



## Tour Name

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Private Florence: Olive Oil Tasting Tour in Tuscany

## Tour City

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Florence

## Tour Snapshot

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Escape the crowds in Florence and spend the morning in the glorious Tuscan countryside, taking in spectacular views of rolling hills and historic villas. Stop for coffee and amaretti biscuits in a beautiful town before visiting a family-run farm to try the area's best olive oil, with wine and seasonal bites to accompany the tasting. This is your Italian dream come true!

*This tour is priced for a minimum group size of six travellers. Smaller groups may still book this private experience but will be charged the base rate for six travellers.*

### Highlights

- Visit a family-run organic olive oil and wine estate nestled deep in the countryside outside Florence
- Soak up the atmosphere of a medieval village as we stroll around and marvel at its churches and frescos
- Enjoy a tasting of fresh, local extra virgin olive oil on toasted breads with Italian wine to accompany it
- Take in the many beautiful panoramas of undulating Tuscan countryside as we drive

- Ride in style in a private, air-conditioned vehicle with an expert local guide

Inclusions: Local English-speaking guide, transportation in an air-conditioned vehicle, wine, olive oil and food tastings.

Exclusions: Biscuits and coffee in Carmignano and other additional food and drinks, souvenirs and personal shopping, tips/gratuities for your guide.

### **Schedule details**

- Duration: 4 hours
- Pickup location:  
Pick-up from your centrally located hotel in Florence
- {label-what3words-location}
- Pickup time: 9.00 AM
- Drop off location:  
Your centrally located hotel in Florence.

### **Full Itinerary**

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Your Tuscan adventure will begin as you make your way out of Florence and head towards the coast. During the drive, you can enjoy breathtaking views of rolling countryside, olive groves and vineyards, as we head towards the enchanting medieval town of Carmignano.

We will stop here for a cappuccino and some delicious amaretti biscuits, freshly made by local bakers. When you arrive the biscuits will still be warm and the smell (and taste) is like heaven on earth!

We'll take a stroll past the Parish church of San Michele and San Francesco and we'll admire the striking fresco painted by Pontormo in 1530, called 'The Visitation.'

Then we'll hop back in the car and continue our journey to the organic olive farm. Along the way, your guide will point out many of the original hunting lodges that belonged to the famous Medici family, who ruled over Tuscany for more than 350 years. The Medici used to own a hunting reserve in this area, known as Barco Reale, that included a 50-kilometre walled area. The idea

was to preserve the game for the exclusive use of the grand dukes during their regular countryside hunts.

Upon arrival at the farm, you will be greeted by the farm owner and given a tour of the estate. If the Contessa happens to be in town, you may also have an opportunity to meet her, too.

You will visit the *vin santaia* rooms, where the *vin santo* barrels are stored as they ferment, the ancient cellars and the olive oil room. Then we'll enjoy a scenic walk around the biodynamic farm and learn how the olive oil is cultivated.

And then the moment you have been waiting for! We'll make our way over to the tasting room, which boasts an original wood fire oven, to enjoy classic Tuscan bread with extra virgin olive oil produced on the estate, paired with some of our favourite Italian wines and local flavours.

If you wish to take home any souvenirs, there will be an opportunity to buy anything you want before you say your goodbyes.

On our way back to Florence, we will pass by the famous Villa Ferdinanda, known as the villa with one hundred chimneys. Your guide will drop you back at your centrally located hotel. Before you go, don't forget to ask for tips on what else to see, do and eat during your stay in fabulous Florence!

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Dress standard: Please wear comfortable and casual attire.

Your Trip: Private tour up to 6 persons.

Confirmation of booking: If you have your voucher, your booking is confirmed. We'll see you at your hotel for pick up. Please check your hotel details are correct on the voucher. If your details are not correct, it is very important to please email us to confirm your correct pick up hotel using the contact details on the voucher. If you prefer you may also phone the change through to us during business hours.

Child Policy: Children between the ages of 6 and 11 inclusively are permitted on this tour at the rate listed above. Please select 'child' above when booking. Children below the age of 6 are not permitted on this tour.

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