restaurants offer opportunities to savour the best of local products in rustic settings, including picnics among the vines.



LOCAL CHEESE FARM VISIT AND TASTING

Visit a Pecorino cheese farm to witness the product transformation and meet the people involved in the process. Savour the salty and wild herb notes of Pecorino cheese, paired with local cold cuts and wine. Pienza is renowned as the “ideal city of the Renaissance” and the birthplace of Pecorino cheese. The exceptional taste of the cheese is a result of the unique combination of clayey soils of the pastures, scented herbs, and local sheep milk production.

 Family friendly



EXPLORE CASTLES AND ANCIENT VILLAGES

Exploring castles and ancient villages is a perfect addition to a family holiday in Tuscany. The region is full of fascinating historic sites that offer a glimpse into Italy's past. Children can step back in time as they wander through the cobbled streets of medieval villages or climb the towers of ancient castles. Castello di Brolio, Castello di Vincigliata, Castello di Sammezzano, and Castello di Poppi are just a few examples of impressive castles that are sure to capture the imagination of both children and adults alike.

 Family friendly

EXPERIENCE A TUSCAN COOKING CLASS

Cooking classes are a fun and educational way for families to experience the rich culinary traditions of Tuscany. Classes can be catered specifically to families, with child-friendly recipes and activities that engage both parents and kids. These classes may involve a visit to a local market or farm to select fresh ingredients, followed by hands-on instruction in the kitchen to prepare traditional Tuscan dishes like fresh pasta and pizza. Parents and kids can work together to learn, create, cook, and then sit down to enjoy the fruits of their labour together.

 Family friendly



LEARN ABOUT THE REGION IN A WINE MASTERCLASS

It's not easy to disentangle the different types of grapes and wines in Italy. So, when visiting an important wine region such as Tuscany, it can be useful to be prepared before embarking on a winery tour. This makes a masterclass the perfect first activity when staying in Tuscany, allowing you to start to unravel the indigenous grape names and how they are used and mixed in the development of wines. Of course, your class will also include a practical element where you can learn to smell and taste wines and what to look out for.



RELAX AND REJUVENATE IN THE NATURAL HOT SPRINGS

Tuscany is home to many natural hot springs, known as “Terme” in Italian. These hot springs have been enjoyed for centuries for their healing properties and relaxing qualities. Some of the most popular hot springs in Tuscany include Bagno Vignoni, Saturnia, and Bagni San Filippo. These thermal spas offer a variety of amenities, such as pools with different temperatures, waterfalls, and hydro-massage areas. Visitors can also indulge in spa treatments, such as massages and mud baths. The hot springs are set amidst the region's beautiful natural scenery, making them a popular destination for those seeking a peaceful & rejuvenating escape.

 Family friendly *age dependent*



GET THE PERFECT PHOTO OF THE LEANING TOWER IN PISA

No visit to Tuscany would be complete without a stop in Pisa to see the iconic Leaning Tower and Romanesque-style Cathedral. Millions of visitors flock to this landmark each year, and for good reason. The ornate marble facade and breathtaking interior, boasting intricate mosaics and frescoes, are not to be missed. Join the crowd in finding the perfect photo angle of the tower, then take a leisurely walk along the Arno River to complete your experience.

 Family friendly

RIDE IN VINTAGE CARS THROUGH THE ROLLING HILLS

A delightful way to experience the stunning landscapes of Tuscany is by embarking on a vintage car ride with your family. Whether you choose to drive yourself or relax as a passenger, you can meander through the charming countryside, taking in the rolling hills, lush vineyards, and historic towns. There are numerous routes to explore, from the winding roads of the Chianti region to the picturesque hills of Val d'Orcia or the ancient streets of Lucca. Along the way, you can stop to explore quaint villages, sample local cuisine, or visit a winery for a tasting or tour.

 Family friendly *age dependent*



TAKE IN THE VIEW FROM A HOT AIR BALLOON

Experience the joy and excitement of floating high above the picturesque Tuscan countryside on a hot air balloon ride! Soar gently over the rolling hills, quaint villages, and lush olive groves. This thrilling adventure is perfect for all ages, as you'll enjoy a peaceful and serene flight with the added bonus of a delicious breakfast of local cheeses, bread, and olive oil upon landing.

 Family friendly *age dependent*



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