



Montepulciano, Italy



Tuscany: Food & Wine Tasting

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 \$4,816 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.