

ITALIAN JOURNEYS

Harvest Season in Tuscany

7 Days · Private Journey

Chianti Classico · Siena · Florence · the Etruscan Maremma

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THE JOURNEY

Autumn is when Tuscany shows its soul — the *vendemmia*, the grape harvest, when the hills of Chianti Classico fill with pickers, tractors and the scent of crushed Sangiovese. This seven-day journey plants you right in the middle of it: six nights at one charming boutique hotel surrounded by vineyards, a full harvest day at a working estate, and a hands-on cooking class in the Senese Chianti. Everything else is yours to shape from a menu of seasonal experiences — a wine fair, a centuries-old Florentine festival, Siena's quieter corners, even a sunrise balloon over the hills. Slow down, and live the countryside rather than visit it.



THE JOURNEY DAYS

Your base — Chianti Classico. Six nights at a charming boutique hotel among vine-covered hills and stone villages between Florence and Siena — the historic birthplace of Chianti Classico, where winemaking is a legacy passed down through generations and Sangiovese is king.

Signature experience — The Harvest. A full day at a local estate as the harvest comes to life: a guided tour of the property and vineyards, then a hands-on *vignaiolo* (vineyard worker) experience, joining the picking yourself. A relaxed lunch of traditional Tuscan dishes follows, paired with a tasting of the estate's wines.

Signature experience — Cooking in the Senese Chianti. An authentic hands-on class in the heart of the Senese Chianti countryside, built on simple, genuine ingredients and time-honored techniques. Prepare pici, gnudi and pork tenderloin in a bread crust, followed by a traditional dessert — then sit down to a warm, convivial lunch of the dishes you made.

Make it yours — Florence & the Carro Matto (September 26). A private day trip to Florence with luxury round-trip transfers and a dedicated guide, timed to the Carro Matto — the centuries-old celebration of wine — amid the city's iconic landmarks and atmosphere.

Make it yours — The Chianti Classico Fair (September 10–13). A private transfer to one of Tuscany's most celebrated wine events, in the heart of Chianti Classico: local producers, tastings and traditions, with a wine expert or sommelier on request.



Make it yours — Etruscan Maremma (full day). Southern Tuscany's wild soul: San Quirico di Sorano and the cave settlement of Vitozza, a traditional lunch in Sorano, a stroll through Sovana, and Pitigliano, the dramatic hilltop village carved into volcanic rock.

Make it yours — Siena & its hidden gems (half day). A guided walk through Siena's historic center and its stunning Duomo, plus exclusive access to a private villa rarely open to visitors.

Make it yours — Hot air balloon at sunrise. A private transfer from your hotel, a gentle float above the Chianti hills, vineyards and cypress-lined roads, and a light breakfast after landing.

Make it yours — Drive IT, a supercar day. A Ferrari, Lamborghini or Maserati for the day: a curated route through vineyards and hilltop villages from your hotel, with a refined lunch along the way.

Included throughout: six nights at a boutique hotel in Chianti Classico, the Harvest Experience and the Senese Chianti cooking class, and private transfers for the experiences as described. The optional experiences are quoted separately, and the journey is fully flexible — add as many or as few as you like, and we will shape the days around your pace, your passions, and your idea of Tuscany at its most authentic.



Every journey begins with a conversation. Tell us where Tuscany has been calling you, and we will design the rest — privately, personally, and entirely around you.

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GOOD TO KNOW — A deposit of 20% confirms your journey, with the balance due two months before arrival. Payments by bank wire or Zelle carry no surcharge; credit card payments add a 5% surcharge. Flights are not included, though we are glad to arrange them on request. Optional experiences and upgrades are quoted separately. Pricing is on request — every journey is tailored.