



Oct 8 - Oct 16, 2021

Discover the Food, Wine and Gourmet delights of Tuscany and Rome with Loveria Caffè owner, Andrea Matteucci.

Experience a Tuscan Kitchen with hands-on cooking classes. Refine your palate with olive oil, and wine tastings. Discover the hidden gem museums of Rome and more...

Highlights of the tour include:

- Walking Tour through Florence Market followed by hands-on cooking classes at Mama Florence Cooking School
- Wine tastings & tours of Bruenello di Montalcino and Chianti Wineries
- Relax in a thermal bath at the beautiful San Giovananni Rapolano Terme Spa Resort
- Olive and Wine Tour & Tastings at Ciacci Piccolomini d'Aragona

Join Andrea Matteucci, as he takes you "home" to his Italy, to relax and dine in gourmet restaurants, while tasting the best food and wines. Truly a holiday experience for the ultimate "foodie" or a traveler looking to relax among good friends, with good food and memories to last a lifetime.



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The Trip

Where We Visit



Florence, Italy



MaMa Florence Cooking School



San Giovanni Terme Rapolano
Spa Resort



Chianti countryside

Day 1 – Friday, Oct 8

Depart from home

Day 2 – Saturday, Oct 9

Welcome to Italy! You are met upon arrival at Florence airport, and transferred to the elegant Hotel McGallery Cerretani Hotel. You'll have the rest of the afternoon to explore this fabulous boutique hotel, in the center of Florence, surrounded by art and history. And foodies will love Florence for it's Bistecca alla Fiorentina (Florentine Steak), Papardelle and of course, it's gelato. As the sun sets in Florence, Andrea will welcome you to Italy with a glass of wine to renew our friendships, make new friends, and review our itinerary. Dinner is nearby at the chic Konnubio Restaurant in Florence.

Hotel: Hotel McGallery Cerretani – Florence

Meals: Welcome Reception, Dinner

Day 3 – Sunday, Oct 10

This morning we start our day with a **Walking and Shopping Tour in Florence** with the Chef and Andrea, as we shop for savory and sweet ingredients for our **Cooking Class at the MaMa Florence Cooking School**. After lunch, you'll have plenty of time for shopping, or maybe a visit to the Galleria dell 'Accademia to see the statue of David by Michaelangelo.

Hotel: Hotel McGallery Cerretani – Florence

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4 – Monday, Oct 11

This morning, we transfer to breathtaking Siena to visit a local Contrada set within the ancient city walls and a short walk to **Piazza del Campo**. Our Spa Resort awaits us this afternoon, to test its healing thermal waters and pools, sample a relaxing massage, or experience a thermal mud treatment. It's your choice!

Hotel: San Giovanni Terme Rapolano Spa Resort – province of Siena

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 5 – Tuesday, Oct 12

Today we head into the lovely central Chianti countryside for a Wine tasting at beautiful **Felsina Winery**. Later stop at nearby San Gimignano. Explore the city center, enjoying the town's immaculate historic towers and special sites of interest. Don't miss a delicious gelato at the world's top-rated gelato producer Dondoli!

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Day 5 – Tuesday, Oct 12 cont.

Hotel: San Giovanni Terme Rapolano Spa Resort – province of Siena

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 6 – Wednesday, Oct 13

Brunello wine is produced exclusively within the Montalcino territory, and created using only Sangiovese Grosso grapes, a Sangiovese clone perfectly suited to the local conditions. Your wonderful **Private Brunello di Montalcino Wine Tour** and exploration of the Brunello wine region takes you to one of the oldest estates in Italy – **Ciacci Piccolomini d’Aragona** from the 17th century. You will visit the winery’s grounds and their historic cellars, and will be led through a guided wine-tasting of these wonderful red wines, and olives as well. Your tour continues with a brief visit to the charming town of Montalcino, to explore the town’s narrow, winding streets filled with artisan gourmet food and wine shops.

Hotel: San Giovanni Terme Rapolano Spa Resort – Province of Siena

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 7 – Thursday, Oct 14

Stop in the hilltop town of Orvieto and meet your expert guide for a short tour and visit to the Duomo. Following your tour, you’ll enjoy a lovely fresh lunch at a traditional Umbrian restaurant specializing in regional cuisine. After your lunch, you will transfer to your new accommodations in Rome.

Hotel: Hotel Ludovisi Palace - Rome

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 8 – Friday, Oct 15

Enjoy a free day at leisure! Or join Andrea to explore his favorite “hidden gem” museums in Rome. Our Finale Dinner will be celebrated in Rome to reminisce about your Italian adventure.

Hotel: Hotel Ludovisi Palace - Rome

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 9 – Saturday, Oct 16

Depart for home

Where We Visit



Ciacci Piccolomini d’Aragona Winery

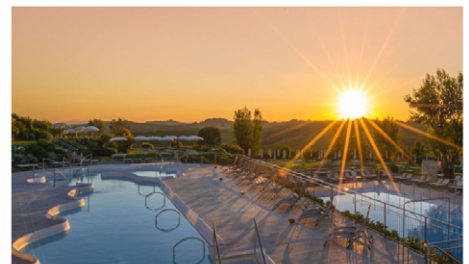


Orvieto Cathedral

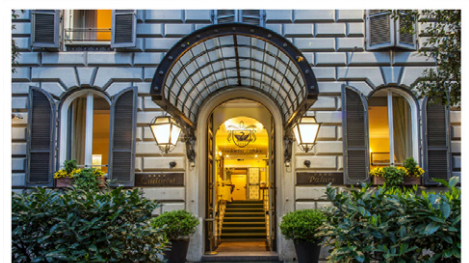
Where We Stay



Hotel McGallery Cerretani - Florence



San Giovanni Terme Rapolano
Spa Resort



Hotel Ludovisi Palace – Rome

The Details

Start: Florence, Italy **Finish:** Rome, Italy

What's Included:

- All accommodations on a shared twin/double room basis
- Daily breakfast at hotel
- Airport transfers from Florence Airport, and to Rome Airport
- Tastings at Wineries and Olive Tastings
- Hands-on cooking class at MaMa Florence Cooking School
- Entrance to several wineries for wine tastings
- Four lunches and six dinners
- Tickets to Colosseum, Rome and Galleria dell'Accademia (Statue of David)
- Farewell celebration dinner at a surprise venue

Nota Bene: We build all of our itineraries as exhaustively as possible; however, we also leave room for the spontaneity of the group, the creativity of the guide, and the unpredictability of the elements. Thus, all itineraries are subject to modest modification dependent on local weather, new opportunities, and the desires of the group.

*Final price may be adjusted on February 28, 2021, due to currency fluctuations.

Dates & Prices

Duration: 8 Days / 7 Nights

Dates: Oct 8 – Oct 16, 2021

Prices: \$5,495.00 per person, based on dbl occupancy.

Single Supplement: \$875.00 USD

Getting There

Travel Services:

Our suggestion is to fly into Florence and depart from Rome. For the convenience of our travelers, we would be happy to assist you with flights to get to and from the trip. If you require assistance beyond the flights, (i.e. if you wish to extend your stay or arrive earlier), or if you wish to make private or custom travel arrangements, please call us to discuss your needs. Please note that a service fee of \$50.00 will be charged for arrangements such as flights, transfers and hotel rooms that are outside the planned itinerary.

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Availability

This exclusive Food & Wine tour with Andrea Matteucci will be limited to 18 participants; with a minimum of 15. To avoid disappointment (and the inevitable waitlist), please book early.

Book Your Trip

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Payments & Deposits

\$875.00 non-refundable deposit at time of booking (to guarantee events & hotels). Deposit must be received by June 1, 2021.

Payment by check should be made payable to: Southlake Travel; Credit card payments Convenience Fee applies. Final payment will be due on August 9, 2021.