

TUSCANY, ITALY

*Embrace Tuscany's rich  
culture, stunning scenery and  
delicious traditions*

**DATES:** MAY 1-7, 2027

**PRICE:** \$7250.00 US PP\*

*Questions?*

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**WHERE YOU WILL STAY**

Our journey begins at a stunning private villa in the heart of the Chianti region just outside of Lucca- my favorite Tuscan city, famous for its incredible wine and the best olive oil in the world!

This exquisite, 16th-century estate has been lovingly restored by my dear friend Valentina Lombardi Lizzio, our consummate host for the week. Situated among olive groves, cypress trees, vegetable gardens, grapevines, and rolling hills, the villa boasts a tennis court and swimming pool surrounded by incredible Tuscan scenery. The estate will make you feel like you're in an Italian paradise! Amenities abound, including Wi-Fi and spa services. You will love Valentina's personal attention to every detail, and her warm hospitality makes this place truly special!

Each spacious room in our villa is beautifully decorated in true Tuscan style and features stunning views that look like a painting! If you'd like to take things over the top, please inquire about an upgrade to an even more spacious, grand, beautifully appointed deluxe en suite or a huge suite with a lovely sitting room, a bathroom the size of my kitchen, and gorgeous frescoes.



## DAY TRIPS & EXCURSIONS

### ***Tuscany's finest: wine, markets, and more!***

My dear friend Valentina, the consummate host of Villa Valentina, and I invite you to delve into the heart of Italy!

Tuscany is everything you have ever dreamed it would be. Our unique itinerary is filled with experiences that transcend typical guidebook recommendations. Our Luchesse guide will share the hidden secrets and stories that bring the village of Lucca to life. On another day, we'll wander the cobblestone streets of the medieval hill town of Bolgheri, in the very center of the richest Tuscan wine country. Then, visit our friend's top-notch vineyard and wait for the surprise "tasting room" at the end of the visit.



We'll visit the infamous outdoor market in the picturesque seaside town of Forte dei Marmi. The Mediterranean will shimmer as we enjoy the freshest, most delicious seafood lunch. You'll learn to make pizza in our Villa's own wood-fired brick oven with a true pizzaiolo. Around every corner, you'll discover the deep-rooted heritage that shapes the essence of Tuscan life. Discover the beauty, authentic flavors, and rich traditions of Tuscany on this unforgettable cultural journey. Each experience is an immersive celebration of the Tuscan lifestyle, and I can't wait to share it with you!

## COOKING CLASSES

### **Discover the secret to Tuscan cuisine**

Food and cooking are every Tuscans' first love. And we will most certainly indulge. There's so much to love about Tuscan food, especially the best estate virgin olive oil, which we will taste and cook with for the entire week. Sweet vine-ripened tomatoes will just be coming into season, and we will definitely take advantage making robust soups and spring-inspired salads.

We'll get together in the gorgeous, well-equipped kitchen to prepare authentic Tuscan dishes using the most flavorful fresh ingredients. After all, this is what Tuscany is known for. We'll learn time-honored techniques passed down through generations – from making various handmade pasta shapes to creating delicious rustic sauces to accompany them.



We also have to invite our friend, a local pizzaiolo, to the villa to share his secret pizza-making techniques, and you'll get to make your own pie in our ancient wood-fired oven. No experience required, and I promise, everyone will go home with plenty of Tuscan recipes to share with friends and family!





## TRIP DETAILS

The price for this tour is \$7250.00 US per person\*, based on double occupancy. A deposit of \$2000.00 US per person is required to register for this tour. Limited single-occupancy rooms are available, and a single supplement charge of \$2000.00 US applies for solo travelers. Please read the [Tour Terms and Conditions](#) for details.

**We strongly recommend trip insurance.** Policies vary, so be sure to review the details and ensure they suit your needs.

### Included:

- Limited group size and thoughtfully curated itinerary
- Meals- breakfast, lunch, and dinner with wine
- Luxurious accommodations in a private villa
- Hands-on and demonstration cooking classes and tastings
- Excursions and day trips with knowledgeable and friendly multilingual guides
- Private coach transportation during the tour
- Group transfer from the meeting point in central Lucca to our home for the week at approximately 4:00pm on day one.
- Group transfer to Pisa Airport on the morning of the final day

RESERVE YOUR SPACE



**\*\*SAMPLE ITINERARY\*\***

**DAY 1: Welcome to Tuscany**

Take the group transfer from central Lucca to the property, followed by a welcome reception and Tuscan-style dinner in our villa's stunning dining parlor

**DAY 2: Master the art of delicious Tuscan specialties**

Savor a breakfast buffet at home and prepare for immersion into Tuscan cuisine. Join Joanne in the kitchen to learn how to prepare sumptuous dishes. Enjoy lunch al fresco before our short drive into Lucca, where our local guide will uncover the legends of this walled city. Return in time to finish assembling supper together and toast with a glass or two at sunset.

**DAY 3: Step back in time and become immersed in the Tuscan lifestyle**

Start the day with breakfast before a short drive to a secret spot that's nestled amidst the rolling hills of its Tuscan landscape. Lunch is an immersive experience at a beloved Enoteca known for its extensive wine list. Return home in time for a hands-on lesson and master the art of pasta-making. Then celebrate our creations al fresco on our villa's patio overlooking the Tuscan hills.

**DAY 4: Excursion to Italy's premier wine region**

Fuel up with breakfast and take a leisurely ride to a prestigious, sun-drenched wine village of Bolgheri on the Tuscan coast, renowned for producing iconic "Super Tuscan" red wines. Meet our knowledgeable guide and discover the rich history of the region's legendary winemaking tradition at a top-notch winery. Savor luscious wines and lunch at a favorite trattoria. This full-day outing concludes with dinner at home.

**DAY 5: Tuscany's stunning seaside village**

After breakfast, it's off to the seaside village of Forte dei Marmi, boasting miles of sandy beaches, an unparalleled outdoor market, an ancient fortress, and exquisite boutiques. Enjoy an exclusive beachside lunch and stroll along the pier. Return home in time to unwind and meet a local pizzaiola in the kitchen for a fun hands-on cooking class. Toast your fellow travelers as you relish in your creations.

**DAY 6: Free Time and Farewell Celebration**

We'll make the most of our last full day with a fun cooking class for lunch, plus free time to unwind at our villa, lounge by the pool, relax, or take an optional trip to Lucca for a little last-minute shopping or to pick up souvenirs. Return to the villa for a celebratory dinner at home with surprises!

**DAY 7: Departure**

Enjoy breakfast before the morning group transfer to Pisa Airport, concluding your Tuscan adventure.

*\*sample- for planning purposes only.*

