

Messina Hof Winery Trips presents...
Tuscan & Umbrian Countryside

with Optional 2-Night Rome Pre Tour Extension

October 15 – 25, 2024



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Small Group Travel rewards travelers with new perspectives. With just 12-24 passengers, these are the personal adventures that today's cultural explorers dream of.

11 Days • 15 Meals: 9 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, 3 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS... Rome, Spoleto, Assisi, Home-Hosted Lunch, Olive Oil Mill, Pasta Factory Visit, Pecorino Cheese Farm, Pienza, Orcia Valley, Bagno Vignoni, Brunello Wine Tasting, Siena, Florence, Truffle Hunting, San Gimignano

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Day 2	Kolbe Hotel Rome, Rome
Days 3 – 5	Villa Santa Barbara, Umbria, Italy
Days 6, 7	Hotel Corsignano, Orcia Valley
Days 8 – 10	Villa San Lucchese, Tuscany

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Day 1: Tuesday, October 15, 2024 Overnight Flight On a journey through Italy's roads less traveled, discover its endless treasures from Rome to Umbria to Tuscany, and the marvels of wine, cuisine, culture, and history in between.

Day 2: Wednesday, October 16, 2024 Rome, Italy - Tour Begins Italy's dynamic capital city beckons. Get a taste of the local culture and start your journey at a delicious welcome dinner. (D)

Day 3: Thursday, October 17, 2024 Rome - Spoleto - Umbria Olive and cypress trees accent the Etruscan hill town of Spoleto. Stroll the historic streets with a local expert and see centuries of architectural history, from the Ponte delle Torri aqueduct to the gilded elegance of the Duomo of Santa Maria Assunta. Continue to discover Spoleto on your own this afternoon. Eat, drink, and explore the local scene. Then take in the splendors of country life in a pristine Umbrian hill town, your home for the next 3 nights. (B, D)

Day 4: Friday, October 18, 2024 Umbria - Assisi - Umbria Travel to Assisi, birthplace of St. Francis. Set out on a walking tour of the old city with a local guide, learning about its history as you stroll the medieval streets. Visit the famous Basilica of St. Francis. Later, a local family welcomes you to their country home for lunch as their honored guest. Share stories and make an Umbrian friend (or two). (B, L)

Day 5: Saturday, October 19, 2024 Umbria In the shadow of the Apennines, embark on a culinary journey through the dense olive groves of Umbria to an award-winning *frantoio* (olive presser), where olives are pressed each November.* After learning about the many varieties of trees and oil-making methods, join a tasting of the different kinds of EVOO produced at the mill. Your exploration of Umbria's gastronomy continues with a visit to an artisanal factory where the same family has been producing pasta since 1918. After touring their museum, learn about the production process during a factory visit. (B)

Day 6: Sunday, October 20, 2024 Umbria - Pienza Leave Umbria for the villages of Tuscany, nestled among the rolling hills and cypress trees of the Val d'Orcia region (UNESCO). Taste the flavors of the region at a local pecorino cheese farm. Snack on some of the cheesemaker's creations and take in the views of the sparse farmhouses and open fields on your way to Pienza (UNESCO), a Renaissance village where flowers and plants adorn the cobblestoned streets. (B, L)

Day 7: Monday, October 21, 2024 Pienza Traverse the Tuscan countryside to the unique hamlet of Bagno Vignoni, whose central piazza is filled with thermal water once used to cure pilgrims who stopped here on their way to Rome. Then explore hilltop Montalcino, namesake to one of Italy's great red wines, the Brunello. Tour a winery's estate and cellar before indulging in a multi-sensory tasting, pairing wine with music. Back in Pienza for an afternoon at leisure, maybe you'll explore the countryside along one of the many white roads that cut through the farmland. (B)

Day 8: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 Pienza - Siena - Chianti Region Take a guided walking tour through Siena, delving into the local history as you learn about the world-renowned Palio Horse Race. Enjoy free time to explore more of this hilly town,



Per Person Rates* :

Double \$4,999; Single \$5,699; Triple \$4,949

Included in Price: Round Trip Air from Houston Intl, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges, Hotel Transfers

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† Refer to the reservation form to choose your upgrade option

* All Rates are Per Person and are subject to change

IMPORTANT CONDITIONS: Your price is guaranteed once deposit is received by Collette. Your price is not subject to increase after the deposit is received, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees. Once deposited, you have 7 days to send us written consumer consent or withdraw consent and receive a full refund. (See registration form for consent.)

perhaps visiting its cathedral or the town hall's frescoes. An afternoon drive through Tuscany's Chianti Region takes you to the restored Tuscan villa* where your hotel is located. (B)

Day 9: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 Chianti Region

Explore Florence, the "Cradle of the Renaissance," during an extensive walking tour in the company of a local expert. View the Ponte Vecchio, the only Florentine bridge to survive WWII. Take in the Palazzo Vecchio, where, for over 300 years, the Medici Family ruled over the city. Admire the Piazza del Duomo, richly adorned by polychrome marble and gilded bronze doors. Take some time on your own*** to explore the city's seemingly endless treasures, before returning to your Tuscan villa in the evening. (B)

Day 10: Thursday, October 24, 2024 Chianti Region

Experience Tuscany's epicurean side and join a local truffle hunter in search of the elusive *fungi* in company of his trained, truffle-sniffing dogs. Sample the goods yourself during a rustic, home-cooked lunch. Spend your afternoon in San Gimignano, whose beautiful 13th-century medieval towers stand tall over the surrounding vineyards. As the sun begins to set, gather with your fellow travelers for a farewell dinner of Tuscan specialties. (B, L, D)

Day 11: Friday, October 25, 2024 Chianti Region - Tour Ends

Your journey through Tuscany and Umbria comes to a close today in your restored Tuscan villa. (B)

Experience It! The Orcia Valley

Travel off the beaten path and discover the Orcia Valley, home to the quintessential rolling hills of Tuscany. Visit the Italy of your dreams as you wind your way through vineyards, farmlands, and endless green landscapes. Cypress trees dot the skyline, sprinkled between rows of vines and flowers. This UNESCO World Heritage Site's landscape has been sought after since the time of the Renaissance, passing down through generations of farmers. One of its most beloved towns – Pienza – was the former home of Pope Pius II. Today, find flowerbeds and potted plants adorning the cobblestone streets, integrating the area's natural beauty into everyday life. Another one of the region's main towns is Bagno Vignoni, whose unique central piazza is filled with thermal water due to a nearby extinct volcano.

EXTEND YOUR VACATION WITH

Optional 4 Days 2-Night Rome Pre Tour Extension

Per Person Rates: \$799.00 USD double, \$999.00 USD single, land only

For more information on extensions and options for this tour visit

<https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1218150>

PLEASE NOTE:

IDENTIFICATION

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require that your passport be valid at least 6 months beyond the dates of your travel. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

IMPORTANT: We recommend that travelers take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

Effective for travel in 2024, all visitors who do not need a visa to enter Europe will be expected to apply for an ETIAS visa waiver, for a fee, when visiting a Schengen Area Country. To identify Schengen Area Countries and to complete the ETIAS application, please visit <https://www.etiasvisa.com/>

Most national museums in Florence are closed on Mondays.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.

Smaller buses, which may not be lavatory equipped, may be used on this program. In this case, frequent stops are made during travel periods.

When reserving single accommodations, be advised that single rooms in Italy are often smaller in size.

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

Travel with just 16-24 guests on this tour where a smaller group setting means a more personal travel experience.

*Olives are picked over a period of approximately 45 days. The exact starting and ending day depends on the weather and can vary from mid-October to mid-December.

**Villas and country estates in Tuscany are dotted throughout the region and we use different properties on this program. Some may be located in the countryside, removed from a city center. Still others may be closer to the hustle and bustle of the region. Each one is unique, full of history, with many amenities, and brimming with true Tuscan flavor. This is part of the fun!

***Due to the extensive walking required in Florence, free time will be limited to approximately 2 hours. During your free time you might want to visit the Academy or the Uffizi Museums. Both museums are among the most popular sites in Florence. Tickets are in high demand and are difficult to obtain on the day, or close to the day of visit. If you are interested, we recommend that you purchase tickets online in advance through the museum's official website. Check with your Tour Manager for advice on the best time to make your reservation.

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3. This means you're an on-the-go traveler. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal. A moderately paced two-and-a-half-hour walking tour, covering several miles, hills, and uneven surfaces, is no problem for you. Walking four miles over the course of a day is very doable, as is climbing into and out of various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.). You can climb three flights of stairs easily and handle altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 feet. Expect some longer days with early mornings or late nights balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. This level is not a fit for travelers who require mobility assistance devices.

In Italy, some of our hotels and most unique sightseeing can mean accessing smaller towns or country roads that limit or restrict motor coach access, especially in the historic areas of Spoleto, Assisi, Siena, San Gimignano and Florence which requires minimum 2.7 miles (4.3 kilometers) of walking over flat but cobblestoned streets with



narrow sidewalks. The truffle hunting activity takes place in the countryside on unpaved paths and in wooded areas. To participate you must wear comfortable walking or hiking shoes. Waterproof shoes are recommended as mud and puddles are common in the area.

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

Our air passengers will arrive into Rome airport and depart from Florence or Pisa airport. All departure transfers will depart from Tuscany region to either Florence or Pisa airport.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

A deposit of \$698 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the deposit due date of April 09, 2024 are based upon availability. Final payment due by August 16, 2024. Deposits are refundable up until April 16, 2024.

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For important reservation information visit
<https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1218150>.
You can also find this information on your tour documents.



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CREDIT CARD AUTHORIZATION FORM

BOOKING NUMBER: 1218150

TOUR: Tuscan & Umbrian Countryside *featuring
Italy's Charming Hill Towns*

DEPARTURE DATE: October 15, 2024

GROUP NAME: Messina Hof Winery Trips

Name of Passenger:

Salutation: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____ Last Name: _____ Suffix: _____
(Mr., Mrs., Rev.) (Please print as it appears on Passport) (Jr., Sr.)

Cardholder Name: _____
(Please print as it appears on your Credit Card)

Cardholder Address: _____
(as it appears on your credit card statement)

Cardholder Phone: _____

Credit Card Type: ___ American Express ___ Discover ___ MasterCard ___ Visa

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TRAVEL DATE: 10/15/2024 TERRITORY: T3
RES#: 1218150

Tuscan & Umbrian Countryside featuring
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For Reservations Contact: Collette 1-800-581-8942 please refer to booking#1218150

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YOUR INFORMATION:

Clearly print your full name (first/middle/last) as it appears on your government issued travel documentation.

IMPORTANT: In order to avoid any unnecessary change fees, it is imperative that all guest names are entered correctly from the start. The information below must be the legal name and be 100% identical to the ID being used to travel <passport/driver's license> including middle names or suffixes <Jr, Sr>.

First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____ Suffix: _____

Nickname: _____ Gender: () Male () Female Date of Birth: month _____ day _____ year _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: () _____ Cell: () _____ Email Address: _____

Passport Number: _____ Expiration Date: (month/day/year) _____ Date of Issuance: (month/day/year) _____

City, State, Country of Issuance: _____ Citizenship: _____

Should you become ill or injured, whom should we contact (not traveling with you): _____ Phone: () _____

ROOMING WITH: Check if address is the same as Passenger #1

First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____ Suffix: _____

AIR GATEWAY: Departure airport for this tour: _____

Air Seat Request: () Aisle () Window () Next To Traveling Companion

Collette cannot guarantee your seat preference. If you have not purchased air through Collette and wish to purchase transfers, you must transfer at our pre-scheduled times. Please be advised, when travelling as part of a group, many airlines do not provide seat assignments. Preferred seating may be available for an additional charge.

Please reserve an upgrade to Elite Airfare for an additional rate of: Business Class \$3,990

Service is limited and not available on all flights or carriers. Other restrictions may apply. Please note: if you purchase an upgrade, we cannot guarantee the same flight schedule as the group. Upgraded class of service is for the international portion of the journey only.

Elite Air pricing (Premium Economy, Business Class, or First Class) is valid until 8 months prior to departure, after which rates are subject to change and will be quoted based upon availability.

Are you willing to separate from the group air schedule to accommodate your upgrade request? () Yes () No

"Federal law forbids carriage of hazardous materials such as aerosols, fireworks, lithium batteries & flammable liquids aboard the aircraft in your checked or carry-on baggage. A violation can result in 5 years' imprisonment and penalties of \$250,000 or more. Details on prohibited items may be found on TSA's "prohibited items" web page: <http://www.tsa.gov/traveler-information/prohibited-items>."

TRAVEL PROTECTION: () Yes, I wish to purchase travel protection \$449 () No, I decline

If you choose not to purchase Collette's Waiver Insurance Plan, you will incur penalties for changes and cancellations. Travel Protection Payment is due with first deposit. The Waiver Fee does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's traveling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. The single supplement will be deducted from the refund of the person who cancels. (There is coverage under Part B which includes a single supplement benefit of \$1,500 for certain covered reasons. See Part B for details.)

EXTENSION: I wish to purchase "2-Night Rome" () Yes () No

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Collette () Check () Credit Card

Waiver/Insurance Amount: \$ _____ Deposit Amount: \$ _____ Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

Cardholder Name (if paying by Credit Card): _____

Cardholder Billing Address: Check if address is the same as above _____

Cardholder Phone: _____ Amount: \$ _____

Credit Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____
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SIGNATURE REQUIRED for acceptance of the below conditions and agreement to credit card use:

Date: _____

I agree to pay according to the card issuer agreement. I understand and accept the cancellation policy, terms and conditions. See <http://www.gocollette.com/about-collette/terms-and-conditions> for full terms and conditions of your purchase.

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Extend your vacation with

Optional 4 Days 2-Night Rome Pre Tour Extension

Per Person Rates: \$799.00 USD double, \$999.00 USD single, land only
3 Meals: 2 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch

Day 1: Overnight Flight

You are on your way to the eternal city of Rome.

Day 2: Rome, Italy - Tour Begins

Enjoy time to get settled into your hotel and acquaint yourself with the area on your own. Perhaps you'll explore the nearby neighborhood of *Trastevere*, Rome's medieval heart.

Day 3: Rome

Start your morning with a stroll in Rome's *Testaccio* neighborhood. Soak up the lively atmosphere - with homemakers stocking up in local delis, market workers stopping for a quick espresso at a corner café, retirees soaking up the sun on the benches of a nearby piazza. Taste your way through Rome's beloved Testaccio farmers' market before pausing at a *trattoria* restaurant for a dish of pasta and a glass of wine. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure to experience Rome on your own. Perhaps you'll want to visit the Vatican Museums* and Sistine Chapel to view Michelangelo's *Last Judgement*. *Today breakfast and lunch will be included.*

Day 4: Rome

Delve into Rome's classical heritage during a walking tour of the Colosseum and Roman Forum in the company of an expert guide. Make the most of a free afternoon in Italy's capital city. Meander through Rome's streets all the way to the top of the Spanish Steps for a view over the rooftops, or pause to toss a good luck coin into the Trevi Fountain. In the early evening, meet with your fellow travelers to start off your exploration of the Tuscan and Umbrian countryside. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Please Note:

The space on this extension is limited and will be available on a first come, first served basis. Applicable charges may apply at time of request.

Fully-guided extensions are perfect for travelers who want the complete experience of a new destination and local experiences. Travelers will have a dedicated guide throughout this entire extension.

*The Vatican Museums are closed on Catholic holidays and Sundays, except the last Sunday of each month when admission is free of charge. The Vatican Museums are one of the most popular sites in Rome. Tickets are in high demand and are difficult to obtain on the day, or close to the day of visit. If you are interested, we recommend that you purchase tickets online in advance through the museum's official website. Tickets should be purchased for the arrival day or for the afternoon of your second day in Rome.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.

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We reserve the right to cancel this extension if a minimum of 4 passengers is not met to operate.

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