

Villa Le Fonti

Much more than a holiday in Tuscany...



Chianti classico full day

9.00 am	Departure from Villa Le Fonti
10.00 am	First wine-tasting
12.00 am	Second wine-tasting
1.30 pm	Lunch
3.00 pm	Visit to a typical small town of the Chianti region
4.00 pm	Third wine-tasting.
5.00 pm	Departure for return trip to Villa Le Fonti

Full day: Visit includes tours of three wine cellars, wine-tasting, lunch in a typical tuscan restaurant, visits to a few towns of the Chianti region and typical places of Tuscany.

On this tour, you can get to know the inside Tuscany and in particular the Chianti region with wine-tasting and a visit to three different wine cellars. In addition, there will be opportunities to taste some of the traditional delicacies of the tuscan region and to take a pleasant stroll around a few typical, medieval small towns that have maintained their unique, timeless atmosphere.

The wine cellar selected for a tour will be based on the availability of the owners of the wine cellar and the client's preference.

We propose the following itineraries:

- The Castello di Albola Winery where there will be an interesting guided-tour of the wine cellar and an explanation of the process of tuscan winemaking, from the harvest to fermentation to the aging of the wine;
- The I Selvatici Winery: a typical tuscan family-owned business where absolute priority is given to maintaining traditions. This winery produces a world-renowned "Vinsanto" which was cited in Wine Spectator Magazine;
- The Castello di Brolio Winery is run by the "Ricasoli" family and is the source of the famous "Chianti Classico" denomination;
- The Fontodi Winery: a producer that makes a "Chianti Classico" of excellent quality. This winery is flanked by the famous hills of the Florentine Chianti region;
- The Fattoria di Felsina: which produces its own olive oil. Here you can try different olive oils produced on-site and visit the facilities for oil production;
- The Rocca di Castagnoli: apart from producing the singular "Chianti Classico", a visit to this winery affords pleasant views of the medieval town, with its spectacular views of the Chianti region, all from the terrace of the winery's castle.



Chianti classico half day

1.00 pm	Departure from Villa Le Fonti
2.00 pm	Visit to the winery of Castello di Albola and wine-tasting
3.00 am	Tasting at il Castello di Brolio
4.00 pm	Stop at Vertine for a visit at typical Medieval village in the Chianti
5.00 pm	Tasting at I Selvatici
6.00 pm	Departure for the return trip to Villa Le Fonti

Half-day tour: wine-tasting and visits to three wine cellars

The fees do not include any additional fees for the wine-tasting.

During this half-day tour, you will get to know the Chianti region in the hinterland Tuscany with visits to and wine-tasting in three different wineries.

The tour will visit:

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Montepulciano and Montalcino full day

9.00 am	Departure for Montepulciano from Villa Le Fonti
10.00 am - 12.30 am	Visit and wine-tasting in Montepulciano
1.00 pm - 3.00 am	Lunch and stop at Pienza
3.00 pm - 5.30 pm	Visit and wine-tasting at Montalcino
5.30 pm	Departure for return trip to Villa Le Fonti

Full-day tour with visits to wine cellars, wine-tasting and lunch in a typical tuscan restaurant, visit to Pienza.

Montepulciano is a little town of the Siena province and it's home to one of the most famous and interesting italian wines: the tuscan wine known as "Nobile di Montepulciano".

This fascinating tour begins in the heart of the historic centre of the town placed in the middle of the tuscan hills. It includes wine-tasting and chances to sample some of the typical products while taking a pleasant stroll along the streets of the historic centre or going underground to visit a wine cellar located inside an ancient Etruscan tomb.

We will be sure not to miss the spectacular wine cellar called "Redi" which is one of the largest and most mysterious in Italy; so it's a forced destination during this tour for make more rich and suggestive your holiday in Tuscany!

Some other wine producers nearby that we may visit for a tasting include "Avignonesi", "Ercolani", "Contucci" and "Poliziano".

We will stop for lunch in Pienza, a rare example of Renaissance town planning.

Pienza is defined the "ideal town", the "utopia town" and it represents nowadays one of the most concrete method construction through which in Renaissance age they tried to realize a model of life and an ideal government on earth, working out an idea of town able to give concrete answer to the desire of civil, pacific and laborious coexistence between man. It was the "utopia of civitas" vainly pursued by ancient time man. Pienza is even famous for the production of the one-of-a-kind cheese known as "pecorino di Pienza"

In the afternoon, as we make our way toward Montalcino, the tour will stop off for a wine-tasting of the famous "Brunello" wine at "Casanova de' Neri", the leaders in the production of the celebrated and important world-class tuscan wine known as "Brunello di Montalcino".

A visit to the fortress of the town and different characteristic wine cellars will finish off this tuscan day's tour.

As an alternative to Montalcino, it is possible to visit the estate of the "Biondi-Santi" whose founder is known as the father of "Brunello". There you can taste a vintage wine produced on the premises; it will be a particular experience during your holidays!



5 Terre and Gulf of Poets

9.00 am	Departure from Villa Le Fonti
7.30 pm	Departure for the return trip to Villa Le Fonti

Close to Tuscany in the ligurian region there are spectacular places you can visit with a daily tour from Villa Le Fonti. Travelling through the Tuscany land you'll reach the Tirreno sea where you'll find the "5 terre" (five lands). The five small towns of Riomaggiore, Manarola, Monterosso, Vernazza and Coniglia have maintained their characteristic port-town atmosphere. They are some of the most-frequented places along the Italian coast.

The trail called the "Via dell'Amore" (the way of love) winds along seaside cliffs and typical Mediterranean landscapes with vineyards, olive groves and terraced gardens nestled along the sides of the mountains. This trail follows the entire pathway of the coast, along which you can take spectacular hikes.

Beaches and a relaxing atmosphere are found in Portovenere, a city famous for its beauty in the Genoa style of the twelfth century.



Arezzo and Cortona

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Originating back to the ancient Etruscans, Arezzo is above all the city of Piero della Francesca, one of the most famous painters of the first Tuscan Renaissance. His series of frescoes called "La leggenda della vera Croce" is housed in the Basilica of Saint Francis.

The Tuscan city of Arezzo will mesmerize you with its monuments such as the Gothic cathedral, the Grand Square, the Romanist church of St. Mary della Pieve, and the Archeological Museum. The lively, characteristic streets in the historic center come alive the first Sunday of every month during the Antique Fair, the most famous and longest running antique fair in Italy.

Arezzo is also widely known as the centre of the gold industry. There are numerous businesses that specialize in gold production.

The tour will stop for lunch at a typical restaurant where you can sample some traditional dishes, from the famous steaks and roasted duck to different toasted breads known as "bruschette," all accompanied by a wide variety of pasta dishes.

Cortona is one of the oldest cities in Tuscany.

Dating back to the Etruscan times, Cortona rests on the flanks of one of the highest hills in the Valdichiana area. There are many remaining testaments to its rich history: the Etruscan walls with the double lancet doors, two Etruscan tombs that are open to the public, the Archeological Museum and the narrow streets and alleys that give Cortona a unique medieval atmosphere.

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Assisi and Orvieto

Assisi is the city of Saint Francis. It is located at the top of a spur, a setting which offers an enchanting view of the surrounding valleys full of vineyards and fields of sunflowers. The day tour begins in the Basilica of St. Francis, a treasure of Italian Gothic art which houses the prized frescoes of Giotto, Cimabue, Lorenzetti and Simone Martini. The tour continues to the Basilica of Saint Clare and then to the picturesque streets and alleys of the historic center and the majestic Medieval buildings like the Municipal building, the "Palazzo del Comune" and the "Capitano del Popolo" building. The next stop after Assisi is the church of "Santa Maria degli Angeli" which offers a unique visiting experience. In this singular, majestic church of the late Renaissance period, the "Porziuncola" chapel is housed. This was the first chapel constructed by order of St. Francis, around which it was decided to build the basilica to exalt and honor the memory of the saint.

Orvieto is famous for its majestic Gothic cathedral with frescoes from Luca Signorelli, the Archeological Museum and its medieval historic centre. Nearby there is Bolsena Lake and the ghost town of Civita. This unusual itinerary through the hills of the northern Lazio takes you in search of places, smells and flavours of an ancient land and its rich traditions.



Casentino Mountains

9.00 am *Departure from Villa Le Fonti*
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The Casentino area is a route in the tuscan nature with a diverse and special taste. The Casentino valley is situated between the towns of Arezzo and Florence and still has medieval charm and takes you back in time.

The history of the Casentino area is linked to the name and events of Saint Francis of Assisi who lived in the Sanctuary of La Verna for many years. It was

also the site of several battles between armies the tuscan Arezzo and Florence, who sought to gain supremacy in the region during much of the Middle Ages and control this strategic location.

As a testament to this, there are many castles that remain standing, several with original architectural elements of the tuscan middle ages. The most famous of these are the castles in Poppi and in Romena.

The Casentino area is also a religious place with the Monastery of Camaldoli and the Sanctuary of La Verna, which houses masterpieces by Della Robbia, the most celebrated ceramics artist of the Renaissance.

The Casentino is an area for nature lovers as well with the Casentino Natural Park. This densely wooded park is one of the oldest and most well preserved parks in all of Italy. Two important rivers originate here, the Arno (which flows to Florence) and the Tevere (which flows to Rome), both important water sources.

The Casentino area was the territory of the Etruscans and of the Romans and there are many noteworthy pieces of art found in several of the "Pievi" or Roman churches that dot the area. The most famous of these are the churches of Socana and Romena.

Your holidays in Tuscany are beautiful also experienced at open air!



Cortona, Lake Trasimeno and Assisi

Neighbouring to the Tuscany and a few kilometers from Arezzo you can find Assisi: the city of Saint Francis. It is located at the top of a spur, a setting which offers an enchanting view of the surrounding valleys full of vineyards and fields of sunflowers. The day tour begins in the Basilica of St. Francis, a treasure of italian gothic art which houses the prized frescoes of Giotto, Cimabue, Lorenzetti and Simone Martini. The tour continues to the Basilica of Saint Clare and then to the picturesque streets and alleys of the historic center and the majestic Medieval buildings like the Municipal building, the "Palazzo del

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Along the road to Cortona, there is a stop at Lake Trasimeno for lunch in a local restaurant. After lunch, you can enjoy a nice stroll along the lakeside path in Passignano.

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Ferrari Museum and Balsamic vinegar tour

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The Ferrari Museum.
The legend within reach!
The historic models, the Formula One cars of the champion drivers...follow the evolution and the process of car making that became a legend: the Ferrari legend.

In the heart of the province of Modena, among the "Padana" flatlands sits the vinegar producers, "Leonardi". This characteristic dairy farm dates back to the 19th century and the "Leonardi" family has guarded the secrets to the production of balsamic vinegar, passed on from generation to generation. This is a unique opportunity for a guided tour as we try five different types of balsamic vinegar, aged between 10-100 years.



Florence

9.00 am *Departure from Villa Le Fonti*
5.30 pm *Departure for the return trip to Villa Le Fonti*

Florence, main town of Tuscany, is surely one of the most fascinating cities in Italy. Within the city, there is a wealth of historical and artistic treasures and so to do Florence justice, this tour during your holidays in Tuscany requires an entire day. Highlights of the tour include the "Accademia", home of the famous statue of David by Michelangelo, the "Galleria degli Uffizi", the most important painting gallery in Italy (Note: in order to visit both of these museums, it is necessary to make a reservation in advance, if you are interested, ask for information), the Cathedral, the church of the Holy Cross, the open-air market of Saint Lawrence, and the Old Bridge. You can also do a bit of shopping in the shops of the historic centre and have lunch in a local tuscan restaurant and even taste the renowned "bistecca fiorentina" or Florentine steak.

The visit to Florence will be preceded by a stop at Michelangelo Square where you can enjoy a splendid view of Florence and its monuments; a view of Tuscany that you'll never forget!



Orvieto, Civitavecchia, Lake Bolsena

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Outlets tour



L'Italia è il paese nativo di marche famosissime in tutto il mondo che potrete trovare nei migliori negozi della 5th Avenue a New York, di Oxford Street a Londra, degli Champs-Élysées a Parigi o di Via dei Condotti a Roma e Via Montenapoleone a Milano!

In Toscana vi sono diversi luoghi dove poter comprare a prezzi scontati tutte le migliori marche; concedetevi una giornata di shopping toscano durante le vostre vacanze!

Outlets: PRADA, GUCCI, DOLCE E GABBANA, FENDI, ARMANI, FERRAGAMO, VALENTINO, UNGARO, CELINE, LOWE, YSL, BOTTEGA VENETA, MAX MARA, MIU MIU

Piero della Francesca tour



9.00 am *Departure from Villa Le Fonti*

5.30 pm *Departure for the return trip to Villa Le Fonti*

This tour begins from Arezzo, a city of ancient Etruscan origins, which is where Piero della Francesca, one of the most famous painters of the 1st Renaissance, completed his most famous cycle of frescoes "La leggenda della vera Croce", housed in the Basilica of Saint Francis.

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Arezzo is also widely known as the center of the gold industry. There are numerous businesses that specialize in gold production.

The tour will stop for lunch at a typical tuscan restaurant where you can sample some traditional dishes, from the famous steaks and roasted duck to different toasted breads known as "bruschette," all accompanied by a wide variety of pasta dishes.

After lunch, the itinerary continues with a visit to see Piero della Francesca's "Madonna del Parto" of Monterchi. The tour concludes in Sansepolcro at the Civic Museum in which other famous masterpieces by Piero della Francesca are displayed. Sansepolcro is also a pleasant medieval town to take a stroll in or shop around in some of its many shops that sell typical products from the area.

Pisa and Lucca



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Pisa is the town of the "Leaning Tower" and of the masterpieces of Roman architecture in Tuscany which include the "Duomo" or Cathedral, the Baptistery, the "Camposanto" or Cathedral Complex. All of these are located within the spectacular "Square of Miracles." Pisa sits along the river Arno and in the past it was one of the powerful Maritime Republics.

Lucca is among the few town in Italy which has maintained all of its medieval walls intact. Within these walls that surround the town, there are many spectacular monuments such as: the Cathedral, the Church of Saint Michael and Saint Frediano and two singular points of artistic value in Italy. The first is the Amphitheatre Square with its oval-shaped perimeter it demonstrates how the buildings of today were built on top of the ruins of a Roman amphitheatre. The second is the Tower of the Giunigi, which is visible from almost any spot in Lucca. This tower has a magnificent tree-lined garden at the top, full of ancient cedar trees, and offers a wonderful view of Lucca and its surrounding valleys.

A daily tour to the discovery of two cities of the north Tuscany coming back at the evening to Villa Le Fonti in Arezzo.



Pisa, Livorno and Volterra

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Livorno is placed along the Tuscany's coast and it is a modern, pleasant city with a splendid seafront, a picturesque neighbourhood with canals know as "Venezia" because of its similarity to the famous city. There is an open-air market which is among the most famous and expansive in all of Italy where you can find just about anything. Livorno is also the home of "Cacciucco" a delicious, one-of-a-kind fish soup that you can try in one of the many restaurants that specialize in it within the tuscan town.

Volterra is a town with origins dating back to the Etruscan times. Its historic centre contains some notable medieval structures such as the Archaeological Museum and the Grand Square with the Cathedral. Outside the walls that surround the town there is an ancient Roman theatre. Also famous for the production and manufacturing of alabaster Volterra concludes this tour that stars from the tuscan waterfront of Tirreno and then self-penetrates in the hinterland for brings you back to your place of holiday.



Rome

7.00 am *Departure from Villa Le Fonti*
5.00 pm *Departure for the return trip to Villa Le Fonti*

Rome is the "Eternal City," a centre of art and culture that is important throughout the world. It is a city that requires a sojourn of at least a month to be understood. Using our vehicles, all of which have the necessary permit to enter into the restricted areas of the city centre and along with our professional drivers, all of whom have experience as tour guides, you can get around to

many of the wonders that the city has to offer: The Vatican, the Coliseum, the Roman Forum, the Spanish Steps, the Pantheon, the Navona Square and the Trevi Fountain.

If you prefer, however, to visit places that are off the beaten path but just as fascinating and mysterious, just ask our tour operators. You will be taken to sites where history leaves space for myth, where the imperial, stately art of the ancient capital is complemented by testimonies of the times and flavours thought non-existent. It is a trip to a part of Rome that is unknown to mass tourism.



Siena and San Gimignano

9.00 am *Departure from Villa Le Fonti*
6.00 pm *Departure for the return trip to Villa Le Fonti*

Siena is one of the most famous tourist sites in Tuscany. It is perhaps most well-known for the "Palio." This horse race takes place twice a year in the splendid square called the "Piazza del Campo." It takes you back to the traditions of the 14th century as it sets all 19 "Contrade" or neighbourhoods of the town against one another for the prized "Palio" banner.

Siena was also an important seat of the university and a centre of art and culture from the medieval times until the end of the Renaissance. There are many remaining testaments to Siena's historical importance, such as the "Duomo." This cathedral is a splendid example of Tuscan Gothic architecture with its beautiful façade made of black and white marble and its magnificent interior space. There is

also the Church of Saint Dominick which dominates the city and is home to the remains of Saint Catherine and also the Civic Painting Gallery which contains masterpieces of Italian painting.

Along the road that connects Siena to San Gimignano, the tour can make a stop at Monteriggioni where there is a castle that was built to control access to the Chianti hills. Today it stands as a prized example of medieval fortress architecture, set within a typical Tuscan landscape of vineyards and olive groves.

San Gimignano was an important thoroughfare situated on "Via Francigena," an ancient road used by the pilgrims from France as they made their way to visit Rome. The powerful patron families of the town erected as many as 72 towers, making it a sort of Tuscan Medieval New York City! Today there are 14 towers that remain and give San Gimignano a real Medieval atmosphere, with its narrow streets and hidden courtyards.

San Gimignano is also famous for the production of a very good white wine known as "Vernaccia di San Gimignano." On the tour, you can try this wine at one of the numerous wine producers' shops in the nearby area.

Etruscans tour



The Etruscans were the first great civilization in Italy that produced great and valuable works of art. There are wonderful examples of Etruscan art at the archaeological site of Cerveteri, at the Archaeological Museum and within the tombs at Tarquinia, with its finely frescoed walls, as well as the historic centre of Tuscania with its solid surrounding wall.

This tour follows the path of the great people from whom the Romans inherited an advanced level of civilization.

Venice



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Venice is a place beyond description.

You can only come to appreciate the fantastic atmosphere of Venice by strolling through its narrow streets, bridges and canals.

A ride on a "gondola."

A coffee in Saint Mark's Square.

A boat tour of the islands of the lagoon.

A stroll in the market.

A unique place, a must see at least once in your lifetime, even if it is just for a day.

Don't miss the occasion to visit Venice during your holidays in Tuscany!

Verona



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This is the town of Romeo and Juliet and the "Arena," the most well-preserved Roman amphitheatre in which concerts and performances are still put on today. Verona is an exceptional place with many remaining testaments to its historical and artistic importance in Italy. It is a town that knows how to offer all the delicacies of its important tradition of good wine and gastronomy.

Lunch will include a wine-tasting at the "Bottega del Vino," the most famous wine cellar in town. You will learn about the unique wine called "L' Amarone della Valpolicella" and the wide variety of traditional dishes from Verona.



Tours on request

- Cernobbio, Bellagio and Como lake tour
- Nice and the "Blue Coast" (France)
- Cannes and "The Blue Coast" (France)
- Rapallo and Portofino tour
- Genoa tour
- Padua and Verona tour
- Palladio's Villas tour
- Verona and Valpolicella wine tour
- Milan's fashion tour
- Sorrento and the Amalfi coast
- Naples tour
- Pompei and Paestum tour
- Shuttle services from/to airports to/from Villa Le Fonti

Tour by Villa Le Fonti's partner