



7 DAYS

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Tuscany, Italy

Through the kitchens and vineyards - you will explore Italy's rich culture. Discover the towns and countryside of Italy's picturesque region on our unique hosted tour. Visit the world-renowned wine region of Chianti, including Castello di Brolio - home of the original Chianti recipe. Sample fine wines from privately-owned family vineyards. Savor organic and seasonal cuisine. Spend a day in Tuscany's capital, Florence - a great art centre that remains closely linked to its medieval and renaissance past. Explore local culture in the charming historic towns of Montalcino and Pienza. Wander through cobbled streets and country paths in one of Italy's most enchanting regions. For those who want, there is an opportunity to try a cooking class with our chef at Villa Le Barone. This trip offers a rare opportunity to enjoy the life that is truly Italy. Sometimes, the Villa's owner, Count Aloisi de Larderel joins us for a drink and regales us with stories of his home's 400 year old history. Don't just travel. EXPERIENCE! Join us on a luscious feast for all of your senses!

INCLUDES:

- 7 days/6 nights accommodations as listed, hotel tips and taxes,
- 6 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 4 dinners,
- 2 wine tastings,
- Full time certified local guide during the trip and small bespoke group sizes.
- All transfers and luggage transportation during the trip,
- Guided visits to Siena, Florence, Pienza, Greve, and Montalcino.

ITINERARY

**DAY 1**

Pick up in Florence at 10:30 a.m. for a transfer to Villa Le Barone in the heart of the Chianti region. An introductory walk amidst the lush vineyards brings you to Volpaia for lunch at Paula's. Welcome dinner tonight, included in Lamole, where Michaelangelo will describe all that is Italian. (L, D)

Accommodations: Villa Le Barone or equivalent

DAY 2

After a delicious Italian breakfast of fresh baked bread and organic eggs, enjoy a guided walk past the vineyards of the Chianti region. Visit the Castello di Brolio, home to the original Chianti wine recipe. Continue to the family-owned vineyard of Renzo Marinai and savor a unique wine tasting and tour around the private winery. Return to Villa Barone to enjoy the natural surroundings and facilities. (B, wine tasting)

Accommodations: Villa Le Barone or equivalent

DAY 3

We take you on a guided walk through Florence's historic centre, a pedestrian city, filled with incredible renaissance architecture. Included are some of the most famous monuments - the Duomo, the Ponte Vecchio, Signorini Square and more. In the afternoon there is time to wander on your own, shop or

visit a museum. The day ends with a pizza marathon in the garden of Constanza's renaissance villa. (B, D)

Accommodations: Villa Le Barone or equivalent

DAY 4

After breakfast transfer to San Quirico strategically positioned between Pienza and Montalcino. Taste some of the best Brunello and Rosso wines, known as the super Tuscans. En route, stop in Siena for an introduction to the Piazza del Campo, another Duomo of course, and the 'contrade'. Tonight you will have time to walk around on your own and discover a typical Italian town, choosing from one of the many authentic restaurants for dinner, or you can relax and enjoy the spa facilities at the Palazzo del Capitano. (B)

Accommodations: Palazzo del Capitano or equivalent

DAY 5

This morning we begin with an early visit to the quintessential renaissance town of Pienza, Wander down alleys and lanes and find some of the best pecorino cheese in Italy. Yum!!! Discover Montepulciano. (B, D)

Accommodations: Palazzo del Capitano or equivalent



DAY 6

Walk along picture-perfect paths, working farms and more. If you are lucky you will come face to face with the 'chianine,' white cattle weighing up to one ton and famed for producing the Florentine steak. Visit the Romanesque Benedictine monastery of Sant'Antimo. In the afternoon enjoy the town of San Quirico, relax in the hotel garden, or take advantage of the spa facilities. Tonight, exchange memories and celebrate with a farewell dinner. (B, D)
Accommodations: Palazzo del Capitano or equivalent

DAY 7

After breakfast we say our good-byes and transfer to Florence. You have the option of a direct transfer to the Florence airport or let us help you extend your trip for a few extra glorious days in Italy. (B)

Included:

6 nights accommodation with en-suite facilities, 6 breakfasts, 4 dinners, 1 lunches, full-time, professional guide, guided walks each day, guided tours of Florence, Siena, Pienza, Greve, & Montalcino, wine and specialty foods tastings, paid entrance to all included activities, all land transfers during the tour, taxes and

service charges at hotels and restaurants, travel guidance for pre/post-tour activities.

Not included: Airfares, airport taxes, travel insurance (recommended), pre and post trip travel, personal purchases, mini-bar services, alcohol unless specifically included, OPC contribution, gratuities for guide and driver.

Our Hotels:

VILLA LE BARONE

This hotel is an oasis of serenity in the heart of Chianti. The former manor house has been in the famous Robbia family since the 16th century. It is lovingly cared for with vistas over the vineyards and olive groves. Each room is carefully designed in keeping with traditions and modern amenities.
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HOTEL PALAZZO DEL CAPITANO

In the center of the town of San Quirico, this hotel enjoys an ideal positions between Renaissance Pienza and Medieval Montalcino. Each room is tastefully designed with antiques and all the comforts of the modern world. Walk out the lobby and you are in the heart of a real working town.

*Please note that some routes may be modified as required upon arrival in each location.

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DESCRIPTION

While every effort has been made to describe and produce the travel services and photographs as accurately as possible, part of your adventure is to discover things that may be a bit different than what you are used to. Living standards and local conditions during your tour may be different from what you are accustomed to at home and we invite you to embrace these cultural differences. At

times, we may be required to change our routing due to unforeseen circumstances.

If you encounter any concerns during your tour, please inform your local travel service provider. If the matter cannot be resolved, please inform Garth Allen Marksted Travel in writing upon your return.

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ABOUT US

Eva Stelzer, founder and driving force behind Evia Consulting and GAM travel's Italian walking holidays, has been guiding and organizing trips to Italy for 6 years. Her love of languages and former career as a professor of education and physical education has resulted in intelligent and active travel. She graduated from McGill University in Montreal with degrees in physical education and business administration before studying French at the Sorbonne in Paris, Spanish at the University of Cuenca in Spain, and Italian at the Istituto Michelangelo in Florence. Eva's passions for languages, travel and fitness, led to the creation of perfect insider-travel experiences for others and relies on her unique partnerships with locals. We are committed to providing every guest with a sense of accomplishment and joy, while helping them discover local places of interest, culture, great food, interesting walks, and memories to cherish. Why travel when you can experience! All of our trips are booked through Garth Allen Marksted Travel, Quebec License # 701865

Buon viaggio!

Q&A

the details

Hotel Type

This trip uses 4 and 5 star properties. Each property is carefully selected for its location, charm, and local ownership. At Evia, we want you to experience a truly Italian and elegant environment and culture.

Level of Activity

Moderate to avid.

How do I get to Florence?

Most transatlantic flights arrive in Florence via a connecting flight in Switzerland, France or Germany. You can also take a direct transatlantic flight to Rome followed by a train to Florence or we can arrange for a driver to pick you up at the Rome airport. We can help you with advance ticket reservations or you can book on line through Rail Europe. We suggest that you arrive one day before the tour to deal with jet lag. Also, we cannot be responsible for missed flights or missed tour dates in the event that you arrive after the tour date.

Ready to book?

- Call 1.888.386.2669 or 514.497.1960
- Email info@eviaactive.com with any remaining questions. Please do not book flights until we have confirmed hotel availability.
- Book your hotel accommodation for the night before your Evia trip or let us do it for you.
- Make sure your passport is up to date and valid for 6 months after the last date of travel.
- Enquire about travel insurance.
- Once you are confirmed on your Evia B&R trip, you will receive a Confirmation Email. Then, about a month before you leave, we will send you a list of your fellow travellers, final rendezvous instructions and your hotel contact numbers.

Room Upgrade

If you would like to upgrade your accommodation on this trip, please enquire at time of booking to learn cost and availability.

Extending your trip

Florence, Rome, Venice, the Amalfi Coast, or elsewhere in Italy. Should you wish to extend your trip elsewhere in Italy we will be happy to assist.

Florence is a great city and definitely worth a couple days of exploring. We suggest staying in Florence as a pre rather than post trip destinations.

Should you wish to stay longer in the Tuscan countryside, we can arrange that too.

At Evia we start while you're still at home. We make to answer every question, no matter how often you ask.