

THE **TRAVEL CLUB**

Pre-Departure Itinerary

Wine Experience in Chianti, Italy

9 DAYS: Saturday, May 8-Sunday, May 16, 2027

Saturday, October 2-Sunday, October 10, 2027



Join The Travel Club on a new adventure to the picturesque Chianti region of Italy where we'll be charmed by art, culture, wine and the stunning landscape of lush vineyards, olive groves, and cypress trees. We'll visit famous wineries that have been transformed into authentic art galleries highlighting the combination of art and wine, beautiful medieval villages and see the unique rolling landscapes of Crete Senesi. We'll have a unique treat that not many experience with our

enriching 7-night stay in the UNESCO World Heritage Site of San Gimignano. This hilltop location offers breathtaking panoramic views of the surrounding Tuscan landscape and a charming atmosphere of quaint cobblestone streets lined with shops, artisan boutiques and cafes. Enjoy visits to Frattoria Nittardi and wander the sculpture garden and art collection before enjoying a tasting of five wines, olive oil and grappa followed by a light lunch; Castello Brolio – known as the birthplace of Chianti Classico; Tenuto Castelgiocondo who have been producing Brunello di Montalcino since 1800 where our tasting is accompanied by a three-course lunch. Experience guided visits of San Gimignano and Volterra, visit the fortress at Monteriggioni, take a walking tour of Montalcino and visit the Abbeys of Sant'Antimo ad Monte Oliveto Maggiore.

San Gimignano



INCLUDES

- Private motorcoach transportation from Florence airport to hotel in San Gimignano
- Seven nights' accommodations: **Hotel La Cisterna** (or similar)
- Breakfast daily
- Welcome dinner at hotel restaurant
- Lunch at a local restaurant in San Gimignano
- Lunch at a local restaurant in Asciano
- Lunch at Osteria at Castello Di Meleto
- Wine tasting at Castello di Brolio and visit of the castle
- Wine tasting at Fattoria Nittardi, olive oil and grappa following by light lunch
- Wine tasting at Tenuta Castelgiocondo including three-course lunch
- Visits to Volterra, Monteriggioni, Castellina in Chianti, Gaiole in Chianti, Radda in Chianti, Montalcino, Abbey of Sant'Antimo, abbey at Monte Oliveto Maggiore
- Escorted round-trip, private airport/hotel transfers
- Services of professional local Tour Manager

RATES

\$3899 Prices are **LAND ONLY** per person based on **double occupancy**. Single supplement is **\$690**. Triple accommodations may be available upon request. **Airfare from Boston is available starting at \$950 per person. Finalized air rates will be posted in May 2026.** Passport required. Per person deposit is **\$500**. Please note – if you wish to extend your tour or request air or hotel upgrades, please advise us at the time of booking.

Hotel La Cisterna

**Piazza Cisterna, 23 53037 - San Gimignano SI
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Located on the main square of San Gimignano, Hotel La Cisterna is housed in an elegant, 14th-century building with rooms furnished in the Florentine style. The rooms offer air conditioning, free Wifi and a flat-screen satellite TV. Most rooms at La Cisterna offer views of the square or of the beautiful Tuscan countryside.



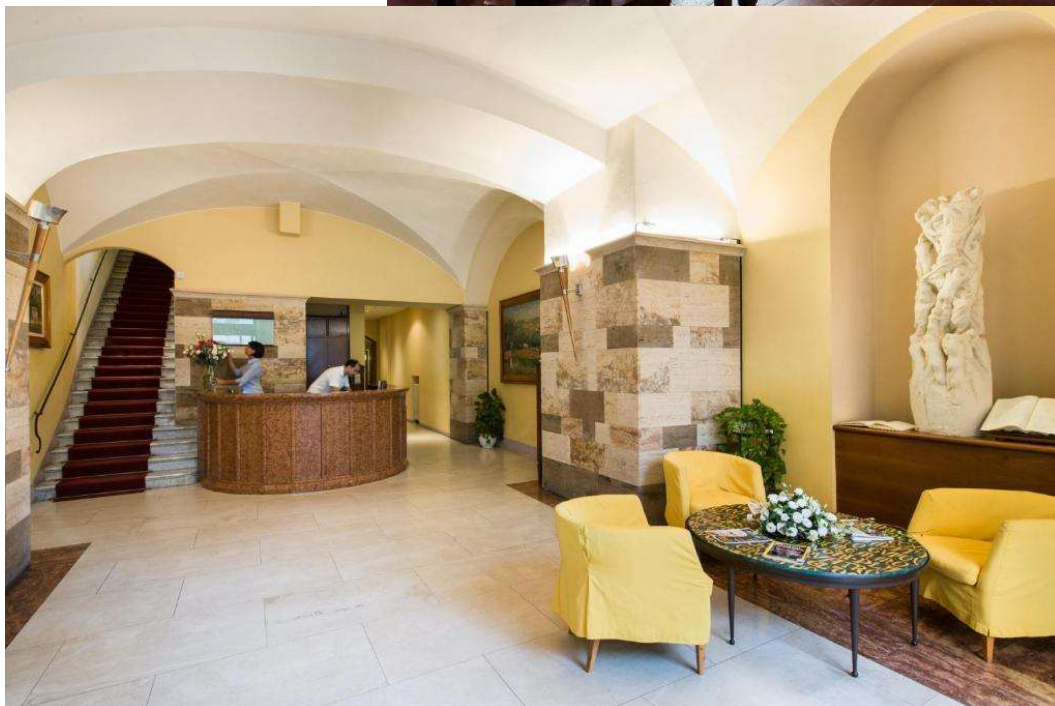
DAILY ITINERARY

Day 1: Overnight Flight

Depart from Boston this evening on ITA Airlines. Dinner is served aloft along while crossing the Atlantic. Relax and enjoy in-flight entertainment.

Day 2: Arrive Rome - connecting flight to Florence

Continental breakfast will be served on board before landing. In Rome, clear immigration and passport control and proceed to our connecting flight to Florence. Upon arrival we retrieve our luggage before we make our way into the arrivals hall. Here we'll meet our Tour Manager who will assist us to our private motorcoach for the transfer to **San Gimignano and Hotel La Cisterna**. This evening enjoy dinner, with wine, at the hotel. **(D)**





Day 3: San Gimignano & Volterra

Today we'll enjoy a guided visit of **San Gimignano** followed by lunch at a local restaurant. In the afternoon we'll head to the historic hilltop town of **Volterra** - Etruscan heritage, striking medieval architecture, artisan shops specializing in exquisite alabaster crafts and a beautiful historic center. **(BL)**

Volterra



Day 4: Monteriggioni – Fattoria Nittardi – Castellina in Chianti

This incredible day begins with a visit to **Monteriggioni** to see the city fortress. Later we'll transfer to **Fattoria Nittardi** – a renowned winery and agriturismo. Visit the notable sculpture garden and art collection before enjoying a tasting of five Nittardi wines, olive oil and grappa with a light lunch of local salami and cheeses. Before our return to the hotel we'll have a guided visit of **Castellina in Chianti**, a charming hilltop town with views of the surrounding vineyards and olive groves. **(BL)**

Monteriggioni





Fattoria Nittardi



Castellina in Chianti

Day 5: Chianti area – Radda – Castello di Meloto – Gaiole

After breakfast we travel to **Radda in Chianti** to visit this charming village before we transfer to the historic castle and winery of **Castello Meleto**. Featuring beautiful garden, the 12th century Castello has a medieval heritage. Our adventure begins with lunch of traditional Tuscan dishes and delicious wines, followed by a guided tour of the castle. After a quick stop in **Gaiole in Chianti**, we return to the hotel. **(BL)**



Castello di Meloto



Day 6: Castello di Brolio

Today we'll experience the castle and winery of **Castello di Brolio** – known as the birthplace of Chianti Classico. The hilltop castle and estate offer breathtaking views of the Chianti landscape of vineyards and olive groves. Dating back to the 11th century, the castle is a mix of medieval and Renaissance architecture. After a guided visit of the castle, we'll visit the cellars and have tastings of Barone Ricasoli wines. **(B)**



Day 7: Montalcino – Tenuta CastelGiocondo – Abbey of Sant'Antimo

Our adventure today begins with a drive to **Montalcino** where we'll have a guided walking visit of this hilltop town. Montalcino has a rich history dating back to the medieval period. Its architecture features stone buildings, narrow winding streets, and ancient fortifications. We'll transfer to **Tenuta CastelGiocondo** – an historic estate of the Frescobaldi family producing Brunello di Montalcino since 1800 for an unforgettable experience. Our visit begins with a guided tour as we discover the history and unique characteristics of this estate set in a stunning Tuscan landscape. Later we'll relax with an exclusive tasting of three wines including the famous Brunello and accompanied by a three-course lunch. Afterwards we'll experience the rich history, stunning architecture, and tranquil of the **Abbey of Sant'Antimo**. **(B L)**



Montalcino



Tenuta CastelGiocondo

Day 8: Crete Senesi

We'll enjoy a full-day excursion to the **Crete Senesi** - a stunning region located in the southeastern part of Tuscany known for its unique landscape of rolling hills dotted with vineyards and olive groves. In **Asciano** we'll visit the astonishing museum of Palazzo Corboli - the **Civic Museum of Archaeology and Sacred Art**. After lunch at a local restaurant, we'll depart to **Monte Oliveto Maggiore** for a visit to the imposing and isolated abbey which is embellished by frescos. **(B L)**

Crete Senesi





Asciano

Day 9: Return to Boston

Return to Florence airport for our flight to Rome and transatlantic flight to Boston. **(B)**

Proof of Citizenship is required for all trips outside the United States. U.S. citizens require a valid passport to travel; with at least 6 months' validity. All non-US citizens should check with the appropriate foreign consulate for additional entry requirements. Passports are the responsibility of each traveler.

PLEASE NOTE: This pre-departure itinerary is designed to give you an idea of how this itinerary is structured. We reserve the right to make any changes to your final itinerary if deemed necessary, at any time prior to departure.

PLEASE NOTE: This is not your final itinerary. You will receive final documents (itinerary, tickets (if applicable), etc.) approximately 2-3 weeks prior to departure. Although we try our best to ensure that information is accurate at the time of publication, we are not responsible for any error, omission, misprint or liability that results from the use (or misuse) of this information.

CHIANTI WINE REGION

