

Tuscany Food & Wine Tour

OCTOBER 13-21, 2023



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 gift from the Farm
- Enjoy happy hour events throughout the week

Cities Visited:

- ▶ Siena
- ▶ Montalcino
- ▶ Florence
- ▶ Montepulciano
- ▶ Rome

When: October 13-21, 2023

Where: Italy's Tuscany Region

Cost: LAND \$2,574.00 per person + AIRFARE (ON YOUR OWN or GROUP REQUEST AVAIL.)



Day 1: Friday 13 October: Departure

Overnight flight to Rome's Fiumicino International Airport "Leonardo da Vinci"

Day 2: Saturday 14 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 Happy Hour and Dinner and overnight.

Group Welcome Happy Hour & Dinner Provided

Day 3: Sunday 15 October: Siena

After breakfast, enjoy a guided visit of Siena, including entrance to the **Duomo** and a wine tasting at **Tre Filari**. Free time to explore Siena and enjoy a Happy Hour Event in Piazza del Campo. Dinner **ON YOUR OWN** before returning to Pieve.

Happy Hour Event Provided

Day 4: Monday 16 October: Sant' Antimo - Montalcino

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 **Montalcino** and then to the **Abbey of Sant' Antimo**, followed by a tour and wine tasting at **Tenuta Fanti**. Return to Pieve for dinner.

Group Lunch & Dinner Provided

Day 5: Tuesday 17 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. Enjoy a Happy Hour Event in Piazza di Santa Croce. Dinner **ON YOUR OWN** before returning to Pieve.

Happy Hour Event Provided





Day 6: Wednesday 18 October: Montepulciano - Pienza

After breakfast, enjoy an excursion to **Montepulciano** and **Pienza** with a visit and tasting at the **Cugusi Cheese Factory** and a visit and tasting at the **Buraschi Olive Oil Mill**. We will enjoy some free-time to explore **Pienza** before returning to Pieve.

Group Dinner Provided

Day 7: Thursday 19 October: ROME

After breakfast, load and board your coach for our return to Rome. Upon arrival, explore the Eternal City and home to the Roman Empire, including a visit to the ancient **Roman Forum** and the **Flavian Amphitheatre, "Colosseum"**. Enjoy some time at your leisure around Piazza Navona. Enjoy a Happy Hour Event in the Piazza Navona area. Dinner **ON YOUR OWN** before checking into your hotel.

Happy Hour Event Provided

Day 8: Friday 20 October: ROME

After breakfast, enjoy one last day to explore the Eternal City beginning with a visit and entrance to St. Peter's Basilica followed by a leisure walk through the monumental squares with visits to the Trevi Fountain and the Pantheon. We will enjoy a **Farewell Dinner** and overnight in Rome. It will be possible to visit the Vatican Museums, including the Sistine Chapel - **ON YOUR OWN** (*Reservations required - you need 2-3 hours for this with lots of walking)

Group Farewell Dinner Provided

Day 9: Saturday 21 October: Departure

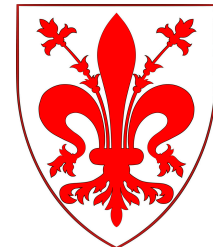
Today we say "Arrivederci". After breakfast, we will make our way to **Fiumicino International Airport "Leonardo da Vinci"**





For more information:

Call: (917) 279-6629



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OCTOBER 13 - 21, 2023

Cost per Person:

LAND package - based on double occupancy

- **\$2,574.00**
- ***\$150 per person, Early-bird discount if registered and deposited by February 17, 2023**

***\$395.00** - single occupancy supplement charge

AIR package - available upon request (additional cost)

Tentative payment plan:

- ▶ **February 17, 2023** = \$500 per person
- ▶ **May 15, 2023** = \$500 per person
- ▶ **July 15, 2023** = \$500 per person
- ▶ **September 1, 2023** = Final Balance; est. at \$924 per person

REFUNDS:

- All funds are refundable with cancellation 60 days prior to departure (August 21, 2023)
- 50% of deposits become non-refundable from 59 to 45 days prior to departure (September 1, 2023)
- 100% of deposits become non-refundable from 44 to 30 days prior to arrival (September 15, 2023)

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) Group Lunch, four (4) Group Dinners, and four (4) Happy Hour Events, as indicated in the itinerary
 - Group meals may not include beverages (outside of breakfast)
- ▶ **GUIDED SIGHTSEEING/CITY TOURS:**
 - ▶ Siena
 - ▶ Florence
 - ▶ Rome
- ▶ **ENTRANCE FEE:**
 - Accademia Gallery, home of Michelangelo's David
 - Roman Forum and the Flavian Amphitheatre, "Colosseum" and St. Peter's Basilica
- ▶ **CULINARY ACTIVITIES:**
 - Wine tasting at enoteca in Siena
 - Cooking class in Pieve
 - Tasting at Cheese Farm
 - Tasting at Oil Mill
 - Happy Hour Events on designated days
- ▶ 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 \$1,400.00 **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
 - **For a QUOTE, visit:** <https://travelsafe.com/?agent=6821>
 - 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 pace on different days that suggested in the proposal.

AIR package ESTIMATE - \$1,400.00* per person

- ▶ *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*
- ▶ Flight MUST be arrange on your own departing the US on **OCT. 13** for morning arrival into Rome on **OCT. 14**
- ▶ Above airfare is estimated for 2023 and provided as a guideline for the final cost of the tour
- ▶ 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 = *\$3,774.00 per person

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

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

Sechrist Travel
1330 Bothell Everett Hwy
Ste. #303-6108
Mill Creek, WA 98012

I. Payment Schedule

- A. Reservations for participation in the **Italy Food & Wine Tour 2023** are accepted on a first-come basis
 - 1. reservations can be secured by submitting a \$500 per person deposit
 - 2. To receive the **Early-bird discount (-\$150)**, the first payment due no later than **February 17, 2023**
- B. The 2nd payment is \$500 per person due **May 15, 2022**
- C. The 3rd payment is \$500 per person due **July 15, 2022**
- D. **The final balance, estimated at \$924 per person, PLUS airfare (if applicable) due September 1, 2023**
- E. Billing Statements will be mailed out 30 days prior to next installment after the initial deposit is received.
- F. 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.
- G. 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.
- H. ***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. ***IMPORTANT: all payments made by credit card incur a service charge of 4%.***
- C. 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
- D. Refunds
 - 1. Payments are refundable until the subsequent installment due date.
 - 2. All fees are non-refundable for participants that cancel after September 6, 2023, 45 days 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
- E. 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

