

Grand Gourmet Tour in Tuscany
from 03th to 09^h of May 2008
Between Bolgheri (Land of Supertuscans),
Chianti Classico and Brunello di Montalcino

Saturday 3rd of May (Maremma on the west coast of Tuscany)

Land in Pisa Or Florence airport, people who land in other airports must arrive independently to the hotel.....

On the gracious hills of the Maremma, between the medieval town of Massa Marittima and the splendid beaches of Punta Ala , whose Golf course is famous all throughout Italy for its impressive panorama with the island of Elba on the horizon, one finds the carefully restored ***Villa il Tesoro***. Villa il Tesoro, surrounded by soft hills and 106ha of vineyard, pine trees and noble olive trees, knows how to enchant you with its absolute tranquillity and its complete harmony. You are in Maremma, west coast of Tuscany land of Supertuscans Wines.

Distances from Villa Il Tesoro:

Airports

Pisa 124 km

Florence 148 km

Rome 216 km

Pick-up service can be organized from the airports of Pisa , Florence and Rome on expense of the guests

Train station

Follonica 14 km

Dinner at the restaurant of Villa Il Tesoro

Sunday 4th of May - Elba Island

Elba, the pearl of the Tuscan Archipelago, the island without frontier: the sea, the beaches, the green of the countryside, the small fortress towns, archaeological treasures, chestnut woods and more, continue to exist for what seems like an eternity.

Island of Elba just off the coast for an incredible day of sightseeing and experiencing the island that Napoleon called his home, and not by choice.

At 9.30 catch the Ferry for Elba

At 10.30

clients arrive in Portoferraio, the main port of the Island.....

At 11.00

Visiting the San Martino, Napoleon's Residence.....
(quite short visit, around 40 minutes)

Toward 12.00 the clients will be brought in a small, beautiful bay out of the ordinary, without tourists!! Here they will have the chance to have their swim and/or relax on the beach a little.....
Lunch in a fish, family style restaurant
(a start – pasta and dessert + wines)

Toward 15.30 noon Chiusa Winery (Chiusa Winery Name)
Visiting a nice boutique winery of the Island.....
The wine production on Elba is famous for
the sweet wine ALEATICO (is black grape which grows only in this area)..
Of course we will be able also the still red and white wines....

at 17.00

Return to the boat in Portoferraio

Back to Villa Il Tesoro around 19.00

Dinner at the Hotel

Monday 5th of May (Cooking class with Mamma Grazia and Thymoty)

Leave Il Tesoro at 9.30 and at 10.00 visiting the medioeval village of Suvereto, 1000 habitants where Filippo leave.....at 10.30 we will be welcome in Filippo's house, a Tuscan style villa in Suvereto for a cooking class with his mam Grazia assisted also by a young professional american Chef Timothy who owns a top fish restaurant in Suvereto call Le Nuvole: www.lenuvoleristobistro.it

Lunch at Filippo House with recepies made and good wines provided by Filippo

In the afternoon we will visit Populona a beautiful Etruscn town (200 habitants) with terrific view on the mediterranea Sea.....

Back to Villa il Tesoro around 16.00 and relax

Aperitif in Massa Marittima in the beautiful Garibaldi Square

At 20.00 good Tuscan dinner in a Slow Food restaurant wines included
TavernaVecchio Borgo – Massa Marittima – GR

Tuesday 6th of May – Suvereto and Bolgheri (Homeland of Supertuscans)

Free morning and relax at Villa Il Tesoro departure at 13.00 and light lunch at Moris Farms, top winery only 3 km from Villa Il Tesoro with top view on the valley of Follonica

At 15.30 o'clock we finally reach Petra in San Lorenzo.....

The grandeur of the winery and the sight on the vineyards of the Val of Cornia will make us live an experience out of the ordinary.... Ettore Maggi will lead us in our visit of the winery, from the area where grapes are received to the fermentation zone, to where they proceed to the refinement of the wines ...at the end of the tour, the emotion to have entered one of the cults of the modern architecture will mix with the wine tasting.....

At 17.00 we will be in Bolgheri, land of Supertuscans, our episirean itinerary to Bolgheri...The avenue of the Carducci (5 kms of endless beauty will be covered with various stops to allow picture taking and for an introduction to the production of the supertuscans.....)

The clue happening of the afternoon event will be the visit in one the following wineries of Bolgheri: Ornellaia or Sassicaia or Grattamacco or Michele Satta or Guado al Melo or Campo alla Sughera.

After the visit if there will be time to do visit an olive oil press for tasting a top extra-vergin olive oil

For dinner the group will not return to the hotel !

Aperitif on the beautiful beach of Marina di Bibbona and around 19.30 dinner at La Pineta (1 Michel start) based on Fish, simple, fresh, Luciano Zazzeri (good friend of mine is a also a fisher) will welcome us with a glass of Italian Spumante on the beach.....

Wednesday 7th of May - Brunello di Montalcino to Chianti Classico

After breakfast departure from Maremma to the Brunello.....

This visit will enable you to discover how the famous Brunello wine is created and in doing so, you will visit two of the most prestigious wine cellars. Lunch in a second winery, serving locally produced specialities. During the excursion you will also visit the Medieval village of Montalcino itself and the Abbey of Sant'Antimo, which was founded, according to tradition, by Charles the Great in the year 781.

From Paganico we will take the road for Montalcino passing by San'Angelo in Colle....

The first visit scheduled around 11:00 AM will be arranged in one of the following family managed wineries that, though well established on the market, will still give the chance to get to know directly a wine producer: Palmucci Poggio di Sotto or Gianni Soldera or Siro Pacenti or Biondi Santi.

Just before or after lunch, visit to the Church of Sant'Antimo, if we are lucky we might even listen to Gregorian carols of the Monks that live in the Abbey,

Lunch with wine tasting at Corte Pavone Loacker Winery or Fattoria dei Barbi.

We may stop in Siena for a nice walk and shopping in Piazza del Campo, famous for the horse race Paliio.....

At 17.30 arrival at **Hotel San Leonino** (in the heart of Chianti Classico) in Castellina in Chianti.

The Hotel Belvedere di San Leonino is situated near the 11th century church of the same name and surrounded by vineyards and olive groves, cypress trees and woods. Located in the heart of the Chianti region, the land of the famous Black Rooster wine, it has a splendid 360° panorama stretching from Siena to Monteriggioni, San Gimignano and Volterra over the Elsa valley.

Dinner at the hotel tonight !

Thursday 8th of May Chianti Classico

Relax at the hotel and leave after at 11.00 am, visting the village of Radda in Chianti or Castellina in Chianti...

Lunch in a family style winery such as Podere Terreno with top wines....

In the afternoon visit and wine tasting at one of the following top producers such as Castellare di Castellina Winery or Castello di Fonterutoli or Capannelle...

Back to Hotel and relax.....

Tonight we will have dinner at L'Albergaccio Restaurant in Castellina in Chianti (1 Michel start) top Tuscan cuisine.....

Friday 9th of May

Departure from Castellina in Chianti to Florence city.....

Size of the group (minimum 14 maximum 16 people)

Prices per person

Double rooms = 2540 €double room
Single rooms = 2830 €euro single supplement

Included in the price:

Filippo and / or is assistant as specialized guide for the all wine tour

4 nights at Villa il Tesoro B/B - four stars deluxe relais estate (from 3rd to 7th)

2 nights at Hotel San Leonino B/B - three stars hotel (from 7th to 9th)

7 days of bus transportation – 15/20 seats

(from the 3rd of May transfer from one airport to the Hotel – 5 days of itinerary and 9th of May transfer to Florence)

03 May

Dinner at Villa Il Tesoro wines included

04 May

tickets for ferry

napoleone residence visit

1 tasting in a winery

lunch in a fish restaurant wines included

dinner at the Villa Tesoro wines included

05 May

3 hours of cooking lesson and lunch with wines

aperitif in massa

dinner in massa marittima wines included

06 May

1 light Lunch wines included

1 tasting at Petra

1 tasting in Bolgheri

1 olive oil tasting

Dinner at La Pineta (1 Michelin star) with wines included

07 May

1° tasting in top brunello winery

lunch in brunello winery

dinner at San Leonino hotel – wines included

08 May

lunch with wines included

1 tasting in a winery
dinner at L'albergaccio (1 Michelin star) with wines included

Not Included in the price

Flights
Meals and Drinks not Specified
Personal Expenses such as Telephone, Minibar, etc
Tips and Gratuities (Guides, Restaurants, etc)
Travel Insurance (recommended)
Cancellation Insurance

Payments:

Booking confirmation before the 31st of January 2008

Deposit per person of 300,00 euros to be paid before the 15th of February 2008

Final Payment: balance per person due before the 15th of April 2008

At any time after payment of deposit:

no refund of money