

# SAVORING TUSCANY, ITALY | 2019



An Exclusive, Insider's Wine & Culinary Experience  
**OCTOBER 21-27, 2019**

An intimate, expertly curated wine & culinary exploration through the incomparable region of Tuscany, the birthplace of the Renaissance, and home to several of the world's most renowned wineries and culinary traditions.





## THE EXPERIENCE

Join us on a 7-day, 6-night exclusive experience through one of the world's most beloved wine and culinary destinations: Tuscany, home to breathtaking landscapes, Renaissance villages, iconic wineries, and the Bistecca Fiorentina. You'll share in our VIP, insider access as we introduce you to world-class winery owners, winemakers, and Michelin-starred chefs. You'll go behind the scenes with private, hands-on activities to truly live the Tuscan lifestyle, and learn what makes travel to the region one of the most popular "bucket list" experiences.



Week-long experiences include exclusive, luxurious accommodations, transport while on the tour, meals, beverages and activities.

## ABOUT TUSCANY

In this beautiful setting you will bask in the warm golden sunlight that for centuries has inspired poets, artists, farmers and chefs and has led to longstanding, wine and culinary traditions embodying the international ideal of Italian excellence. You'll enjoy the fruits of Tuscany's heralded viticultural heritage that dates back to the third century via in-depth tastings and explorations of Brunellos, Chianti Riservas and Bolgheri reds. You'll drink in the beauty of Renaissance cities such as Florence, Bolgheri and Montalcino. Your taste buds will thank you for trying Bistecca Fiorentina, the classic Florentine recipe made in every Tuscan home and restaurant, as well as other traditional culinary creations unique to this region. At each stop on your visit to Tuscany you'll be astounded by the great history, unforgettable idyllic panoramas of vineyards, towering castles, cypress trees, colorful local characters and rustic farmhouses. You, too, will glow once you experience the splendor that is Tuscany.



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## THE BOUTIQUE INCLUSIONS

6 nights of luxurious accommodations at the Relais & Chateaux Il Borro Toscana, a beautiful Tuscan medieval estate dating back to 1250, which was restored and brought to its simple luxury by the Ferragamo Family.

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A private tour, tasting and lunch at one of the world's most iconic wine estates - Ornellaia, owned by the Frescobaldi family, in Tuscany's area of Bolgheri. Then a stroll into the village of Bolgheri to shop and to work off our lunch.

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A cooking class experience to learn about true Tuscan cuisine and how the chefs in this region use local ingredients in traditional recipes.

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An experience at one of the most renowned hill towns - Montalcino, in which the famous wine Brunello di Montalcino is made. A stroll through the town will be followed by a visit to Ciacci Vineyard, a family-owned producer of Brunello and deep Tuscan reds, with a dinner and aperitivo at sunset!

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A private tour and culinary & wine tasting through the family-owned properties of Querceto di Castellina and Luiano Vineyard.

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Explore a private tour of the Ferragamo family's Vino & Arte exhibition at Il Borro, which will guide you on a historical journey from the Medici to the House of Savoy and the Ferragamo family. Includes art from Mantegna, Picasso, Goya and Warhol.

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A truffle hunt in the countryside around Il Borro, accompanied by expert hunters & guided by specially-trained dogs.

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A visit to Florence for a one-of-a-kind dining experience at a renowned Michelin starred restaurant, a visit to the Ferragamo museum and time to shop in this most beautiful city!

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Time to relax and explore the estate, spa or pool of Il Borro, many more VIP activities, breakfasts, lunches, and dinners.





## THE ACCOMMODATIONS

Our home for the week will be the luxurious and beautiful Il Borro Estate, a Relais & Chateaux property, known for its world-class amenities, its expression of place, environment, history and culture. This historic medieval village, owned, restored and run by the Ferragamo family, will welcome you with cobblestone walkways where you can meander to the artisan shops and take in the true history of the region. During the week you can explore the iconic countryside, and the many features on the estate, including: an osteria and café, infinity pool, fitness room, spa, the Il Borro winery, artisan shops and a Ferragamo boutique.

You can choose between the opulent and luxurious superior or deluxe suite rooms. Superior rooms range in size from 20-40 sqm and are situated on the ground or first floor with elegantly designed furnishings that make you never want to leave. The deluxe suites range in size from 30-50 sqm and include larger bathrooms and enhanced living space. All rooms include a view of the Tuscan countryside or the medieval village, luxurious linens, beautifully fragrant Salvatore Ferragamo bath amenities, hairdryers, espresso machines, safes and gorgeous bathrooms.

### THE INVESTMENT

\$4395 Superior Room, king or twin beds, per person, double occupancy before 12.24.18 (after \$4495)

\$4795 Deluxe Suite, king or twin beds, per person, double occupancy before 12.24.18 (after \$4895)

All pricing is based on per person, double occupancy & includes all activities, breakfasts, lunches, dinners during the trip. Pricing is exclusive of airfare & transfer to and from the airport/Il Borro. Transfers to/from your choice of airport & Il Borro or pre-post travel within Italy can be organized with Mary Shea of Essence of Italy, mary@essenceofitaly.it. Consult your preferred travel consultant for assistance with airfare & trip insurance.

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Please note: These vineyards are working farms. Our planned experiences could change due to unforeseen circumstances at each location.

### ABOUT BOTTLES EXPERIENCES

The Bottles Wine Travel Experiences guide wine & food enthusiasts on boutique, behind-the-scenes, insider tours to the world's leading wine regions, including Napa, Piedmont, Tuscany, Puglia, Bordeaux and Champagne. Guests sip, savor and socialize on these experiences with VIP status, enhancing their own passion for wine and food.

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