

"Wine Week" in Tuscany



Are you dreaming of your Tuscan holidays?

Tuscany, birthplace of the Italian Renaissance, is known for its famed pastoral landscape, architectural beauty, cuisine and viticulture, setting the stage for an amazing week.

Sept. 12 Wednesday

Depart Atlanta in the afternoon for overnight flight to Rome. (Air travel on your own). Recommended flight information will be provided to arrive at Fiumicino Leonardo da Vinci Rome (FCO) airport at 8:00 am. on Thursday, Sept. 13 along with group meeting time and location. Great train system to FCO airport, or meet in Cortona. Let us know your travel plans.

Sept. 13 Thursday

Arrive early morning at Rome airport and board a small bus to transfer to Cortona, the lovely Etruscan town setting of the movie "Under the Tuscan Sun". Stop for lunch en route to Hotel San Michele, with its excellent location in the heart of the ancient city. Very charming, old world with modern conveniences. Spacious, comfortable rooms (nap anyone?) with great breakfast! Afternoon visit to a prestigious winery of the area renowned for the Shiraz (Syrah) production. Welcome dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight in Cortona at Hotel San Michele.

Sept. 14 Friday

Transfer to Montepulciano, the beautiful and famous medieval and Renaissance hill town in southern Tuscany. Major producer of food and drink. Known world-wide for its wine. We will visit two wineries: one in the countryside and another built underground in the ancient city centre. Here the tasting of the Nobile wine is combined with a nice Tuscan lunch. Afternoon small cruise on the Trasimeno Lake, Italy's 4th largest. Free night dinner. Overnight in Cortona at Hotel San Michele.



Sept. 15 Saturday

Transfer to Montalcino. This hill town is famous for Brunello di Montalcino, which is a very famous DOCG* Red Italian Wine, 100% Sangiovese, one of Italy's best known and expensive wines. The diversity of terroir is amazing giving this well known wine its wonderful character and depth. We will tour two wineries (at one of them lunch is combined with wine tasting), and explore the town of Montalcino, where the wine shop in the ancient fortress has an amazing collection of vintage Brunello bottles. In the afternoon we will visit the lovely town of Pienza, the "capital of pecorino cheese." This small town with its realm of cypress trees, country roads and hillside landscapes is a Unesco World Heritage site. Pienza represents the first application of the

Sept. 16 Sunday



concept of urban design (planning for the ideal town), which played a significant role in subsequent urban development in Italy and beyond. We will have a lovely Pecorino Cheese tasting. Free night dinner. Overnight in Cortona at Hotel San Michele.

Transfer to Arezzo, a beautiful hilltop city in East Tuscany. Sweeping city views and a guided visit of this lovely town (setting of the movie "Life is Beautiful"). Lunch at an organic winery located on a super scenic position on top of a hill. Afternoon transfer to Chianti area. Dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight in Radda in Chianti, a beautiful medieval town enclosed with large defensive walls, very picturesque and panoramic. Age old streets in Radda in Chianti with olive groves, vineyards and marvelous scenery. This historic wine town is home of Consorzio di Chianti Classico. Our hotel for the next three nights is Palazzo Leopoldo, a historic and romantic palace, a fascinating medieval villa.

Sept. 17 Monday

Day tour in Chianti area and visit three historical wineries located in special places: Coltibuono Abbey and Brolio Castle, which has been the home of the noble Ricasoli family since 1141. You will be served a wonderful lunch at a winery located in an ancient Tuscan country villa. Free night dinner. Overnight in Palazzo Leopoldo in Radda in Chianti.

Sept. 18 Tuesday

Transfer to San Gimignano: visit the "medieval Manhattan". This small walled, medieval hill town is known for its fine towers and the country's most famous white wine, Vernaccia. Lunch at a local winery and taste the renowned Vernaccia wine (the only DOCG white wine in Tuscany). In the afternoon, our trip takes us to Siena, probably Italy's most lovely medieval city. This historic center is a UNESCO World Heritage site with a wonderful cathedral which we will visit during our guided walking tour. Farewell dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight in Palazzo Leopoldo in Radda in Chianti.



Sept. 19 Wednesday

Transfer to Florence: here you can opt to stay a couple of nights and explore this amazing city or take a high speed train and get to Rome to fly home or plan to spend additional travel days.

Italian Tour Leader

Sara Sguerri



Sara is 100% Tuscan and lives in Arezzo. As co-owner of Travel Anthropy she has a passion for travel and meeting new people which is why she has been working in tourism since 2005 and spending a couple of months each winter travelling the world. Sara is deeply devoted to her home town of Arezzo, having qualified as a licensed city guide for the historic city and its province. She never tires of helping people to discover the beauty, history and traditions of Tuscany, and being

a consummate "foodie" Sara especially enjoys partaking in delicious food and wine in good company.

For information about optional tours at either the beginning or end of the trip please contact Sara at travelanthropyit@gmail.com

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CLE Tour Leader

Donna Woods

Donna has successfully led exciting wine trips for CLE to the Willamette Valley in 2016 and to Sonoma in 2017. She is a Certified Specialist of Wine (CSW) and Wine & Spirit Education Trust (WSET) Atlanta Wine School Graduate. Donna is former co-owner of Lakeside Restaurant in Highlands, NC. She helped to grow Lakeside's wine list into a 13+ year Wine Spectator Award winning wine list. Donna and husband Marty's extensive winter travels to wine regions in France, Italy, Portugal, South Africa and of course, California, Oregon, Washington, New York and even New Mexico and Arizona, have given her wonderful first-hand opportunities to enjoy and learn more about wine.

*DOCG - DENOMINAZIONE DI ORIGINE CONTROLLATA E GARANTITA (Denomination of Controlled and Guaranteed Origin) This category is reserved for elite wines whose quality is "guaranteed" by the Italian Government.



ITALY WINE TOUR September 12-19, 2018

Per Person

Double Occupancy	Single Rate
\$3495	\$3795

\$500 non-refundable deposit per person required no later than January 15, 2018

RESERVATION FORM

Enclosed is my check or credit card authorization for \$_____ (\$500 non-refundable deposit per person) payable to "Center for Life Enrichment" to hold place(s) on the Italy Wine Tour, September 12-19, 2018.

Final payment by check is due May 31, 2018

Guest #1 (as printed on passport): _____

Guest #2 (as printed on passport): _____

Address _____

City _____ Phone _____

Deposit Payment

___ Check Enclosed for \$500 per person (non-refundable deposit)

___ Credit Card # _____

Expiration Date: _____

Name (as printed on card): _____

Billing Address (if different from above): _____

Accommodations

___ I require single accommodations (supplemental fee of \$300)

___ I am traveling as a single person, but will share accommodations with _____

Dietary Restrictions

I/We have carefully read the Costs and Conditions sections of this brochure and agree to the terms on behalf of myself and the members of my party named above.

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

**Mail to: Center for Life Enrichment
P.O. Box 2046, Highlands, NC 28741**

COSTS AND CONDITIONS

AIRFARE: International airfare to Rome Italy and return home is not included. As a general rule, it is wise to refrain from purchasing non-refundable airfare until the minimum number of participants has been met. Upon registration a recommended flight itinerary will be made available departing from and returning to Atlanta.

TOUR SIZE: This tour is limited to 19 participants on a first-come, first-served basis. The minimum group size is 12. Should the minimum not be met, we reserve the right to levy a small group surcharge.

TOUR INCLUDES: 6 nights accommodation at 4 star hotels (breakfast included) * 6 lunches and 3 dinners (wine included) * 2 guided visits including entrance tickets * cheese tasting in Pienza * cruise on Trasimeno Lake * Italian tour leader and CLE tour leader * Transportation by private motor coach * Tips for drivers and city guides * Restaurant service charges and taxes * Coordination and administration

TOUR EXCLUDES: U.S. domestic and international airfare * Excess baggage charges * Meals not specified in the itinerary * Personal items such as laundry, email, fax or telephone calls * Alcoholic beverages except those mentioned above * Room service * Passport or visa fees * Private transfers * Medical expenses * Travel insurance * Optional extensions or deviations from the scheduled tour * Tip to Italian tour leader is at the passenger's discretion

RESERVATIONS, DEPOSITS and FINAL PAYMENT: To reserve a space on this tour, please mail a non-refundable deposit of \$500 per person payable to "Center for Life Enrichment," along with the completed reservation to: Center for Life Enrichment, P.O. Box 2046, Highlands, NC 28741 or call 828-526-8811. Reservations are acknowledged in order of receipt until the maximum enrollment of 19 has been reached. Final payment is due May 31, 2018 and must be made by check.

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS: All cancellations must be made in writing to the Center for Life Enrichment. Deposits are non-refundable. There are no refunds for unused meals, accommodations or other trip features or for any part of the program on which you choose not to participate.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: We highly recommend the purchase of trip cancellation insurance. We recommend that you contact Allianz at www.Allianztravelinsurance.com or (866) 672-9580 for rates and information. Neither The Center for Life Enrichment nor Travel Anthropy (agents for tour contractors) accept liability for any airline cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a non-refundable airline ticket or other expenses incurred by tour participants in preparing for the tour.

PHYSICAL HEALTH: Participation on this program requires that passengers be in generally good health. It is essential that persons with any medical problems and related dietary restrictions make them known to us well before the departure.

RESPONSIBILITY: CLE and Travel Anthropy, its owners and employees act only as agents for the various independent suppliers and contractors providing transportation, hotel accommodations, restaurant and other services connected with this tour. Such travel and services are subject to the terms and conditions

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