

TUSCAN & UMBRIAN COUNTRYSIDE

FEATURING ITALY'S CHARMING HILL TOWNS

9TH - 22ND OCTOBER 2020

COST INCLUDING AIRFARE

\$6,799 *TWIN SHARE | **\$7,499** *SINGLE SHARE | **\$6,599** *TRIPLE SHARE

Collette Experiences

- See Spoleto on a guided walking tour.
- Behold the magnificent Ponte delle Torri, a 13th-century aqueduct.
- Marvel at the ornate Duomo of Santa Maria Assunta.

Must-see inclusions

- Surround yourself in the mystery of the Etruscan hill town of Orvieto.
- Be romanced by Florence, the "Cradle of the Italian Renaissance."
- Explore historic Siena and see the piazza famous for the Palio Horse Race.

Culinary Inclusions

- Participate in a cooking class in a 16th-century Umbrian farmhouse.
- Experience a home-cooked meal at one of Umbria's country homes.
- Sample Umbria's most prized wine.

Transportation

Motorcoach, airplane.

Headsets

Throughout the tour.

Free Wi-Fi

Available on your motorcoach
and in most hotel lobbies.

Meals

11 Days | 19 Meals
10 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, 6 Dinners

HOTELS

Days 1, 2 | Kolbe Hotel Rome, Rome

Days 3 - 6 | Hotel Dei Duchi, Spoleto

Days 7 - 10 | UNA Hotels Palazzo Mannaioni, Tuscany



HOST

Vitalia



**Travel
Managers**
As individual
as you are

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TUSCAN & UMBRIAN COUNTRYSIDE *itinerary*



Day 0: Friday, October 9, 2020 Catch your overnight flight to Rome.

Day 1: Saturday, October 10, 2020 Arrive Rome, Italy Enjoy time to get to know the place where your journey begins.

Day 2: Sunday, October 11, 2020 Rome - Tour Begins Italy's dynamic capital city beckons. When in Rome, do as the Romans do - start your journey today at a delicious welcome dinner. (B, D)

Day 3: Monday, October 12, 2020 Rome - Orvieto - Umbria Olive and cypress trees accent the Etruscan hill town of Orvieto. Stroll the historic streets as a local expert points out the city's many treasures and visit the prominent Gothic cathedral to gaze at a remarkable Signorelli fresco. Discover Orvieto's many wonders independently this afternoon. Eat, drink, and disappear into the local scene - perhaps with a glass of Pinot Nero or Sangiovese in hand. Spend the next four nights enveloped by the splendors of country life in a pristine Umbrian hill town. (B, D)

Day 4: Tuesday, October 13, 2020 Umbria - Spoleto - Cooking Class - Umbria Medieval palaces command the foreground of ancient Spoleto. In the shadow of the Apennines, a walking tour through the city's streets reveals centuries of architectural history, from the Ponte delle Torri aqueduct to the gilded elegance of the Duomo of Santa Maria Assunta. Explore Spoleto's many shops and cafes during time on your own this afternoon. Sit down to a once-in-a-lifetime meal inside a 16th-century farmhouse nestled in the Italian countryside. There, you can stroll the herb garden (weather permitting), and learn how cheese is made on the farm. Your palate-expanding journey continues as you join the chef for a hands-on Umbrian cooking lesson followed by your early dinner in the countryside. (B, D)

Day 5: Wednesday, October 14, 2020 Umbria - Montefalco - Winery - Bevagna - Olive Oil Farm - Umbria Explore the charming medieval town of Montefalco, and step back in time in the place they call the "Balcony of Umbria" - a name given to the town for its unobstructed views of the Umbrian countryside. Sagrantino is this region's most-prized wine; head to a local winery to see why during a tasting before sampling a variety of authentic

Umbrian dishes at lunch. In Bevagna, marvels of Roman and medieval archaeology are the highlights of an impressive walking tour. Then, learn about local olive oil at a family-run *frantoio* or olive presser. Tonight, enjoy a cooking demonstration and 3 course meal. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Thursday, October 15, 2020 Umbria - Assisi - Home-Hosted Lunch - Umbria Travel to Assisi, birthplace of St. Francis. Set out on a walking tour of the old city with a local guide. Learn all about its history as you stroll the medieval streets, pausing along the way to see its famed Basilica of St. Francis. Later, a local family welcomes you to their country home for lunch as their honoured guest. Share stories and make an Umbrian friend (or two). (B, L)

Day 7: Friday, October 16, 2020 Umbria - Winery - Tuscany Time slows down among the sunflower-covered hills and villages of Tuscany's Val d'Orcia region. Among the vineyards and olive groves of this UNESCO World Heritage site, tour a winery's family estate and cellar before indulging in an authentic Tuscan lunch. Created by the winery's chef, this meal is expertly paired with the vineyard's very own wines. Retire afterwards to a restored Tuscan palazzo. (B, L)

Day 8: Saturday, October 17, 2020 Tuscany - Florence - Tuscany Get at a glimpse at another age on a locally guided walking tour of Florence, the "Cradle of the Renaissance." Behold the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore in the religious centre of the Piazza del Duomo and the Palazzo Vecchio, and tap in to Florence's creative side at a local artisan's workshop. After, take some time on your own to explore the city's bounty of treasures, both historic and modern. (B)

Day 9: Sunday, October 18, 2020 Tuscany - Siena - Monteriggioni - Tuscany ♥ Siena is medieval Italy at its most visually striking. Take a guided walking tour of the city, and learn about the world-renowned Palio Horse Race, held twice a year at the historic Piazza del Campo. Then, **it's your choice!** Explore Siena's beautiful Gothic cathedral at your own pace -OR- join a guide and immerse yourself in local life in a contrada, one of many small, close-knit communities, each one unique with traditions all its own. In the walled town of Monteriggioni, wander its quaint streets, seemingly frozen in time. Tonight, enjoy a pizza making demonstration with wine included. (B, D)

Day 10: Monday, October 19, 2020 Tuscany - Volterra - San Gimignano - Tuscany Country roads lead to Volterra, the "City of Alabaster." A former Etruscan city, this walled town perched high above the countryside boasts a history that dates back to the 7th century B.C. Spend time inside the Guarnacci Museum, one of the oldest public museums in Europe, built in 1761. Witness a live alabaster-carving demonstration* at a local workshop. Travel later to the "City of Beautiful Towers," San Gimignano. Stroll the Piazza del Duomo and Piazza della Cisterna, and marvel at a skyline dotted with more than a dozen 13th-century medieval towers. Tonight, gather together for a farewell dinner paired with an entertaining interactive presentation on wine, delivered by the restaurant's own sommelier. (B, D)

Day 11: Tuesday, October 20, 2020 Tuscany - Tour Ends Your journey through Tuscany and Umbria comes to a close today in Montañone. Your flight back to Australia will arrive on the 22 October 2020. (B)



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WHO YOU'LL BE *travelling with*



INFO ON YOUR HOST:

Ciao, my name is Vitalia. I've been a chef for 25 years and I've worked in restaurants in Italy, London and Australia. I'm very creative and have a great passion for Italian food and of course wine. It is important to me to keep the traditional Italian food alive. I am the President of the F.I.C AUS (federazione Italian cuochi Australia) for the FNQ and co-owner of "Vitalia's Italian restaurant". Which has been rated #1 Italian Restaurant and Pizzeria on TripAdvisor. Because I've had experience as an actress and as a stand up comedian, I assure you that your experience in my restaurant will be entertaining as we play the guitar and tambourine, singing Italian folk songs and getting the clients involved. Your experience will be original and authentic.



INFO ON YOUR TRAVEL MANAGER:

Hi. I am Patty, your Personal Travel Manager, and boy do I know travel! I have been in the industry for 20 years. I have travelled to many countries. With groups, independently, cruise and with children. I've also hosted several tours. I can help you with tours, cruising, airfares, accommodation, transfers, car hire, travel insurance, and more. To be part of my clients' travel memories is humbling because their journey starts with me. It's more than just providing great customer service. It's about getting to know you, what you like and what you don't, so that I can tailor a holiday that's as individual as you are. My clients can trust me and that's the most important thing when you're self-employed. So, if you're thinking of taking a holiday – give me a call.



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PAYMENT PLAN:

1st Deposit: \$500pp, due 7 days after confirmation

2nd Deposit: \$2,500pp, due 10 January 2020

Final Balance: due 10 June 2020

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