

# Culinary Tour



## OF ITALY



OLIVARIA  
HAND PICKED EXPERIENCES



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Interested Travelers –  
RSVP for a Trip Presentation  
Thursday, January 14<sup>th</sup>  
Cantoro's Italian Market

SEPTEMBER 2016

### Your 9 Day Tour Includes

- Seven (7) nights' accommodations: three (3) nights at a 4 star hotel in Florence and four (4) nights at a 4 star hotel in Rome
- Continental Breakfast daily
- Four (4) Dinners, including a Welcome and Farewell dinner
- One (1) Lunch at Castello Banfi
- Luxury motor coach for airport transfers in Italy and specified sightseeing
- Tour Escort while in Italy
- Local Guides according to the itinerary
- Sightseeing and entrance fees according to the itinerary
- Hotel taxes and portorage for 1 piece of luggage
- Round trip scheduled commercial air from Detroit to Rome (including fuel surcharges and government imposed fees of \$575 as of 12/03/15; final amount subject to change)



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## ITINERARY\*

### Day 1 🇺🇸 Depart USA

Depart from the USA on overnight flights to Florence.

### Day 2 🇮🇹 Florence

Upon arrival at the Florence Airport, meet your professional tour escort and transfer to your hotel Welcome cocktail and dinner tonight. Overnight in Florence. (D)

### Day 3 🇮🇹 Florence



After breakfast take a tour of Florence, "Cradle of Renaissance". Enjoy a guided visit including Santa Croce Basilica where many nobles are buried (such as Michelangelo, Galileo, and Machiavelli). Walk through

Piazza Signorina, Palazzo Vecchio, Ponte Vecchio (and Republic Square) and Santa Maria del Fiore—the Florence Duomo. This Cathedral is an iconic piece of architecture of the city of Florence, designed by Filippo Brunelleschi in the 13th century. After lunch on your own, visit the Uffizi Gallery which houses the largest collection of Italian Renaissance paintings in the world.

Enjoy an afternoon culinary demonstration with one of Florence's top chefs, along with a tasting, and dinner. Overnight in Florence. (CB|D)



### Day 4 🇮🇹 Tavarnelle Val di Pesa - Olivaria | Florence

After breakfast this morning we introduce you to Olivaria. Learn about Italy's cooking staple—extra virgin olive oil is not only a staple on the Tuscan table, it is a source of pride and joy to Tuscans! The spicy, intense, green extra virgin olive oil you will taste on this tour barely resembles (if at all!) the extra virgin olive oil for sale in a grocery store at home. This authentic Tuscan olive oil comes from only specific olive varietals, is harvested early and pressed immediately



to preserve the intense aromas and flavors... just a drizzle will have your taste buds singing. Enjoy a tour discovering true Tuscan olive oil in a small Tuscan village, see how the oil is extracted from olives, and learn how professionals taste extra virgin olive oil. Learn about tree varietals, different techniques of cultivation,

and the differences between oils produced in different regions in Italy and the world. Spend the remainder of the afternoon in Florence with free time, then enjoy a cooking demonstration paired with dinner. Overnight in Florence. (CB | D)

### Day 5 🇮🇹 Montalcino | Rome

Enjoy the Tuscan countryside with a visit to Castello Banfi. Enjoy a wine tasting and tour of the vineyards of this state-of-the-art winery, combined with the most advanced science in the vineyards for the production of premium wines. Appreciate the great undertaking of the vinification process to produce the fine body and intensity which make their wines come alive. Enjoy a group lunch before continuing on to Rome. Dinner on your own and overnight in Rome. (CB|L)



### Day 6 🇮🇹 Ancient | Christian Rome

After breakfast this morning, enjoy a tour of Ancient Rome, the Coliseum (inside visit), Capitol Hill, the Vittorio Emmanuel Monument (wedding cake), the Roman Forum, and Circus Maximus. Take time for lunch on your own, then visit St. Peter's Basilica. Remainder of the evening at your leisure. Overnight Rome. (CB)

### Day 7 🇮🇹 Rome | Castel Gandolfo

This morning take a special walking tour with a renowned art historian in the footsteps of Caravaggio. Later this afternoon, depart for Castel Gandolfo, tour through the Papal Gardens and enjoy a cooking class at Ristorante Pagnanelli, following by a wine-tasting. At the foot of Castel Gondolfo, stop for a special gelato or espresso before returning to Rome for overnight. (CB)



### Day 8 🇮🇹 Papal Audience | Farewell

Enjoy a morning at your leisure with the option to attend the Papal Audience in St. Peter's square (pending the Holy Father's schedule). This afternoon take time for last minute shopping, sip an espresso, or visit other city highlights, such as the Piazza Navona, the Spanish Steps, and the Trevi Fountain. Enjoy a special Farewell dinner tonight. Overnight in Rome. (CB|D)

### Day 9 🇺🇸 Return to USA

This morning transfer to the Rome Airport and depart on return flights home.

CB-Continental Breakfast | L-Lunch | D-Dinner

\*Itinerary as presented is subject to final confirmations due to local conditions as well as edits based on safety and best interest of the group by the travel providers.



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