Food & Wine Adventure through Tuscany & Piedmont October 13 - October 23, 2023





Experience Cooking Classes & (6) Food Tastings

Join in a Truffle Hunt & (7) Sightseeing tours

Tour of a Family-Run Balsamic Vinegar Villa

Enjoy (3) included Wine Tastings & More!



Osher Lifelong Learning Institute

Learn about northern Italy's rich culinary history by visiting local shops, secluded vineyards, and bustling markets. You'll witness the passion behind the creation of famous meats, cheeses, oils, and wines by interacting with the producers who keep the traditions alive. Attend the Alba White Truffle Fair, and try your hand at making some of the region's specialty dishes during cooking lessons led by locals.



Included highlights:

- Piedmont Truffle Hunt
- Chocolate-Making Lesson
- Alba Truffle Hunt
- Castle of Grinzane Cavour
- Barolo Wine Tasting
- San Gimignano
- Wine Tastings
- **■** Cooking Classes
- Florence Duomo

General Information:

Travel Providers

This educational travel experience is offered by the SVSU Osher Lifelong Learning Institute in conjunction with Go Ahead Tours. GAT was the travel provider for our Tuscany, Canadian Rockies, Charleston to Savannah, Germany, Spain, Iceland, Ontario to Quebec, and the American South: Nashville to New Orleans trips.

Registrations:

Please fill out the registration form and bring it to the OLLI office on the day of registration. Trip reservations are on first-come-first served basis. A passport and Covid vaccination card is required at time of registration and the passport must be valid through six months following the end date of the tour.

Tour Activity Level:

This tour requires average physical activity. You should be in good health, able to climb stairs and hills; and walk reasonable distances, walking up to three hours per day, possibly over uneven ground and cobblestone streets. Travelers should be healthy enough to participate in all included walks without assistance. Adding optional excursions may increase the total amount of walking on your tour. You should feel comfortable managing your own baggage at all times. If you have any mobility concerns or physical restrictions, please contact our OLLI office for additional information.

Lodging

We will stay in accommodations handpicked to ensure quality and comfort. Specific hotel details will be given at the pre-trip dinner.

Travel Protection:*

Go Ahead's trip protection will be included in the price of this trip and must be paid at the time of deposit upon registration. The "Trip protection" package has pre-existing condition coverage. Details about the travel protection package terms and conditions may be found on their website at: goaheadtours. com/about/travel-protection. Please note that insurance fees are not refundable. It is the traveler's responsibility to review insurance coverage to make sure it meets your needs prior to purchase.

* If you choose not to take travel protection for your trip - your registration/situation will be reviewed.

Air Details:

Our package includes round-trip air from Detroit, air taxes and fees/surcharges. Specific flight information will be provided at a later date. If our flight is scheduled early, we may stay the night prior to departure in Detroit. If this is the case, there will be an added cost per person and these details will be forwarded to you closer to departure.

Waitlist & Roommates Needed:

If you are looking for a roommate please contact our office and we can share names of others looking for roommates. Our office will also maintain a wait-list if this trip fills to capacity of (22) travelers.

Included in Your 11 - Day Package

- Nine nights in lodging in hand-picked hotels
- Nine breakfasts, three lunches, five dinners with beer or wine,
- Three wine tastings, six food tastings, and two cooking classes.
- Seven Guided sightseeing tours with expert tour director & local guides as outlined in brochure.
- Private deluxe motor coach.
- Pre-trip dinner at SVSU approximately two weeks prior to departure.
- Round-trip air transportation from Detroit, and ground transportation from SVSU to the Detroit airport and from DTW back to SVSU on the return.
- Post-trip gathering to share photos and memories approximately two weeks following the return of your trip.

Travel Requirements:

We currently require proof of vaccination, & masks may be required for multiple day travel with SVSU-OLLI. We will provide any known updates closer to departure dates. Please call the OLLI office with any questions (989)964-4475.

Cancellation:

All cancellations must be made in writing to the OLLI office and are subject to a cancellation fee of \$50. Go Ahead's cancellation policies will prevail.

Registration

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Group Organization Name: SVSU-OLLI Tour Name: Food & Wine Adventure, Tuscany & Piedmont	■ \$5,993 SVSU-OLLI Members* (double occupancy) *This cost includes trip protection insurance of \$449
Have you traveled with: SVSU-OLLI prior to this trip YesNo	■ \$6,043 Non-Members* (double occupancy) *This cost includes trip protection insurance of \$449 and an OLLI membership, expiring 8/31/2023
EF Go Ahead Tours beforeYesNo Please ensure that your name matches what appears on your passport:	■ \$6,638 SVSU-OLLI Single* (limited singles available) *This cost includes trip protection insurance of \$449 and \$645 for single supplement fee
First: Middle_	■ \$6,688 Non-Member Single* (limited singles available)
Optional nickname for trip nametag	*This cost includes trip protection insurance of \$449, \$645 single supplement fee and an OLLI membership, expiring 8/31/2023
Last	Travel Protection:
Male/Female:D.O.B//	() Yes, I understand trip protection is included in my trip cost \$449
Email:	() No, I decline the trip protection offered for this trip Signature:
Address:	Details about the travel protection package terms & conditions can be found on their website at: goaheadtours.com/about/travel-protection
	Deposit & Payments:
	□ \$899 per person OLLI members
Home Phone Cell#	(double occupancy, includes travel protection)
Passport #	\$\textsquare\$ \text{949 per person non-members} \text{(double occupancy, insurance & 2022/23 membership)}
Country of Issue:	
Expiration Date//	\$1,544 per person OLLI members (single occupancy includes insurance)
Special dietary needs/medical conditions/mobility issues (if none, please write N/A):	\$1,594 per person non-member (single occupancy, insurance & 2022/23 membership)
	☐ Other
Emergency Contact:	☐ OLLI Membership payable to SVSU \$50
Name: Relation:	Payment Method:
Tel: ()	☐ Check (payable to Go Ahead) - Amount Enclosed:
Accommodations	
\square 2 Twin \square 1 in Double bed (sleeps 2)	Credit Card - Amount to Be Charged:
☐Single room \$645 Limited	☐ MasterCard ☐ Visa
(Single room -Private accommodations; single supplement charges apply) Roommate Name (if none please write N/A)	Card Number
	Cardholder's Name
Roommate Phone #	Expiration Date Security Code
I have enclosed a check or money order for the total fee of \$	Will you be using any Go Ahead Travel vouchers? \square Yes \square No If yes, what is the value of the vouchers?
I authorize you to charge my credit card for the total fee of \$	* The final balance is due by June 15, 2023.
Signature:	You will receive your final balance details approximately one month
Date:/	prior to due date. After deadline trip cost is subject to price increases.
In Office Checklist: Registration Date Initials	

Passport Copy _____ Good through Jan. 9, 2024 _____ Covid Vac Copy _____ Emergency form _____ Travel protection

Deposit & Insurance Due at time of Registration

Terms & Conditions

For complete Terms & Conditions, please visit goaheadtours.com/terms or call 1.800.597.0350.

U.S. Release & Agreement

I (or parent or legal guardian if enrollee is under 18 or a minor under any other applicable law) am an enrollee on an EF Go Ahead Tour and understand and agree to the following:

- 1. I acknowledge and understand that my tour is operated by EF Education First International Ltd., Switzerland, and that Go Ahead Vacations, Inc. acts only as a marketing service provider for that company. Go Ahead Vacations, Inc. does not provide any goods or services for your trip. If I am participating in a domestic tour in the U.S., I understand that a portion of my tour may be operated by EF Explore America, Inc., a U.S. affiliate.
- 2. EF Education First International Ltd., Go Ahead Vacations, Inc., and (if applicable) EF Explore America, Inc., and their affiliated companies, partners, and any companies acting on their behalf, along with their officers, directors, employees, agents, and authorized representatives (collectively referred herein as "GAT") do not own or operate any entity which is to or does provide goods or services for my tour, including for example hotels; arrangements for, ownership of, or control over houses, apartments, or other lodging facilities; tour directors; airline, vessel, bus, or other transportation companies; local ground operators; visa processing services; providers or organizers of optional excursions; or food service or entertainment providers. I acknowledge that all such persons and entities, specifically the Tour Director assigned to my tour, are independent contractors and not employees or agents of GAT. As a result, GAT is not liable for any negligent or willful act or failure to act of any such person or entity, or of any other third party.
- 3. Without limitation, GAT is not responsible for any injury, loss, or damage to person or property, death, disease, sickness, delay or inconvenience in connection with the provision of any goods or services occasioned by or resulting from any event or cause beyond the direct control of GAT or as a result of any negligent or willful act or failure to act of any third party. These matters include but are not limited to: "acts of God" or events of force majeure; epidemics, pandemics, or other public health issues or emergencies (such as but not limited to the current COVID-19 pandemic); acts of government; acts of war or civil unrest, insurrection or revolt; strikes or other labor activities; criminal, terrorist or threatened terrorist activities of any kind; overbooking or downgrading of accommodations; structural or other defective conditions in houses, apartments, or other lodgings (or in any heating, plumbing, electrical or structural problem therein); mechanical or other failure of airplanes or other means of transportation or for any failure of any transportation mechanism to arrive or depart timely or safely; dangers associated with or bites from animals, insects or pests; sanitation problems; food poisoning; lack of availability of, access to, or quality of medical care; difficulty in evacuation in case of a medical or other emergency; financial failure or other defaults by suppliers; or dangers associated with water-based activities.
- 4.1 agree to release GAT, my Group Coordinator (if applicable), and my Tour Director (the "Released Parties") from, and agree not to sue the Released Parties for, any and all claims, of any nature related in any manner to my participation in a GAT-sponsored tour, including, but not limited to, claims for negligence, breach of contract, breach of express or implied warranties, negligent or wrongful death or any statutorily based claim. I hereby unconditionally and unequivocally waive any and all claims and demands for all damages, losses, costs and expenses of any nature whatsoever (including attorney's fees) on account of or arising out of any and all personal injury, death, bodily injury, mental anguish, emotional distress, property or other damage that I may suffer from any cause whatsoever related in any way to my participation in any GAT-sponsored tour. I further agree to release and hold harmless the Released Parties from any and all decisions to cancel, modify or delay the tour as a result of events that are beyond the reasonable control of GAT including such "acts of God" or force majeure events as actual or threats of: epidemics or pandemics, or other public health issues or emergencies (such as but ont limited to the current COVID-19 pandemic); severe weather events or natural disasters such as but not limited to hurricanes, earthquakes, tsunamis, tornadoes, fires, floods, volcanic activity, or landslides; war (whether declared or undeclared); terrorist activities; instability in a destination location; incidents of violence, riot, sabotage, civil commotion, or nationalization; strikes or labor disputes or lockouts; government orders, sanctions, actual or potential quarantines, or other restrictions affecting travel in, to, or around a location; disruption to transportation; chemical or radioactive contamination; or any other reason that makes it actually or potentially impossible or illegal for GAT to conduct the tour as originally contracted.
- 5.1 understand that travel can involve inconvenience and risk, including, but not limited to, sickness, diseases, forces of nature, geographic and climatic conditions, different hygienic standards, infrastructure problems (including road maintenance, transportation delays and accommodation condition), civil unrest, vandalism, crime, political instability and terrorism. Medical services or facilities may not be readily available or available at all during all or a portion of the tour and, if available, may not be equal to standards in my home location or home country. I further understand that travel in other nations is not similar to travel in the United States and that different parts of the world present unique health, disease, and safety concerns, and I agree to review any specific risks related to my destination by visiting the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Traveler's Health website at www.cdc.gov/travel and the State Department's International Travel website at www.state.gov/travel. I assume all risk of bodily injury, death, emotional trauma, property damage, inconvenience and/or loss resulting from negligence or any other acts of any and all persons or entities, however caused, including, but not limited to, those risks mentioned above. It is my intention fully to assume all of the risks of travel and participation in the program and to GAT from any and all liabilities to the maximum extent permitted by Jaw.
- 6. I agree that the releases of liability included herein apply to and bind myself and any minor child who I am enrolling as a parent/legal guardian, along with all personal representatives, executors, heirs, and family.
- 7. GAT shall have no responsibility for me whatsoever when I am absent from GAT supervised activities or for non-supervised activities.
- 8. My tour begins with the takeoff from the GAT departure airport and ends upon completion of the flight back to the origination (or other arrival) airport. If I have purchased my own flights, I understand that my tour begins with my arrival at the first accommodation or transfer arranged by GAT on my itinerary and ends with my departure from the final accommodation arranged by GAT on my itinerary and does not include flights between cities.

- 9. The air carrier's liability for loss of or damage to baggage or property, or for death or injury to person, is subject to and limited by the airline's contract of carriage, its tariff, the Montreal Convention or Warsaw Convention and their amendments or both.
- 10. I understand and agree that GAT reserves the right to refuse or cancel my reservation at their sole discretion. In such event, standard cancellation guidelines as outlined in the Booking Conditions apply.
- 11. I agree to abide by GAT's regulations and the directions of my Tour Director and GAT's personnel during my tour. I understand and agree that GAT may dismiss me from the tour at any time and at my sole expense for the failure to follow such rules or directions or for any other reason that GAT deems in its sole discretion requires my dismissal from the tour. I understand that in the event I am dismissed from the tour for any reason, I waive the right to a refund of any part of my program price, and that GAT may then send me home at my own expense. GAT is not responsible for arranging my transport home.
- 12. I agree to abide by all local laws, regulations, and governmental advisories when traveling, including but not limited to all local health requirements. I understand that if I disobey, refuse to follow, or abuse such laws, regulations and governmental advisories, even unintentionally, I waive my right to a refund of any part of the program price, and GAT may send me home at my own expense. I also understand that should local authorities be involved, I will be subject to the laws of the country I am visiting.
- 13. I understand and agree that if I become ill or incapacitated, GAT and its employees or contractors may take any action they deem necessary for my safety and well-being, including securing medical treatment and transporting me home at my own expense. GAT retains the right and has my authorization, in its sole discretion, to contact my emergency contact(s) with regard to health issues or any matter whatsoever that relates to my tour. In the event of a medical emergency, GAT will attempt to cause appropriate treatment to be administered, and I authorize GAT to do so. GAT, however, makes no warranty that it will be able to cause effective (or any) emergency treatment to be administered and GAT will not be responsible for monitoring any health care that I may necessitate.
- 14. I understand and agree that GAT has the right to make changes in tour itineraries and departure dates, and to modify transportation arrangements, including the use of substitute airlines. In the event of such changes, refunds will be given only in accordance with the provisions of the Booking Conditions supplied herewith.
- 15. I understand that it is my responsibility to secure the necessary travel documents (e.g., passport, visals), vaccination records, or other required medical records for all locations on my tour (including locations visited during transit). Failure to do so does not constitute grounds for a refund except according to the refund and cancellation guidelines as outlined in the Booking Conditions.
- 16. GAT is not responsible for loss of passports, airline tickets, or other documents, or for loss of or damage to luggage or any other passenger belongings. In the case of a lost paper airline ticket or missing a flight booked by GAT, I acknowledge that I am solely responsible for meeting the airline's requirements (both logistical and financial) for ticket replacement.
- 17. I understand that I will be required to pay for any phone calls or incidental personal expenses that I incur at hotels, as well as for any damage I cause to hotel rooms, buses or other property.
- 18. I represent that I understand the pacing, content, accommodations, and other aspects of the tour upon which I have enrolled, and that I have discussed with GAT any limitations that may make it difficult or impossible for me to participate in this tour as designed.
- 19. I understand and agree that this Release & Agreement and GAT's Booking Conditions constitute the entire agreement between GAT and me with reference to the subject matter herein, and I do not rely upon any promises, inducements or agreements not herein, including but not limited to any oral statements made to me by any agents or employees of GAT. This agreement may be amended or modified only in writing, signed by both parties. The waiver by GAT of any provision of this agreement shall in no way affect the remaining provisions of this agreement, and this agreement shall be interpreted as if such clause or provision were not contained herein. If any provision of this agreement is deemed illegal, unenforceable or invalid in any jurisdiction, it shall not affect the enforceability and validity of any other provision of his agreement.
- 20. I understand and agree that this agreement shall be governed in all respects, and performance hereunder shall be judged, by the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. In the event of any claim, dispute or proceeding arising out of my relationship with GAT, or any claim which in contract, tort, or otherwise at law or in equity arises between me and the Released Parties, whether or not related to this agreement, all parties submit and consent to the exclusive jurisdiction and venue of the courts of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and of the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts.
- 21. I understand and consent that GAT may use any photographic, film, digital or video likeness taken of me, any of my comments while on a Go Ahead tour, any of my photographic, film, digital or video content shared by me with GAT through any form for future publicity or marketing without compensation to me and to also use my contact information for future GAT promotions. I have read and agreed to GAT's Privacy Policy outlined at www.goaheadtours.com/privacy, and I consent to GAT's processing of my personal data.
- 22. I understand that my enrollment on tour with GAT is not complete until I have signed and agreed to the Terms & Conditions and this Release & Agreement. By agreeing to this Release & Agreement and Booking Conditions on behalf of other travelers for whom I am completing the enrollment process, I represent that I am authorized to act on behalf of such individual(s) and I acknowledge and affirm that GAT's reliance on my authority is reasonable. I agree to indemnify and defend GAT for any claims arising out of any violation of this representation.















Day 1: Friday, October 13

Depart SVSU via motorcoach for our overnight flight from Detroit to Turin, Italy.

<u>Day 2: Saturday, October 14</u> (*Turin*) Arrival in Turin

Welcome to Italy! Settle into Turin where we will be staying for four nights, then gather with your Tour Director and fellow travelers at tonight's welcome dinner. The dinner will feature dishes that are typical of the Piedmont region. (D)

<u>Day 3: Sunday, October 15</u> (*Turin*) Sightseeing Tour of Turin & Chocolate Workshop

Following breakfast we'll set off on a guided tour to discover Turin. Turin is the home to Italy's Royal Family and where the House of Savoy is located. On our guided tour we will pass the River Po, stop at Piazza Castello, and see Palazoo Madama. Then we will visit a historic Turin Caffe and try the famous bicerin coffee. Next we will enter the Royal Church of San Lorenzo. As we continue on, we will walk past Palazzo Reale, which is the home of the Italian monarchy and where the old Roman city gates are located. For lunch, we will be in the Porta Palazzo market where you will have a chance to sample local foods. In the afternoon, we will head to one of Turin's famed chocolatiers for a tasting and chocolate-making lesson. Dinner will be on your own this evening. (B)

<u>Day 4: Monday, October 16</u> (*Turin*) Truffle Hunt & Alba White Truffle Fair

Begin the day with breakfast with your fellow travelers. Then we will travel to Alba to learn all about one of Italy's most prized foods: the truffle. During this adventure, you will learn about local traditions, products, environment, and the varieties of truffles that are found and used in Piedmont. Then you will have the opportunity to try your hand at finding truffles with the help of an experienced hunter and dog. Then we will enjoy a tasting of truffles with robiola cheese and salami with an aperitif. After the tasting, we will head to the White Truffle Fair, where you'll have plenty of free time to enjoy the festival, browse the markets, and sample local dishes. After the festival, we will participate in a guided sensory analysis and discover some of the key characteristics of the fungi grown in Italy, including how it looks and smells. Once we return to the hotel, enjoy your evening and dinner will be on your own. (B)

<u>Day 5: Tuesday, October 17</u> (Turin) Barolo Wine Tasting

Following breakfast, we will enjoy a full day of delicious foods, regional wines, and beautiful sights in and around Barolo. Our first stop will be at the village of La Morra, where you will have the chance to soak in the panoramic views of the Langhe region. We will step inside the UNESCO -listed Castle of Grinzane Cavour. Then we will visit a winery in Barolo, where you'll walk through the vineyard and enjoy a light lunch followed by a wine tasting. On the way back to the hotel, we will stop by a local hazelnut producer. Dinner will be on your own. (B, L)

<u>Day 6: Wednesday, October 18</u> (Bologna) Parmigiano Reggiano Producer & Balsamic Vinegar Villa

Today we will travel to Bologna, Italy's culinary capital. Along our trip there, we will stop to try some culinary delights. Our first stop will be at a local Parmigiano Reggiano producer, where you will enjoy a cheese tasting. Next, we will tour a family-run balsamic vinegar villa. Here we will discover how they produce their high-end aged balsamic known as Aceto Balasmico Tradizionale di Modena. For lunch, we will try the balsamic vinegar during a feature of a variety of appetizers, a risotto dish, and a buffet of desserts. Then you will travel the rest of the way to your hotel and the evening is free for you to explore. (B,L)

<u>Day 7: Thursday, October 19</u> (Bologna) Sightseeing Tour of Bologna & Cooking Class

Following breakfast, we will venture out on a walking tour with an expert local guide. We will visit the University of Bologna, the world's oldest operating university. After our time at the University, we will peruse the local fish and vegetable market district and visit Piazza Maggiore. This evening we will learn how to make tortellini, tortelloni, and tagliatelle during a cooking class. Then, enjoy eating the meal that you have just prepared for dinner. (B,D)

<u>Day 8: Friday, October 20</u> (Tuscan Agriturismo) Tuscan Agriturismo via San Gimignano & Chianti

Today, we will travel to your farm stay, located in the beautiful Tuscan countryside. We will make several stops along the way, the first one is the small medieval town of San Gimignano where you will have a chance to explore on your own. Then we will sample some of the city's renowned gelato. Then we will continue on to Chianti to tour a vineyard and sample some of the region's fine wines during a tasting. In the evening, arrive at your Agriturismo and tour the grounds before gathering for an included three-course dinner. (B,D)

<u>Day 9: Saturday, October 21</u> (*Tuscan Agriturismo*) Sightseeing Tour of Florence & Fiesole Dinner

Set off on a guided tour of Florence, the city at the center of the Renaissance. To being the tour we will view the legendary Florence Cathedral, known as the Duomo. Then pass Giotto's Campanile, a masterpiece of Gothic architecture; and see the medieval Ponte Vecchio and Piazza della Signoria, center of Florentine life. Then you will have the opportunity to step inside the Basilica of Santa Croce, burial site of Michelangelo, Machiavelli, and Galileo. Then after the guided tour of Florence, we will head just outside of Florence to Fiesole, a historic Tuscan town perched on a hill overlooking the Renaissance city. We will start the evening with an aperitif and then we will have a refined Italian dinner with local wine. You will enjoy dinner at a picturesque villa with panoramic views of the city below. (B,D)











<u>Day 10: Sunday, October 22</u> (Tuscan Agriturismo) Cooking Class at Tuscan Agriturismo

The morning is yours for the choosing. Spend a free morning at the agriturismo and enjoy the activities that they offer, including walks through the grounds, wine and oil tastings, bicycle tours, and farm tours. In the afternoon, you will learn to craft Tuscan cuisine during an included cooking class and lunch. In the evening, enjoy a wine tasting in Chianti as you celebrate your trip with your group during your farewell dinner. (B,L,D)

Day 11: Monday, October 23

Departure

Today we will head back home to Michigan. Breakfast will be included today unless we have an early morning flight. (B)

Culinary Facts of Italy

 Wine tastings, cooking classes, and culinary and history tours are the focus of this food and wine lover's adventure to Northern Italy. You'll have the opportunity to visit small winemakers, food artisans, and an included visit to the infamous truffle festival in Alba.

The truffle is an edible fungus belong-

- ing to the mushroom family, but it's not a mushroom like any other. Pound for pound, truffle is one of the most expensive foods you can buy. The reason behind such high costs is the scarcity of the produce, truffles are seasonal, extremely difficult to grow and take many years to cultivate. They also have a short shelf life. During your truffle hunting activity, you will be accompanied in the woods by an expert guide and his dog.
- Chocolate has become a delicacy of Made in Italy craftsmanship, creating the profession of master chocolatiers. Turin and Piedmont are still considered the largest Italian centers for chocolate production.
- Bologna Italy is known as Italy's food capital, "The Belly of Italy". This region is popular for its traditional cuisines that including meaty and hearty Bolognese sauces, known locally as ragú.
- It would be a missed opportunity to visit Turin without trying its most notable specialty drink, *il bicherin*, and Caffè Al Bicerin is the place to go to try the original version. It's been said that this warm beverage was invented here in the 1800's, and if you like layered espresso, hot chocolate and whipped cream, stop by for a decadent sip.



Travel Preview & Registration Information

OLLI members & friends are invited to learn about this trip during a Zoom presentation with our travel provider - Go Ahead Tours. Call the OLLI office to register for this preview (989) 964-4475 or register online.

Tuesday, January 24, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. Location: Curtiss Room 224

*Registration for this trip will begin at 8:30 a.m. in the OLLI office (C 201) and continue directly following the travel preview on a first come first served basis. This trip will accommodate (22) travelers.

More about Agriturismo



The last few days of your trip will be at Tuscan Agriturismo. The word agriturismo is a combination of the Italian words for agriculture and tourism, an idea that began in the Tuscany region. The Tuscan countryside is known for having luxury agriturismo farm and vineyard hotel style agriturismos. Staying at an agriturismo in Italy is one of the most authentic, off-the-beaten-path experiences you can have. These farm stays give you an up-close look at local life in the Italian countryside, where farmers, chefs, and artisans serve up some of the country's most important regional products. Think: extra virgin olive oil, wine, seasonal vegetables, handmade pasta dishes, and more. Included in your agriturismos experience will be cooking and wine tasting classes.

Castle of Grinzane Cavour

On Day 5, we will be visiting the UNESCO-listed Castle of Grinzane Cavour. The Castle of Grinzane has had many owners and it was often sought after due to castles being a sign of power. The original structure was built in the middle of the 11th century and has been the core structure of the castle ever since and has had many owners, including Napoleon.

