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**2021 CULINARY
GROUP TOURS TO ITALY**



SAVOR Sicily

8 days
starting at
€ 999,-



Included services

- 3 x night accommodation in the south-eastern Sicilian countryside, including traditional breakfasts
- 4 x night accommodation in Taormina, including buffet breakfasts
- Transportation by private, deluxe AC bus, as per the itinerary
- Private English-speaking tour leader, including meals & lodging with the group
- Welcome dinner on arrival day
- Visit and tasting at a chocolate factory in Modica
- Visit and tasting at a Hyblean cheese producer
- Fish-based lunch at a traditional tonnara including a glass of wine
- Tour of an almond farm, including an almond cookie tasting
- Wine tasting and tour in a Syracuse castle
- Visit and tasting at a honey producer on Etna
- Pistachio tasting at a local farmhouse in Bronte
- Hands-on cooking class and lunch, including a glass of wine
- Visit and tasting at an olive oil mill
- Tour and lunch at a citrus farm, including a tasting of wine and orange and lemon-based products

Our partner hotels

- 4* Grand Hotel Sofia / www.grandhotelsafia.it
- 4* Villa Diodoro / www.hotelvilladiodoro.com

1 Arrival

- Arrive at the Catania airport for transfer to the hotel. A welcome dinner will be served in the evening.

2 Modica & the Hyblean Mountains

- Visit Modica, the sweetest of towns. Try its decadent chocolate, made using an ancient recipe. Continue on to the Hyblean Mountains to taste the cheese made there.
Gusto of the day: Hyblean cheese and Modica chocolate

3 Vindicari & Marzamemi

- Visit Vindicari and Marzamemi, famous for their tonnara (tuna fisheries). Enjoy a fish-based lunch including sun-dried Pachino tomatoes, olives and cheese, served with a glass of local wine.
Gusto of the day: Tuna and Pachino tomatoes

4 Avola & Syracuse

- Visit Avola, the town famous for both its almonds and red wine. Begin by visiting an almond producer, where the farmer will explain how to cultivate and make some of the best desserts in Sicily. Do a tasting before going to a Federican castle near Syracuse to sample some fabulous reds in a luxurious setting. Then transfer to the hotel in Taormina.
Gusto of the day: Almond specialities and wine

5 Mount Etna & Bronte

- Stop to speak with a beekeeper and sample the delicious honey made from the flowers of Mount Etna. Then on to Bronte to try its famous pistachios, often used in Sicilian cuisine.
Gusto of the day: Honey and pistachios

6 Cooking class in the Taormina area

- Learn to make two delicious Sicilian favorites: pasta "alla norma" and cannoli during a cooking class in the Taormina area. To complete the experience enjoy a fantastic espresso and limoncello.
Gusto of the day: Pasta alla norma and cannoli cooking class

7 Catania

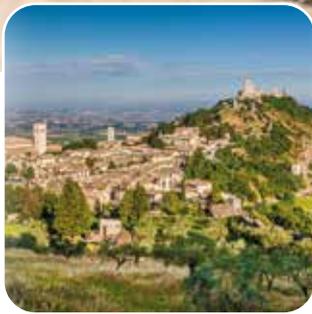
- Visit an olive mill and do a tasting of extra-virgin olive oil with warm bread. Continue on to a citrus farm to enjoy a lunch featuring many of the traditional products and dishes for which Sicily is so loved. In the evening the farewell dinner will be at a local restaurant.
Gusto of the day: Olive oil and Sicilian lunch

8 Departure



TUSCANY and Umbria

8 days
starting at
€ 1.149,-



Included services

- 4 x night accommodation in Chianti Valley, including buffet breakfasts
- 3 x night accommodation in a castle overlooking Assisi, including buffet breakfasts
- Transportation by private, deluxe AC bus, as per the itinerary
- Private English-speaking tour leader, including meals & lodging with the group
- Traditional welcome dinner at the hotel, including a glass of wine, water and an espresso
- Saffron-themed lunch at a farmhouse in the countryside
- Gelato tasting in San Gimignano
- 3 hour private, guided walking tour of Florence
- Lampredotto beef panino sandwich at the Central Market in Florence
- Cantucci & Vin Santo tasting in Chianti
- Wine tasting at a historic estate in Montepulciano, accompanied by traditional local snacks
- Traditional dinner in castle, including tasting of local products and wine
- Visit to an ancient Umbrian olive oil mill for a tasting and cooking course with lunch
- 2 hour private, guided walking tour of Assisi, including entrance to St. Francis' Basilica
- Truffle hunt in the Umbrian countryside

Our partner hotels

- Palazzo San Lorenzo / www.palazzosanlorenzo.it
- Castello di Petrata / www.castellopetrata.it

1 Arrival

- Upon arrival the Tuscan countryside, enjoy a welcome dinner at the hotel, including wine and an espresso.

2 San Gimignano & Volterra with a saffron-based

- Visit a family-run farm specialized in producing saffron. Enjoy a light lunch before heading to San Gimignano for a walking tour and tasting of the award winning gelato at Gelato of Mr. Dondoli.

Gusto of the day: Saffron & gelato

3 Florence & its street food classic, the lampredotto panino

- Today you will travel to Florence. Do a guided walking tour of the city concluding at its historic Central Market. Taste the lampredotto sandwich paired with a glass of local wine before having some free time to stroll the city in the afternoon.

Gusto of the day: Lampredotto

4 Chianti & Vin Santo

- Experience the heart of the region and the characteristic villages that produce some of Italy's best wines. Visit the ancient wine cellar of a castle in Chianti to taste some Vin Santo, a dessert wine paired with cantucci cookies.

Gusto of the day: Cantucci & Vin Santo

5 Montepulciano wine & transfer to Umbria

- The city of Montepulciano is situated on a tuff stone mountain, in whose cool stone the vintners carved out their wine cellars. The 'noble' wine has been known since the 8th century as the "Vino dei Signori", the wine of the nobility. Visit of a winery before transfer to Umbria.

Gusto of the day: Montepulciano red wine

6 Assisi & cooking class in an olive oil mill

- Visit an ancient olive oil mill to do a tasting and cooking course. Have the hearty lunch you prepare before going to the heart of Assisi for a private guided walking tour of the serene city. Enter the Basilica di San Francesco, a UNESCO site of cultural and historical importance.

Gusto of the day: Extravirgin olive oil

7 Walking through the Borghi & truffle hunt

- Endeavor a truffle hunt with Antonio and his dogs. After the walk in the woods dine on a truffle-based lunch prepared by the family hosting the adventure. In the afternoon your bus will take you to the old surrounding villages.

Gusto of the day: Truffle

8 Departure



ITALY

Coast to Coast

8 days
starting at
€ 999,-



Included services

- 2 x night accommodation on the Amalfi Coast, including buffet breakfasts and 1 x welcome dinner
- 1 x night accommodation in the Sassi of Matera, including a traditional breakfast
- 3 x night accommodation in a trullo, including traditional breakfasts
- 1 x night accommodation in Naples, including a buffet breakfast
- Transportation by private, deluxe AC bus, as per the itinerary
- Private English-speaking tour leader, including meals & lodging with the group
- Limoncello tasting
- Boat tour to Grotta dello Smeraldo
- Buffalo mozzarella tasting
- Dinner at a family-run restaurant Matera
- Visit and tasting at an ancient fornoio bread maker
- Orecchiette cooking class and lunch
- Visit and olive oil tasting at a traditional masseria
- Visit and wine tasting at the Museo del Primitivo
- Visit and burrata tasting at a local cheese producer
- Pizza show and dinner in Naples

Our partner hotels

- 4* Arthotel Gran Paradiso / www.arthotelgranparadiso.com
- 3* Hotel Sassi / <http://www.hotelsassi.it>
- 3* Trully Holiday Resort / www.trulliholiday.com

1 Arrival

- Arrive at the Naples airport for transfer to the hotel, where the welcome dinner will be served.

2 The Amalfi Coast

- Ride along the famous coastal road, stopping in Amalfi and Positano for photos and a limoncello tasting.
- From Conca dei Marini take the boat to the glittering green Grotta dello Smeraldo.

Gusto of the day: Limoncello

3 Paestum & Matera

- Leave the Amalfi Coast for Paestum, to breathe in the history of the ancient Greek colony and do a buffalo mozzarella tasting. Continue on to Matera to enjoy dinner at a family-run restaurant and sleep in the Sassi.

Gusto of the day: Buffalo mozzarella

4 Arrival on the eastern coast

- Enjoy a private, guided tour of the UNESCO recognized town of Matera before heading to Altamura to sample its famous bread. After the tasting visit the Museo del Primitivo to try a few of the intense reds the area is known for. Sleep in an authentic trullo in the Alberobello area.

Gusto of the day: Altamura bread and red wine

5 Orecchiette cooking class

- Make traditional Apulian pasta for lunch in a historic masseria then walk it off with a lovely stroll in idyllic Polignano a Mare.

Gusto of the day: Homemade orecchiette pasta

6 Masseria in the olive groves

- Learn how to do a proper tasting of extravirgin olive oil in a charming masseria. In the afternoon enjoy an unforgettable sunset in the "White City" of Ostuni.

Gusto of the day: Extravirgin olive oil

7 Manduria & Naples

- Return west, stopping in Trani for a walk before having a visit and tasting of burrata at a cheese producer. Upon arriving in Naples, enjoy some time at leisure. Experience a pizza show cooking dinner at a genuine family-run restaurant.

Gusto of the day: Red wine and pizza

8 Departure



NORTHERN ITALY

Wine Tour

8 days
starting at
€ 829,-



Included services

- 7 x night accommodation, including buffet breakfasts
- 1 x 3-course welcome dinner at the hotel in the Lake District (drinks extra)
- 1 x 3-course dinner at the hotel in the Lake District (drinks extra) in the Langhe region
- Private English-speaking tour leader, including meals & lodging with the group
- Transportation by private, deluxe AC bus, as per the itinerary
- Boat trip on Lake Como to Bellagio
- Wine tasting in the Lake Como area
- 2 hour private, guided walking tour of Turin
- Vermouth tasting in Turin
- Barolo and local product tasting in Langhe
- Lake Iseo boat ride
- Franciacorta Italian champagne and local product tasting
- Tour of a vineyard, followed by a Prosecco tasting
- Valpolicella and Amarone wine tasting accompanied with local products
- 2 hour private, guided walking tour of Verona
- Traditional farewell dinner, including a glass of wine and water

Our partner hotels

- 4* Villa Porro Pirelli / www.villaporropirelli.com
- 4* Grand Hotel Nuove Terme / www.grandhotelnoveterme.com
- 4* Hotel Villa Malaspina / www.hotelvillamalaspina.com

1 Arrival

- Transfer from the Milan airport to the hotel in the Lake District to check in and enjoy a welcome dinner.

2 Lake Como

- Take the private bus to Lake Como. Once on the bedazzling shores, take a boat trip to Bellagio. On the way back to the hotel stop to do a tasting at a wine cellar.
Gusto of the day: Terre Lariane IGT wines

3 Turin

- Travel to Piedmont, stopping en route to visit lovely Turin. Do a two hour walking tour to see the main sites. Then visit the Martini Factory, south of the city. Arrive at the group's new hotel, where dinner will be served in the evening.
Gusto of the day: Martini Vermouth

4 Langhe & Monferrato

- After breakfast at the hotel the private bus will bring the group to the countryside to try some of the important wines the area is famous for. Do a visit to see where the Nebbiolo grapes are transformed into the handsome Barolo you then will have the opportunity to try.
Gusto of the day: Barolo red wine

5 Lake Iseo & Franciacorta

- Relax during an boat ride on placid Lake Iseo, a lesser known gem, then try a Franciacorta spumante tasting. The bubbly will be served with local specialities.
Gusto of the day: Italian champagne

6 Wine road in Veneto region

- After breakfast take the private bus to the region of the Veneto and its renowned Prosecco wine road. Stop for a tasting of the sparkling wine before arriving at the new group's new hotel in the evening.
Gusto of the day: Prosecco

7 Red wine growing region

- Following breakfast at the hotel go to Verona, the marvelous city that captured Shakespeare's heart and imagination. The two hour walking tour will hit the highlights. In the afternoon the private bus will take the group to the areas of Valpolicella and Amarone to try the homonymous wines made there. A farewell dinner will be served at a hotel in the evening.
Gusto of the day: Valpolicella and Amarone

8 Departure

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