

Tuscany Culinary Tour

La Dolce Vita! - The Sweet Life!



The Ultimate Italian Food & Wine Experience!

Join Sechrist Travel for an adventure in the **Italian Food & Wine culture!** Enjoy a week of delicious food, fantastic wine, and beautiful sights in **Tuscany!**

This tour is all about experiencing **La dolce vita**, which literally translates as "the sweet life". We will enjoy the Tuscany region of Italy with its well known and admired culture of **food, wine**, and **breathtaking sights & scenery** with this exciting itinerary.

With your arrival into Rome's Fiumicino International Airport "Leonardo da Vinci" we transfer to **Fattoria Pieve a Salti**, a late 19th century Tuscan farmhouse located in Hills in Buonconvento (Siena) offering a beautiful natural setting, rich in history, art and sacred traditions.

- Learn the secrets to making fresh pasta and other local favorites
- Stay in a beautifully restored historic, working agriturismo village
- Explore amazingly beautiful nearby sights
- Leave with a complimentary bottle of homemade limoncello
- Enjoy a complimentary happy hour every night

Cities Visited:

- Siena
- Montalcino
- Florence
- Montepulciano
- Rome

When: October 15 - 23, 2021

Where: Italy's Tuscany Region

Cost: LAND \$2,199 + AIR



Day 1: Friday 15 October: Departure
Overnight flight to Rome's Fiumicino International Airport "Leonardo da Vinci"

Day 2: Saturday 16 October: Arrival in Rome - Pieve

Morning arrival into Rome airport. After customs formalities the group will be welcomed by tour director and board our waiting motor-coach. Transfer to **Fattoria Pieve a Salti**, a late 19th century Tuscan farmhouse located in Hills in Buonconvento (Siena) offering a beautiful natural setting, rich in history, art and sacred traditions. Relax and use of the facilities. Welcome Dinner and overnight.

Group Welcome Dinner Provided

Day 3: Sunday 17 October: Siena

After breakfast, enjoy a guided visit of Siena, including a wine tasting at Enoteca Cantina in Piazza or S.Domenico or Piccolomini. Free time. Gourmet dinner at **La Finestra** restaurant, Siena. Return to Pieve.

Group Dinner Provided

Day 4: Monday 18 October: Pienza - Montalcino - S. Antimo

After breakfast, enjoy some leisure time to enjoy the Frattoria. Later, participate in a **Cooking class and lunch** at the Frattoria. This afternoon, enjoy an excursion to **Pienza, Montalcino, and S. Antimo**. Return to Pieve for dinner.

Group Lunch & Dinner Provided

Day 5: Tuesday 19 October Florence

Today we're off to **Florence** where we will enjoy a guided tour and visit to **Accademia Gallery** with the magnificent viewing of **Michelangelo's David**. The afternoon is at your leisure to further explore Florence. Early dinner at **Torcicoda's** in Santa Croce. Return to Pieve for overnight.

Group Dinner Provided

Day 6: Wednesday 20 October: Montepulciano

After breakfast, enjoy an excursion to **Montepulciano** with a visit and tasting at the **Cugusi Cheese Factory**. The afternoon is at your leisure to further explore Montepulciano with dinner on your own. Return to Pieve for overnight.

Dinner On Your Own





Day 7: Thursday 21 October:

After breakfast, board your coach and discover the enchanting Tuscan countryside with visits in **S. Galgano** and **Montesiepi**. Enjoy lunch at a local farm (agriturismo) or castle. Return to Pieve for dinner.

Group Lunch & Dinner Provided

Day 8: Friday 22 October: ROME

On the final day of the tour we will return to Rome enjoy one last day to explore the Eternal City and home to the Roman Empire, including a visit to the ancient **Roman Forum** and the **Flavian Amphitheatre, "Colosseum"**. We will enjoy a **Farewell Dinner** and overnight in Rome.

Group Farewell Dinner Provided

Day 9: Saturday 23 October: Departure

Today we say **"Arrivederci"**. After breakfast, we will make our way to **Fiumicino International Airport "Leonardo da Vinci"**

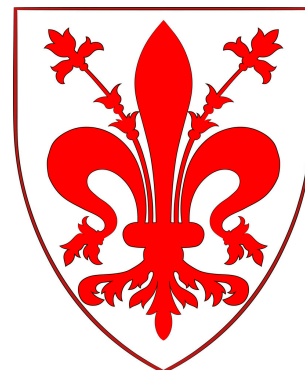




For more information:

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Tuscany Culinary Tour 2021

OCTOBER 15 - 23, 2021

Cost per Person:

LAND package - based on double occupancy

• **\$2,449.00**

***\$375.00 - single occupancy supplement charge**

AIR package ESTIMATE - \$1,200.00* per person

- ▶ Flight MUST be arranged on your own for morning arrival into Rome on OCT. 16.
- ▶ Above airfare is estimated for 2021 and provided as a guideline for the final cost of the tour
- ▶ Group flight arrangements may be made through Sechrist Travel for groups of 10 or more using the same GATEWAY city and on the same flight itinerary
- ▶ All transportation arrangements are subject to change, which may result in additional fees for schedule changes, additional taxes and fuel surcharges imposed by the government and/or transportation carrier. Airlines may also charge additional fees for baggage, instruments or equipment in excess of size and/or weight restrictions. All additional charges are the sole responsibility of the group/individual.

TOTAL PACKAGE COST = \$3,649.00

▶ ***+ or - based on actual airfare***

Tentative payment plan:

- ▶ **November 20, 2020** = \$500 per person
- ▶ **January 22, 2021** = \$500 per person
- ▶ **March 19, 2021** = \$500 per person
- ▶ **May 21, 2021** = \$500 per person
- ▶ **July 23, 2021** - Final Balance; estimated at \$449 per person

Your Tour Experience Includes (Subject to availability):

- ▶ *Seven (7) nights accommodation at superior tourist-class hotels, plus one (1) night in flight*
- ▶ Motor coach transportation throughout your tour.
- ▶ Daily Buffet breakfasts, one (1) lunch and six (6) Dinners, as indicated in the itinerary
 - Group meals may not include beverages (outside of breakfast)
 - Enjoy a complimentary happy hour every night
- ▶ GUIDED SIGHTSEEING/CITY TOURS:
 - ▶ Siena
 - ▶ Florence
 - ▶ Rome
- ▶ ENTRANCE FEE:
 - Accademia Gallery, home of Michelangelo's David
 - Roman Forum and Colosseum
- ▶ CULINARY ACTIVITIES:
 - Wine tasting at enoteca in Siena
 - Cooking class in Pieve
 - Tasting at Cugusi cheese factory
 - Lunch in a local farm (agriturismo) or castle

- ▶ Tips for city guides and coach Drivers
- ▶ Taxes are included for all services

PLUS:

- ▶ A professional Tour Director to handle all tour arrangements with concern/care for the needs of the tour group
- ▶ A complete *Itinerary* handbook for your use
- ▶ Official Tour Luggage Tags (2 per person – 1 for checked luggage and 1 for carry-on)
- ▶ Full support of an Account Manager to handle the planning aspects of your tour.
- ▶ \$2M Sechrist Travel Tour Liability Insurance coverage
- ▶ SECHRIST TRAVEL Assistance 24/7 with Emergency Mobile Phone Number

Tour Cost Does Not Include:

- ▶ Transportation to/from your HOME Airport is arranged ON YOUR OWN
- ▶ Round trip air transportation – to/from Rome, Italy
 - ▶ Airfare is estimated at \$1,200.00 **Subject to change*
 - ▶ *Group fares possible based on a minimum of 10 passengers*
- ▶ Meals not listed as 'included'
- ▶ Entrance fees for locations/sights you visit on your own
- ▶ Anything not mentioned in "Your Tour Experience Includes" Passport fees
- ▶ Checked baggage fees (if applicable), portage of luggage, Instrumental rental, excess baggage or air cargo fees, optional excursions, independent meals, and any other items not mentioned as included.
- ▶ Trip Protection/Cancellation Insurance
 - Can be provided through **Sechrist Travel** and **Travel Safe** for an additional cost
 - <https://sechristtravel.com/trip-protection-insurance/>
 - You may also purchase through your own Home Owners Insurance provider, or a company like AAA or TravelEx
- Please note, **until the number of participants is secured**, these prices and activities are estimated. Actual activities might take place on different days that suggested in the proposal.

• **Send ALL payments and correspondence to:**

Sechrist Travel
13300 Bothell Everett Hwy
Ste. #303-6108
Mill Creek, WA 98012

I. **Payment Schedule**

- A. Reservations for participation in the **Italy Culinary Tour 2021** are accepted on a first-come basis
 - 1. reservations can be secured by submitting a \$500 per person deposit
 - 2. early deposits are encouraged, with the first payment due no later than **November 20, 2020**
- B. The 2nd payment is \$500 per person due **January 22, 2021**
- C. The 3rd payment is \$500 per person due **March 19, 2021**
- D. The 4th payment is \$500 per person due **May 21, 2021**
- E. **The final balance, estimated at \$449 per person, is due July 23, 2021**
- F. Billing Statements will be mailed out 30 days prior to next installment after the initial deposit is received.
- G. Billing Statements will be based upon your number of participants, and will indicate payment due dates, reflect your hotel occupancy choices, include airfare (if applicable), include the airport/hotel transportation fees (if applicable), include costs for extra nights in hotel if elected and available, costs for optional provisions (if applicable), and include your payment summary.
- H. Billing Statements will be adjusted to reflect your housing choices; any additional charges based upon hotel upgrade costs or other services purchased are due 30 days prior to arrival. Adjustments and payment due dates are indicated on your monthly statements.
- I. ***LATE PAYMENTS:** When payment is late, and no prior arrangements have been made; a fee totaling 5% of that particular amount due will be assessed and added to the final balance due. If a late payment is anticipated and unavoidable, Sechrist Travel must receive your request in writing.

II. **Miscellaneous Information**

- A. Checks should be made payable to **SECHRIST TRAVEL**
- B. Mailing instructions
 - 1. checks should be mailed to **Sechrist Travel at 13300 Bothell Everett Hwy, Ste. #303-6108, Mill Creek, WA 98012**
 - 2. Federal Express is recommended due to their timeliness and tracking capabilities
- C. Refunds
 - 1. Payments are refundable until the subsequent installment due date.
 - 2. All fees are non-refundable for participants that cancel after August 15, 2021, 60 day prior to departure.
 - 3. Name substitutions without penalty are permissible only until the time of your 3rd payment, after which name change fees will be applicable.
 - 4. Qualified refunds will not be returned until the final adjusted invoice has been paid
 - 5. If your tour becomes canceled by Sechrist Travel, all monies are completely and immediately refunded to you
- D. If your arranged trip inclusions or accommodations become unavailable due to "acts of God," Sechrist Travel reserves the right to change your tour and include other trip inclusions and accommodations. Any unforeseen fuel surcharges that become imposed by the airline after your initial deposit will be reflected in subsequent statements and become your responsibility

