



## THE BEST OF TUSCANY

A Luxury Tour for Lovers of Tuscan Food and Wine

**OCTOBER 12<sup>TH</sup> – 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2020**

— Hosted by Philip Goodband MW —

**US \$3,995** *per person*

This is a luxury food and wine tour to the greatest wineries in Tuscany. You will explore the finest Super Tuscans, the jewels of Brunello di Montalcino, and the classics of Chianti Classico.

Hosted by Philip Goodband, Master of Wine, this fun-filled, educational itinerary will bring you privileged access to the region's most prized estates. We take a maximum of 20 wine lovers as guests.

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### COME AND DISCOVER

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**SUPER TUSCAN HEAVEN** with lunches at **Ornellaia** and **Guado al Tasso**, a visit to **Sassicaia**, and a dinner to remember at **Tua Rita**.

**MAGNIFICENCE IN MONTALCINO** with a visit to the idyllic hill-top town of Montalcino and the beautiful Brunellos, **Col d'Orcia** and a lunch hosted by **Sesti**.

**CLASSIC CHIANTI** with phenomenal tastings and visits to **Castello di Brolio**, **Castello di Ama**, **Castello di Monsanto**, and private meals at **Felsina** and the Michelin-starred **Osteria di Passignano** set among the vines.

**FIRST CLASS TREATMENT** at our personally selected hotels nestled in the hills of the Tuscan countryside, **Poggio ai Santi** and **Borgo Scopeto**.

**WORLD CLASS WINES** including flagship labels from the top estates like **Tignanello**, **Solaia**, and **Sassicaia**, and much much more.



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## YOUR HOSTS

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### PHILIP GOODBAND MW

You will be hosted by Philip Goodband MW, who served as wine adviser to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother for over a decade. A true wine professional with a deep knowledge and love for Italy and its wines, particularly those of Tuscany dating back to the days when he represented Antinori in the UK and now lecturing in Florence.

A UK resident and former Chairman of the Institute of Masters of Wine, his work and travels for major wine companies and consultancy have taken him around the globe resulting in a unique blend of knowledge and experience, which he happily shares in a very enjoyable and engaging style.

[www.philipgoodband.com](http://www.philipgoodband.com).

Our local partners will also join us to share their inside knowledge of the local culture.

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## PRICE

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### US \$3,995 (INCLUDING TAX)

The cost is per person, based on double occupancy at the hotels. This price includes all accommodation, visits and tastings at wineries, all meals unless during the free time, all wine at meals, and local transport. Flights and travel arrangements to/from Florence are not included.

If you are travelling by yourself there will be a single supplement of US \$600.

The payment schedule per person is:

At Time of Booking: \$1,000

120 days before start: \$2,000

90 days before start: \$995 (plus single supplement if applicable)



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## ITINERARY | DAY 1

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### MONDAY, OCTOBER 12<sup>TH</sup> – THE TUSCAN COAST

Meet with Philip at **9:15 am** in the reception of the Hotel NH Firenze Hotel in Florence.

This hotel overlooks the river Arno. From here, we depart by bus to the Tuscan coast and the land of the Super-Tuscans.

**Meet at:**

Hotel NH Firenze

Piazza Vittorio Veneto 4/A – 50123 Firenze

Tel: +39 055 2770

[www.nh-hotels.com/hotel/nh-firenze](http://www.nh-hotels.com/hotel/nh-firenze)

### VISIT AND LUNCH AT ORNELLAIA

You'll enjoy privileged access to one of the most highly prized wineries in any collector's cellar. We visit the famed Masseto vineyard (Italy's most expensive Merlot-based wine), see the whole Ornellaia cellar, and taste the best of the iconic Frescobaldi range. We then enjoy a beautiful lunch at the estate. [www.ornellaia.com](http://www.ornellaia.com)

### CHECK IN AT HOTEL POGGIO AI SANTI

Nestled in the hills you'll arrive at a Tuscan farm surrounded by beautiful gardens, olive groves and vineyards, with a stunning view of the Mediterranean. Family owned and operated, warm and friendly, the rooms are done in a classic Tuscan country style. This is an eco-friendly farm where most of the food and wine is produced on the estate. It's a Tuscan experience like no other.

[www.poggioaisanti.com](http://www.poggioaisanti.com)

### DEPART FOR SUVERETO

That evening we will travel just 15 minutes from the hotel to a tiny little Tuscan village that dates back several hundred years. While we sip on Franciacorta, Italy's answer to Champagne, you'll soak up the atmosphere of the medieval village during the *aperitivo* hour.

### VISIT AND DINNER AT TUA RITA

Tua Rita is a Super Tuscan cult wine that was the first ever in Tuscany to get a 100-point Parker rating. After visiting the vineyard and the cellar we will have several courses for dinner in their stunning private dining room, paired with several wines, and presented by their 1st class winemaking team. [www.tuarita.it](http://www.tuarita.it)



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## ITINERARY | DAY 2

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### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13<sup>TH</sup> – SUPER TUSCAN HEAVEN

#### 9:30 am

Depart hotel, as we never leave too early, and have lots of time for a relaxed breakfast.

#### VISIT AND TASTING AT SASSICAIA

Famous for its Cabernet Sauvignon, Sassicaia is arguably the most famous winery in Italy. It is the flagship Super-Tuscan, and a must-have in the cellars of any collector. So famous is Sassicaia that it was bestowed its own appellation, Bolgheri-Sassicaia, in the late 1990s. After this exclusive tour, we will have a tasting of this amazing Super Tuscan. [www.tenutasanguido.com](http://www.tenutasanguido.com)

#### VISIT AND TASTING AT GUADO AL TASSO

The Antinori-owned Guado al Tasso estate is located near Bolgheri, the wine capital of the region. After a tour of the estate and its vineyards and cellars we enter the private house for an extensive tasting and relaxed country lunch in the family dining room. This is a spectacular experience hosted by the lovely Estate Managers at Antinori. [www.antinori.it/en/26-generazioni/guado-al-tasso](http://www.antinori.it/en/26-generazioni/guado-al-tasso)

Following our visit to Guado al Tasso, we stop in Bolgheri for free time to explore the town centre and buy some wine if you wish.

#### DINNER AT POGGIO AI SANTI

After a more formal dinner on the first evening it's time for something more casual at our lovely hotel, but with delicious food and some beautiful wines. This dinner is hosted by **Castello del Terriccio**, a prominent Super Tuscan winery. Guests often say these are some of their favorite wines of the trip. We will enjoy them paired with dishes that highlight local specialties.



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## ITINERARY | DAY 3

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### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14<sup>TH</sup> – THE BRUNELLOS OF MONTALCINO

**9:15 am – Check Out and Depart for Montalcino**

#### TOUR AND TASTING AT COL D'ORCIA

This Tuscan Castello is set in the southwest corner of Montalcino with beautiful views, and stunning wines. Owned by the Cinzano group since 1973, all of Col d'Orcia's wines are grown organically on their 144 hectares of vineyards. Their Brunellos are among the best of the region, as is their pure Cabernet Super Tuscan, Olmaia. After visiting the cellars and learning about the production process we have a seated tasting of several different vintages and styles of wine, including their own Super-Tuscan. It's first class and is hosted by the owners. [www.coldorcia.com](http://www.coldorcia.com).

#### VISIT AND LUNCH AT SESTI

Profiled on the front cover of Decanter magazine, and winner of countless awards, our next visit is the small family-owned and extremely characterful estate called Sesti. This is a magnificent visit hosted by the family. After a tour we have lunch in their own small chapel, sipping ultra-fine Brunello's and enjoying a truly religious experience. [www.sestiwine.com](http://www.sestiwine.com)

Our visit to Sesti will be followed by a bit of free time to visit the picturesque hilltop village of Montalcino, a fortress, and something to see.

#### CHECK-IN AT BORGO SCOPETO

Our home for the next 2 nights is the Borgo Scopeto, an exclusive resort and spa set in the hills of Chianti just outside the city of Siena. The property dates back as an 11<sup>th</sup> century fortress and has been producing Chianti Classico wines under their own label since 1990. Tonight is a free evening to relax and enjoy a quiet dinner in their restaurant, La Tinaia. Or if you are keen to go out by yourself the city of Siena is just 25 minutes by taxi, and you can feel free to go and explore.

[www.borgoscopetorelais.it](http://www.borgoscopetorelais.it)



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## ITINERARY | DAY 4

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### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup> - THE MAGIC OF CHIANTI CLASSICO

After three days of outstanding estates, wines, and dinners, today is a late start. Enjoy the morning and live *la dolce vita* by enjoying the many amenities at the resort. If you are interested in booking a spa treatment, we advise you to contact the hotel ahead of time. If you didn't go to Siena the night before you can feel free to grab a taxi and go explore in the morning by yourself and maybe enjoy a lunch in the square. Lunch is on your own, so be sure to be ready to depart by 2:00 pm from the hotel for our afternoon in the heart of Chianti Classico.

**2:00 pm – Depart hotel**

#### VISIT AND TASTING AT CASTELLO DI AMA

One of the most stunning wineries in all of our wine tour itineraries, our visit to Castello di Ama includes not only their incredible wines but also an olive oil tasting from their own olive groves. We will explore the ancient hamlet owned by the winery and admire the art installations for which the property is rightly famous. [www.castellodiama.com](http://www.castellodiama.com)

#### CASTELLO DI BROLIO

Dating back to 1141, the Castello di Brolio is the oldest winery in Italy and the fourth longest-lived family-owned company in the world. We are given access to the family's private areas of the castello where you'll learn about the role of Bettino Ricasoli, the "inventor" of the Chianti formula, and former prime Minister of Italy, twice. We cap it off with an amazing tasting including older vintages in the family's private dining room. [www.baronericasoli.com](http://www.baronericasoli.com)

#### VISIT AND DINNER AT FÈLSINA

The Fèlsina property has been producing grapes, olives, and other agricultural products for more than 1,000 years but has been owned by the Poggiali family since 1966. Their global success started in 1983 with the launch of their pure Sangiovese wine labels "Fontalloro" and "Rancia" – the latter a single-vineyard Chianti Classico Riserva that is among the very best from the region. More than just Sangiovese wines, Fèlsina also produces the world-class Chardonnay "Il Sistri" and a traditional sweet Vin Santo. We have dinner here with a selection of these amazing wines, set in an atmosphere that always seems to bring out the fun and laughter in everyone. It's a perfect Tuscan experience for our last dinner. [www.felsina.it/en](http://www.felsina.it/en)



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## ITINERARY | DAY 5

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### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16<sup>TH</sup> – ICONS OF CHIANTI

**9:45 am – Check-out of hotel and depart**

#### VISIT AND TASTING AT CASTELLO DI MONSANTO

Castello di Monsanto is one of the most respected estates in Tuscany and one of the top producers of traditional Chianti Classico Riserva. They have long tunnels of underground cellars stacked with bottles dating back decades. It's spectacular. After a tour of the winery, we will have a tasting hosted by the property manager along with some older vintages.

[www.castellodimonsanto.it](http://www.castellodimonsanto.it)

#### VISIT AND LUNCH AT BADIA A PASSIGNANO

This stunning hilltop medieval estate dates to the 11th century. Monks still live there. But we head straight to the 1-star Michelin restaurant right next door for perhaps our best meal, paired with fabulous Antinori wines and an olive-oil tasting.

[www.osteriadipassignano.com/en](http://www.osteriadipassignano.com/en)

**5:00 pm – Guest drop-off Hotel NH Firenze**

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**Price: \$3,995 US including tax per person based on double occupancy.**

**There is a \$600 US per person single supplement.**

**Space is limited to 20.**

This is a luxurious trip, hosted by local and international wine experts, visiting the great estates with a small group of about 20 like-minded fun-loving people. It's suited to all wine lovers. It's a bucket list trip. If you have any questions please email David, your personal travel concierge, at [David@FineVintageLtd.com](mailto:David@FineVintageLtd.com).

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