

Day 1 Group pick up in Florence Airport, Check in and Olive Oil Tasting | 3-night accommodation at Agriturismo in Dicomano | Lunch, Dinner



- Fly into Florence airport and meet your guide at the arrival area in late morning (time is TBD depending on your travel plans) for one 30-mins. private group transfer to your agriturismo. If you arrive earlier or later, taxis are available at the airport at additional price
- Check in and settle in at your agriturismo
- At 1:30pm meet your Tour Leaders for a light lunch and an introduction to the tour. Get acquainted with your “home” for 3 nights
- Visit the agriturismo with the owner and learn more about local olive oil production during a visit and olive oil tasting followed by dinner

Day 2 Explore Florence, Gelato Tasting and visit to Local Artists | Breakfast and Dinner



- Breakfast. 30-mins. transfer to Florence to explore a UNESCO site and the cradle of the Renaissance
- Meet the local guide for a guided visit of the city and of the Accademia Gallery to learn more about Michelangelo's David masterpiece
- Enjoy your time at your own rhythm either exploring more museums on your own or simply walking in this magic city. Lunch on own and more downtime
- Visit a gelato maker for a tasting and learn more about this yummy Italian specialty
- Visit local artists working with different materials such as wood, pottery, glass and also painters or sculptors.
- Back to the agriturismo and why not enjoying some downtime either for sketching, painting or for a walk in the countryside?
- Transfer to the little village of Decumano for a walk and dinner in a local trattoria



Day 3 Visit Lucca and Wine Tasting | Breakfast, Dinner

- Breakfast. ~1-hour transfer to Lucca to visit another must-see town in Tuscany still surrounded by the continuous

boundary walls (2.5 miles long) that are worth walking, in addition to the historic center

- Today you can visit more museums such as Puccini's house or a Medieval tower or simply take a walk in the historic center. Do not miss a walk in the main piazza and former Roman Amphitheater

- Lunch on own

- Back to our agriturismo for more relaxation. Visit and tasting to the local winery, followed by dinner



Day 4 Florence to Asciano area via Siena, meet Local Artists and Hands-on Cooking Class | 3-night accommodation at Agriturismo il Molinello near Asciano | Breakfast, Dinner

- Breakfast. 1-hour transfer to another UNESCO site, the medieval town of Siena for a guided visit of a quintessential expression of a Medieval town.

- Lunch on own followed by a walk and more downtime, shopping, or visit to some museums (ask us for suggestions!)

- Visit some local glass and iron artists and explore their work shops

- 35-mins transfer to our agriturismo and check in

- Visit the agriturismo with the owners, learn more about their organic veggie and olive oil production

- Join us on a hands-on private cooking class followed by dinner with what you prepared!



Day 5 Natural Springs, Cheese Maker Visit, Pienza and Cortona | Breakfast, Lunch

- Breakfast. Morning at leisure with different optional activities such as relaxation, and/or walk in the countryside, and/or pampering yourself at the local natural springs of San Giovanni or others.

- 30-mins transfer in late morning to visit a cheese maker, followed by a picnic lunch with local delicacies

- Enjoy ~1-hour walk in the countryside and then reach Pienza, another UNESCO site and



must-see place in Tuscany

- 30-mins transfer back to our hotel for relaxation
- Tonight dinner is on your own and we suggest to transfer to Cortona (40 mins.) for a walk in town and dinner in a local restaurant (ask us for suggestions!). Here we can also visit a silversmith using an ancient Etruscan technique.



Day 6 Abbey of Mount Oliveto, Montalcino, Visit a Papier-Mâché artist, Wine Tasting and Visit to a Farm/Agriturismo | Breakfast, Dinner

- Breakfast. 30-mins transfer to the Abbey of Mount Oliveto
- Meet the local guide for a visit of this enchanting place featuring frescoes from Renaissance time in an austere and magic atmosphere
- 20-mins transfer to Montalcino for a walk in town and downtime.
- Meet a local artist to discover her Papier-mâché creations and visit her work shop and lunch on own (ask us for suggestions!)
- 15-mins transfer to meet a local winemaker and artist for a wine tasting and visit at his winery. This experience will be unforgettable also for those who are not interested in wine because it will feature a unique, local expression of art as well and spectacular views of another UNESCO site: the Orcia Valley
- 40-mins transfer back to hotel for relaxation by the pool or for a walk in the countryside
- 20-mins transfer to a local agriturismo and farm for a visit with owner Bartolo, the Chianina cow breeder (former Slow Food Presidium) and then dinner



Day 7 Arrivederci

- Breakfast. At ~9am we offer one 1.5-hours group transfer to Florence airport to catch your next connection. *Buon viaggio! (Safe travels!)*



TOUR DATES AND PRICES

Minimum of 8 participants, maximum of 14

DATES (7 days)
April 23-29, 2017

PRICE
Per person in double occupancy:
\$3,190**

Single supplement:
\$490

****Special promotion: price is \$2,990 if you sign up before August 31st, 2016**

WHAT IS INCLUDED

- 6 nights of accommodation in *agriturismi* (a cozy family-run “farm stay” combining agriculture and tourism, usually sourcing their ingredients mostly locally)
- 6 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 5 dinners with either a 3- or 4-course menu
- Entry fees of the Accademia Gallery in Florence and at natural springs of San Giovanni
- Visits with local artists in Florence, Siena, and Montalcino accompanied by special host Bill Shattuck sharing his expertise in composition, drawing and painting
- Guided visits of Siena, Florence and Abbey of Mount Oliveto
- Walks in the countryside and in historic towns such as Pienza, Cortona and Lucca
- Discover 4 UNESCO sites with your Tour Leaders
- Travel with artisans food experts Rosemary and Tony Melli, co-owners of Olio di Melli specializing in Italian specialty products
- Daily opportunities to create your own art while being inspired by the locals, the countryside, the architecture and the pristine natural environment
- 1 olive oil tasting and 1 cooking class with a Tuscan chef followed by dinner
- 2 wine tastings and 2 visits to local winemakers
- 1 visit and tasting at a cheese maker
- 1 visit and meal in an agriturismo and breeding farm of Chianina cow
- Comfortable transportation by 9-seat van for all travel on tour as cited in the itinerary
- 2 bilingual, professional Tour Leaders
- One group transfer from Florence airport to hotel at the beginning and one group transfer to Florence airport at the end of tour
- Local taxes and gratuities for luggage porters and restaurants servers during tour

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED

- 4 lunches and 1 dinner on your own
- Alcoholic beverages at group dinners (including wine and spirits)
- Round-trip airfare and expenses to/from the tour
- Trip cancellation, baggage loss or travel delay insurance (this optional coverage is highly recommended and is not provided by Food.Stories.Travel.)
- Gratuities for your Tour Leader
- Personal expenses, such as, but not limited to, phone calls, laundry, emails, snacks, gifts

GETTING TO YOUR TOUR

Meet your Tour Leader at Florence airport at arrival area in late morning (time TBD) followed by one 30-mins. private group transfer to your agriturismo for check in.

If you arrive earlier or later taxis are available at the airport at additional price.

Meet your Tour Leader and the rest of the group at 1:30pm for a light lunch followed by a trip overview and introduction to the tour.

Please send us your complete flight details and travel plans at least 30 days prior to departure.

Recommended: Fly into Florence Peretola Airport (airport code FLR)

GETTING FROM YOUR TOUR

On the morning of Day 7, after breakfast at around 9am we offer one 1.5-hours private group transfer to Florence Peretola airport to catch your next connection, or continue to explore Italy. Don't hesitate to ask us, we are glad to help you with your travel plans. *Buon viaggio! (Safe travels!)*

Recommended: Fly out of Florence Peretola Airport (airport code FLR)

IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT THIS ITINERARY

We do our best to make sure the itinerary is as accurate as possible but sometimes reasons beyond our control (including weather and other factors) necessitate a change. In such an event and in every case, we strive to maintain the highest possible standard of quality.

QUESTIONS?

Give us a call at 617-955-9303. We love to work everywhere but we are headquartered in Somerville, MA. Or, feel free to send an email to Cristiano Bonino at cristiano@foodstoriestravel.com and we'll reply just as soon as we are able. We look forward to helping you organize your next vacation!

WHAT NEXT?

When you are ready to book refer to sections below for more information.

RESERVATIONS AND TRIP DOCUMENTS

When you are ready to book please call us, write an email or fill out our Booking Form online at www.foodstoriestravel.com after reading and then accepting the Terms and Conditions and the Release from Liability, Assumption of Risk and Arbitration Clause. We accept checks (preferred) and credit cards (PayPal system online). Upon receipt of your completed Booking Form and the \$500 deposit you will receive a confirmation for your payment followed by an invoice and a suggested reading list. Final balance is due 90 days prior to departure and, approximately 30

days before the tour, you'll receive an email with contact info of your guide and other important requests such as your travel plans, if you have not informed us already.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

By check (preferred) to the order of CB Hospitality Services LLC to be mailed to:

CB Hospitality Services LLC
PO Box 441610
Somerville, MA 02144

or by credit card with PayPal system online.

Deposit: \$500 per person at the time of reservation.

Balance due: 90 days prior to departure.

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS

Your cancellations and requests for refunds must be communicated in writing by email to cristiano@foodstoriestravel.com as soon as possible or by mail to:

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We cannot make exceptions for any reasons including personal or weather emergencies. There is no refund for leaving the tour early or arriving on tour late.

The following cancellation charges apply:

90+ days before departure	\$150 for administrative fees
61-90 days before departure	\$500 deposit
45-60 days before departure	50% of trip cost
45 days or less to departure	No refund

We strongly recommend trip cancellation insurance.

CB Hospitality reserves the right to cancel trips that are below the trip minimum (usually 6 persons). All trip members will receive a full refund and will be notified a minimum of 30 days before the trip departs. In the event of trip cancellation, CB Hospitality is not responsible for additional expenses incurred by trip members such as non refundable air tickets, medical expenses, and passport and visa.

TRIP INSURANCE

We strongly recommend that you purchase travel insurance on your own.