

DISCOVER TUSCANY

A 9 day Immersion trip into the Tuscan culture

Experience the great architecture, history, music, art, landscape and the people of this region of Italy. And of course, the food and wine...

- Authentic experiences
- Guided by teacher of excellence
- True Tuscan immersion

Day 1/2: (Siena) Take off for the adventure of a lifetime surrounded by the beauty of the Tuscan landscape. You arrive in the city of Rome where a motor coach waits to take you to the city of Siena. The NH Excelsior hotel is in a central location minutes from the Piazza del Campo in the heart of the city. Your guide will walk you through the medieval streets towards the campo, described by Montaigne as 'the most beautiful square in the world'.
B, L, D included



Day 3: (Florence) Florence, the city that has it all – The day of exploration begins with a visit to the Uffizi, one of the world's oldest and most famous art museums. See works from the most renowned artists such as Michelangelo, Rafael and Leonardo da Vinci. This will be followed by a tour of the Duomo. This gothic style church has amazing architecture that should not be missed. The day in Florence will end with a visit to the Boboli Gardens, a beautiful labyrinth that converges, art, landscape and architecture.
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Day 4: (San Gimignano): The morning begins with a stroll through the Siennese market. The market provides a great way for visitors to get a tiny insight into daily life of the Siennese. After the market, you will be transferred to San Gimignano. You will start with lunch at a local enoteca where great food and even better wine awaits. Your guide will take you on a walking tour of the town to see the many unique sites including the Duomo di San Gimignano. Along the way, sample the vernaccia, golden wine and cinhiale, wild boar. Your tour will end at the Dondoli's world famous gelato shop. Here the owner will give you an overview of gelato making and of course, there will be plenty of samples.
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Day 5: (Monteriggioni) Today we head north to a farm just outside of Siena where local farmers have prepared for you to sample their celebrated homemade wines and foods. This experience will truly connect you to nature and the Tuscan countryside. After you have dined, you will be transferred to Monteriggioni. This is a classic example of a medieval hilltop town with its iconic encompassing wall. It is easily walked and has many charming stores and shops to discover. The evening is left free for you to explore as you wish. Your guide will have many recommendations for cafes, music venues, etc...
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Day 6: (Volterra) Travel even further back in time to a period that predates the Roman civilization. Volterra boasts ancient dwellings, artwork and a most impressive amphitheater. After a tour of this town, you will be treated to a delicious lunch at a local restaurant. After returning to Siena, you will partake in a exclusive experience in which you will dine with local Siennese families. These friendly people love to talk about their beautiful city and country. You will learn more about this wonderful culture than you ever could on any other tour.

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Day 7: (Free day in Siena) Today is your day to choose your adventure. You can explore Siena on your own or partake in our amazing Contrada Fountain Scavenger Hunt! No running necessary! An additional option is to visit Assisi. This city is best known as the birthplace of St. Francis of Assisi — patron saint of Italy and founder of the Franciscan order. Assisi's main attraction is the Basilica di San Francesco, which contains the sacred relics of Francis and beautiful frescoes of his life. The town of Assisi, with its Roman ruins, winding medieval streets and sacred shrines, has been a major Catholic pilgrimage destination for centuries and is today one of the most popular tourist destinations in Italy.

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Day 8: (Cinque Terre) This seaside city gives that feeling of summer that only sea breezes and blue waters can give. For the more adventurous, hike the trail from Vernazza to Monterosso. Those looking for lounging on the beach, to shop, or eager to see the next town can head straight to Monterosso

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Day 9: (Return home) Today you return home and leave the beauty of Tuscany behind. You will have plenty of fond memories and experiences to talk about with family and friends.

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