HOSTED TUSCAN RETREAT

AN IMMERSIVE CULINARY JOURNEY WITH CHEF ASIA

In Montisi's ancient hilltop village, this rustic retreat immerses you in Tuscan food and village life.

FREE TRANSFER from **ROME*** with a visit in **ORVIETO, UMBRIA** **BOOK EARLY!**

Limited to Only 16 Guests

Don't miss out – reserve your spot today!

Contact us for details and pricing!

Discover true Tuscan living, while immersing yourself in timeless beauty during this exceptional seven-night culinary and wine journey.

Your home for the week will be a charming villa, where you'll experience authentic Italian country life – complete with private chef, Asia – who will prepare dinners showcasing the region's finest ingredients and traditions.

This carefully curated itinerary balances guided experiences with leisurely free time, allowing you to truly savor the rhythm of village life. From a painting session and a pasta-making class at your villa to exploring Renaissance Pienza and medieval Montepulciano, each day reveals new layers of Tuscan culture.

Your excursions will be with Lucia, an expert Tuscan guide with insider knowledge and authentic local connections.

YOUR WEEK OF TUSCAN TREASURES INCLUDES:

Artisanal Food Experiences: Organic cheese and olive oil tastings, plus visit a heritage-grain pasta factory

Authentic Gatherings: Aperitivo and dinner at family-run Ombelico del Mondo

Creative Workshops: In-villa watercolor and cooking classes

Daily Breakfast | All Dinners | Five Lunches

Five Tours with Wine | Two Wine Tastings

Nightly Open Bar with Select Tuscan Wines

All Spacious, Private, En-suite Bedrooms

All Transportation | All Gratuities

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SATURDAY Rome to Orvieto & Montisi

Complimentary transfer* from Rome City Center – includes a stop in Orvieto for lunch and shopping on your own. Welcome reception, followed by dinner at the villa.

SUNDAY Ease into your Tuscan adventure with a relaxed morning in Montisi

Meet Lucia and local watercolor artist, Elizabeth for an informal village tour through the cobbled streets she's painted for over 30 years. Enjoy an aperitivo at Il Barrino, a village staple for everything from morning espresso to Champagne. Return to the villa to tap into your creative side with a watercolor session with Elizabeth. As evening falls, savor an intimate dinner prepared by Chef Asia.

MONDAY Nobile di Montepulciano Wine Tasting & Free-time in Montepulciano

Spend the day discovering the hilltop town of Montepulciano and sample its celebrated wine, "Nobile di Montepulciano" – the oldest DOCG in Italy. Our tasting will be held in an impressive, family owned historical wine cellar. Lunch is independent today – choose whichever café, trattoria, or wine bar tempts you most! After lunch, climb to the top of the tower in Piazza Grande to admire a 360° view of the Valdichiana, shop, or simply wander. Return to the villa for dinner with Chef Asia.

TUESDAY Cheese Tasting and Pienza

Enjoy a cheese tasting at Il Casale, a family-run organic farm nestled in the hills near Pienza, renowned for its raw-milk goat and sheep cheeses (caprino and pecorino). Discover Sandra and Ulisse's inspiring story and learn about what motivated them to leave their city lives behind to settle in the Val d'Orcia nearly thirty years ago. After the cheese tasting, enjoy free time in Pienza, where you can wander among its magnificent Renaissance architecture and take in the breathtaking views across the Val d'Orcia. Return to villa in the afternoon for dinner with Chef Asia.

WEDNESDAY A Day at the Villa: Cooking Class with Chef Asia and Dinner in Town at Ombelico del Mondo

Enjoy a day at the villa and a cooking class with Chef Asia, followed by lunch. Optional massages in the villa can be arranged. One of the pleasures of staying in a small village is that everything is only a short walk from your accommodation – tonight we will walk to Ombelico del Mondo for dinner. Gianluca and his mother have been running this restaurant for decades and are an integral part of community life in Montisi. Her cooking expertise and Gianluca's jovial personality are sure to make you feel right at home!

THURSDAY Extra Virgin Olive Oil Tasting & Bagno Vignoni

Walk through the olive grove to learn about cultivation methods, harvesting techniques, and the process of transforming olives into premium oil with the owner, Bianca, an enthusiastic and very knowledgeable young agronomist. After the tour, enjoy a tasting of the farm's organic extra virgin olive oil paired with a selection of delicious local products. After lunch, free time to explore Bagno Vignoni with its unique historical thermal bath. Return to villa in the afternoon. We'll walk over to Cantina 97 for an aperitivo. Return to the villa for dinner with Chef Asia.

FRIDAY Artisanal Pasta Factory & Brunello di Montalcino

As the Grappi family says, "We are farmers first, and that's what sets us apart from other pasta-makers and millers." Tour their organic pasta factory where they cultivate their own grains and mill using ancient stone-grinding techniques. You will develop a new appreciation for flour and pasta! We'll then drive to a Montalcino winery for a tour of their ageing cellars followed by a tasting of the famous Brunello and its "little brother" Rosso di Montalcino, accompanied by a selection of Tuscan pecorino and charcuterie. A special farewell dinner with Chef Asia awaits at the villa.

SATURDAY Departure Day

After breakfast, 10am check-out – allow us to help you with your other Italian travel plans.
Cost for optional transfers based on participation.

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NOTE: Please disclose food allergies at time of booking – not all allergies can be accommodated. Not suitable for people with mobility issues.

25% per person deposit is due within seven days of reservation. Second payment of 25% per person due 2 months later. Final payment representing 50% due 120 days prior to departure. Prices quoted in Euro, per person, based on double occupancy. At time of deposits prevailing USD$ will be on your invoice. In the rare event that changes to your itinerary or accommodations are needed, we'll arrange alternatives of similar value and quality. *Complimentary transfer to villa is a one-time group departure requiring early booking. Full terms and conditions are available for your review. All details are accurate as of printing, but may be subject to change. Other restrictions may apply. Not suitable for people with mobility issues.