



ITALY

TUSCAN AND UMBRIAN VILLAGE LIFE (TOUR CODE: 16178)

STARTS AND ENDS

Florence to
Rome

TRAVEL PERIODS

until December 2026

EXPERIENCE

[Locally Made](#)
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TRAVEL STYLE

Independent Holiday Packages

Experience the charm of Tuscan and Umbrian village life, from Chianti's vineyards to Siena, Pienza, Perugia and Assisi. Enjoy scenic drives, UNESCO-listed gems, wine tastings, cooking experiences and leisurely days amid rolling hills, medieval towns and authentic local traditions.

Highlights

- Our **Locally Made** experiences are carefully curated to highlight authentic local connections, bringing travellers closer to the people, stories, and traditions that define each place
- Soaking up the slow charm of the **Chianti villages and Tuscan countryside**. Enjoy moments shaped by locals — from family-run wineries to communities who've lived among these landscapes for generations
- Wander UNESCO-listed **San Gimignano's towered skyline**, then enjoy a hands-on **Tuscan cooking** class and **wine tasting** using fresh local ingredients
- Walk inside one of **Siena's historic districts led by a contrade expert** who reveals Palio traditions, neighbourhood pride, and everyday rituals usually known only to residents. A rare, authentic window into the city's living culture.
- Meet a **Pienza pecorino maker** to learn artisanal cheese techniques passed down through generations, complete with a tasting lunch and local wine
- Stroll through **Perugia's** historic centre before visiting the **Moretti-Caselli Studio**, where five generations of glass painters have preserved their craft since the 1800s. An intimate encounter with a living artistic tradition kept alive by the family who created it.

Discover the gentle rhythms of Tuscan and Umbrian village life on a journey through vine-clad hills, medieval towns, and timeless countryside. From the Chianti wine region to Siena, Pienza, Bagno Vignoni, Perugia and Assisi, explore UNESCO treasures, evocative contrade, and serene piazzas. Savour hands-on cooking, artisan traditions, and curated wine tastings, alongside visits to abbeys and hilltop hamlets. With ample leisure time to wander cobbled lanes and panoramic roads, this itinerary blends culture, gastronomy and breathtaking landscapes for an immersive and unhurried Italian escape.



HANDPICKED
LOCAL EXPERTS



SUPPORT
COMMUNITIES



SUSTAINABLE
TRAVEL



INSIDER
ACCESS



SMALL-GROUP
MOMENTS



AUTHENTIC
EXPERIENCES

INCLUSIONS

- 3 nights in Colle di Val d'Elsa at Palazzo San Lorenzo Hotel & Spa - 4* or similar
- 3 nights in Siena at NH Siena - 4* or similar
- 3 nights in Castiglione d'Orcia at Relais Osteria dell'Orcia - 4* or similar
- 4 nights in Perugia at Relais dell'Olmo - 4* or similar
- 14 days Automatic Car Rental
- Private transfers as per itinerary
- Daily Breakfast
- Light lunch and pecorino cheese tasting in Pienza
- Wine tasting with lunch during Tuscan cooking class
- Guided visit of Siena's historic contrade district
- Guided tour and tasting at Viandante del Cielo winery
- Guided walking tour of Pienza, Val d'orca and visit to the Abbey of Sant'Antimo
- Guided walking tour of San Gimignano with visits to the Duomo and the Sacred Art Museum
- Guided walking tour of Perugia including Moretti-Caselli Studio and Museum
- Guided walking tour of Assisi including major basilicas and historic landmarks

ITINERARY

Day **1**

Florence Colle di Val d'Elsa

Upon arrival at Florence airport, pick up your rental car and drive to your accommodation in the Chianti Wine Region. Take the rest of the day at leisure.

Overnight stay in Colle di Val d'Elsa at **Palazzo San Lorenzo Hotel & Spa** or similar.

**Please note: The driver must hold a valid driver's license.*



Day **2**

Colle di Val d'Elsa San Gimignano Colle di Val d'Elsa

In the morning, reach the walled hilltop gem of **San Gimignano**, a UNESCO World Heritage site famed for its skyline of 14 medieval towers. Stroll through its remarkably preserved historic center, where cobbled alleys, Romanesque and Gothic architecture, and artisan shops evoke the charm of Tuscany's medieval past.

Lunch at leisure and rest of the day free.

Overnight stay in Colle di Val d'Elsa at **Palazzo San Lorenzo Hotel & Spa** or similar.

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Breakfast



Day **3**

Colle di Val d'Elsa

In the morning, enjoy a hands-on cooking class at a traditional Tuscan farm, where you'll learn to prepare regional recipes

using fresh, local ingredients. Then sit down to savour your creations over a **relaxed lunch and wine tasting**, surrounded by the charm of the countryside.

Rest of the day at leisure.

Overnight stay in Colle di Val d'Elsa at **Palazzo San Lorenzo Hotel & Spa** or similar.

Breakfast, Lunch



Day **4**

Colle di Val d'Elsa Siena

Breakfast and check out. Drive to your next accommodation near **Siena** and leave your luggage at the hotel.

Explore one of Siena's historic contrade—the city's ancient districts that form the beating heart of its social and cultural identity. Each contrada is a close-knit community with its own emblem, museum, and centuries-old traditions tied to the famed Palio horse race.

On this immersive walk, you'll discover quiet but significant corners, where the spirit of the neighbourhood endures through rituals, oral history, and strong local pride. Surrounded by timeless charm, experience the slower rhythm that reveals Siena's most authentic soul.

Lunch at leisure and rest of the day free.

Overnight stay in Siena at **Hotel NH Siena** or similar.

Breakfast



Day 5

Siena

In the morning, experience the prestige of **Castello di Brolio**, an icon of Chianti Classico and the cradle of Ricasoli winemaking. Enjoy privileged access to the castle's private gardens, chapel, and family collection before continuing to the state-of-the-art winery for a curated tasting of three refined labels. A sophisticated immersion into one of Tuscany's most historic and influential estates.

Take the afternoon at leisure to discover on your own pace the local villages such as Radda in Chianti and Gaiole in Chianti.

Overnight stay in Siena at **Hotel NH Siena** or similar.

Breakfast



Day 6

Siena

After breakfast, enjoy your day at leisure.

Overnight stay in Siena at **Hotel NH Siena** or similar.

Breakfast



Day **7**

Siena Bagno Vignoni

Check out and private transfer to your next accommodation. Drop off your luggage and reach Pienza.

Set out on a **walking tour to discover the “perfect city”** - an architectural gem worth the UNESCO site designation. Step into the stunning Palazzo Piccolomini, its Renaissance style hanging garden and the breathtaking view of the Val d'Orcia. Reach Rocca d'Orcia, a tiny hilltop medieval village dominated by the ruins of the Medieval Tower of Tentennano. Then enjoy a delightful lunch (reservation included - lunch à la carte to be paid on spot).

Finally, drive along winding country roads studded with vineyards, olive groves, green hills, and reach the Romanesque Abbey of Sant'Antimo, a beautiful and evocative Benedictine Monastery dating back to the 8th century.

Return to your accommodation for the check in and rest of the day at leisure.

Overnight stay in Castiglione d'Orcia at **Relais Osteria dell'Orcia** or similar.

Breakfast



PALAZZO PICCOLOMINI

Day 8

Bagno Vignani

In the morning, meet a local pecorino cheese maker and discover all the secrets of traditional cheese making in Pienza. Enjoy a **tasting of local products and sheep cheese on a light lunch accompanied by local red wine.**

Rest of the day at leisure.

Overnight stay in Castiglione d'Orcia at **Relais Osteria dell'Orcia** or similar.

Breakfast, Lunch



PIENZA

Day 9

Bagno Vignani

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel, and the rest of the day is at leisure.

Overnight stay in Castiglione d'Orcia at **Relais Osteria dell'Orcia** or similar.

Breakfast



Day **10** Bagno Vignani Perugia

Breakfast and check out. Drive to your next accommodation.

En route Discover Viandante del Cielo winery (pending confirmation) an exclusive estate on the panoramic terraces above Lake Trasimeno, founded by George Lucas's Skywalker Vineyards. Your private tour guides you through the vineyards, winery, and barrel cellar, ending with a terrace tasting of three wines and extra-virgin olive oil — an authentic and refined experience.

Continue to your accommodation in Perugia and rest of the day at leisure.

Overnight stay in Perugia at **Realis dell'Olmo** or similar.

Breakfast



Day **11** Perugia

In the morning, enjoy a **walking tour of Perugia and visit Moretti-Caselli Studio and Museum**. Nestled in the historic centre of Perugia, the Moretti-Caselli Studio and Museum is a living testament to five generations of master glass painters. Housed in a 15th-century building that has preserved its original layout and period frescoes, the site invites visitors into an extraordinary world where artistry, history, and science meet.

Lunch at leisure and rest of the day free.

Overnight stay in Perugia at **Realis deIl'Olmo** or similar.

Breakfast



Day 12 Perugia

After your breakfast, spend the day to discover the city on your own.

Overnight stay in Perugia at **Realis deIl'Olmo** or similar.

Breakfast



Day **13** Perugia Assisi Perugia

In the morning, discover the charm and spirituality of **Assisi** on a **guided walking tour through its cobblestone streets**. Explore the town's historic squares, medieval alleys, and charming piazzas, while visiting iconic landmarks such as the **Basilica of San Francesco**, **Santa Chiara**, and the **Roman Temple of Minerva**. Immerse yourself in the town's rich history, art, and serene atmosphere, and enjoy stunning views over the Umbrian hills that have inspired pilgrims and travellers for centuries.

Lunch at leisure and rest of the day at leisure.

Overnight stay in Perugia at **Realis dell'Olmo** or similar.

Breakfast



Day **14** Perugia Rome Airport

Breakfast and check-out. Then, drive to Rome Airport to drop off your car and prepare for your journey home. Alternatively, you may return your car rental in Florence, depending on your departure arrangements.

Breakfast

ACCOMMODATION

Palazzo San Lorenzo Hotel & Spa

Colle Val d'Elsa

Palazzo San Lorenzo is a wonderful ancient Tuscan residence with unique charm. It is in a perfect location, Colle Val d'Elsa, near the most interesting resorts of Tuscany.



Hotel NH Siena

Siena

Centrally located in Siena, within walking distance of Piazza del Campo and the Duomo. Offers stylish rooms, some with city views or Jacuzzi showers, plus a restaurant, bar, gym, meeting rooms, and bike-friendly facilities. Ideal for exploring the historic city.



Relais Osteria dell'Orcia

Castiglione d'Orcia

Set in the Val d'Orcia countryside near Bagno Vignoni, this 16th-century relais features elegant Tuscan-style rooms, an outdoor pool, restaurant serving local cuisine, bar, and garden. Guests enjoy scenic views, peaceful surroundings, and easy access to thermal spas and villages.



Relais dell'Olmo

Perugia

Located near Perugia's business district, this 43-room hotel offers allergy-friendly rooms with free Wi-Fi, a pool, spa, gym, and sauna. Guests enjoy on-site dining, a bar, meeting rooms, and easy access to city attractions and transport.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

Italian

LOCAL CURRENCY

EURO

FROM price reflects the lowest available price within the advertised travel period (e.g. April to October). Pricing varies depending on travel dates, availability and demand, and may not be available on all departures. Higher pricing applies during peak and shoulder periods. Final pricing is confirmed at the time of enquiry or booking. Please refer to [Pricing & Price Conditions](#) for full details, including inclusions, exclusions and other conditions.

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