



The Best of Tuscany & Umbria: landscapes, people and cuisine

A journey that combines the cultural **charm of Tuscany and Umbria** with authentic encounters and regional culinary delights. The elegant **Hotel Palazzo Pacini**, a lovingly restored historic palazzo in the heart of **Colle di Val d'Elsa**, is reserved exclusively for the group and, with only 19 rooms, offers a warm and intimate atmosphere.

From here, guests will embark on days full of art, history, and culinary traditions: from the artistic cities to the gentle hills of Tuscany, every stop reveals the most authentic soul of these regions. At **Azienda Agricola Orsini on Lake Trasimeno**, guests experience heartfelt Umbrian hospitality and taste the rare **Fagiolina del Trasimeno**; at **Fattoria Poggio Alloro**, they explore vineyards, olive groves, and Chianina cattle breeding; and during the cooking class at **Poggio ai Laghi**, participants prepare traditional Tuscan dishes and enjoy them together in a convivial atmosphere, an all-round authentic experience.

Tour includes



- 5 nights B&B at **Hotel Palazzo Pacini 4*** in **Colle di Val d'Elsa**
- Welcome cocktail
- 1 barbecue dinner at the hotel
- Dinner in a **traditional trattoria** in Colle di Val d'Elsa
- Half-day guided tour of **Florence**
- Half-day guided tour of **Perugia**
- Entrance to the **National Gallery of Umbria**
- 1 dinner at an **Umbrian agriturismo**
- Half-day guided tour of **San Gimignano**
- Half-day guided tour of **Volterra** with a visit to an **alabaster workshop**
- Dinner at a farmhouse near **San Gimignano**
- Half-day guided tour of **Siena**
- Entrance to **Siena Cathedral**
- **Cooking class** with dinner at a farmhouse near Monteriggioni

Hotel Palazzo Pacini ★★★★★

Located in the heart of the old town of Colle di Val d'Elsa, **Hotel Palazzo Pacini** is a lovingly restored historic residence that harmoniously blends charm and comfort.

With only 19 rooms, it is reserved exclusively for the group, ensuring a personal and familiar atmosphere. Host Pietro welcomes guests with warmth and genuine Tuscan hospitality. The interiors combine rustic elegance with refined details: warm wooden floors, high-quality fabrics, stylish furnishings, and carefully selected décor create a cosy ambiance. The bright and tastefully designed breakfast rooms add a special charm.

Breakfast is lovingly prepared each morning by Heike, Pietro's German-born wife, who combines regional products, freshly baked pastries, and homemade delicacies — a perfect start to the day that reflects the joy and authenticity of Italian life.

Available dates



01/02 - 06/02	15/03 - 20/03	24/06 - 29/06
06/02 - 11/02	21/03 - 26/03	01/09 - 06/09
11/02 - 16/02	27/03 - 01/04	07/10 - 12/10
16/02 - 21/02	22/04 - 27/04	22/10 - 27/10
21/02 - 26/02	20/05 - 25/05	
09/03 - 14/03	10/06 - 15/06	

Price



6 Days Package from €699.00

without coach rental

6 Days Package from €999.00

with coach rental

Tour leader service: €350.00 per day
including accommodation and meals



Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day 1 | Welcome to Tuscany

Arrival in Tuscany marks the beginning of your journey. After check-in at Hotel Palazzo Pacini, located in the historic centre of Colle di Val d'Elsa, guests have time to settle into their rooms and relax after the journey. In the late afternoon, a welcome drink is served: an informal opportunity to meet the tour leader and fellow travellers, and to receive practical information about the itinerary. Dinner is served at Trattoria Bel Mi' Colle, a traditional restaurant just a few minutes' walk through the peaceful streets of the town. The trattoria offers classic Tuscan dishes made with regional ingredients in a warm, family-style atmosphere. Overnight at the hotel.



Day 2 | Excursion to Florence

After breakfast, departure by coach to Florence (approx. 110 km). Upon arrival, a guided city tour introduces the main sights: the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore with Brunelleschi's dome, Giotto's Bell Tower, Piazza della Signoria, Palazzo Vecchio, and the Ponte Vecchio. After the tour, enjoy some free time to explore Florence independently: browse the artisan shops or relax in one of its historic cafés. In the evening, host Pietro organises a private barbecue dinner in the hotel's garden, offering grilled meat and vegetables paired with regional wines in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. Overnight at the hotel.



Day 3 | Perugia and Lake Trasimeno

After breakfast, departure towards Umbria for a day immersed in art and rural culture. A guided tour of Perugia covers the main landmarks: Corso Vannucci, Fontana Maggiore, Palazzo dei Priori, and St. Lawrence Cathedral. A visit to the National Gallery of Umbria follows, housed inside Palazzo dei Priori and featuring masterpieces by Piero della Francesca, Duccio di Buoninsegna, Perugino, Fra Angelico, Benozzo Gozzoli, and Pinturicchio. After some free time for lunch, continue to Lake Trasimeno for a visit to Azienda Agricola Orsini, a small family-run estate. Flavio and his family personally welcome the guests, offering a taste of genuine Umbrian hospitality. The estate enjoys a stunning panoramic position overlooking the lake. Visitors learn about the production of olive oil, wine, legumes, and ancient grains. Dinner is served at the farm, featuring homemade dishes prepared with the estate's own ingredients, including the famous Fagiolina del Trasimeno: a rare bean variety enjoyed in different preparations. The setting is simple and authentic, reflecting the true rural spirit of Umbria. Return in the evening to Colle di Val d'Elsa. Overnight at the hotel.



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Day 4 | Volterra and San Gimignano

After breakfast, departure to Volterra, an Etruscan hilltop town offering breathtaking views. A guided tour highlights the main monuments — Piazza dei Priori, the Cathedral, and the Baptistry: followed by a visit to an alabaster workshop to see the traditional stone-carving process.

After some free time for lunch, continue to San Gimignano, renowned for its medieval towers and beautifully preserved walls.

The guided walk covers Piazza della Cisterna and Piazza del Duomo, with insights into the town's history and noble families.

Later in the afternoon, visit Fattoria Poggio Alloro, a working farm surrounded by Tuscan hills with stunning views of San Gimignano. The tour includes vineyards, olive groves, and the Chianina cattle stables that form the core of the estate's production. Dinner is served at the farm, featuring home-produced specialties. Return to Colle di Val d'Elsa. Overnight at the hotel.



Day 5 | Siena and Poggio ai Laghi

After breakfast, depart for Siena, a city rich in history and tradition.

The guided tour includes Piazza del Campo, home of the famous Palio di Siena, and the Cathedral of Santa Maria Assunta, a masterpiece of Italian Gothic architecture. Inside, admire works by Donatello, Michelangelo, and Bernini, as well as the intricately decorated marble floors. After some free time for lunch, travel to Poggio ai Laghi, a charming country estate near Monteriggioni.

Here, guests take part in a hands-on cooking class, preparing traditional Tuscan recipes under the guidance of a local chef. Each participant receives an apron and chef's hat; the tables are arranged in a horseshoe shape, with the chef in the centre giving step-by-step tips and assistance.

The day concludes with a shared dinner featuring the dishes prepared during the class. Return to Colle di Val d'Elsa.

Overnight at the hotel.



Day 6 | Departure

After breakfast, time to bid farewell and begin the journey home — taking with you wonderful memories of a trip that combined art, culture, gastronomy, and the genuine spirit of everyday life in Tuscany and Umbria.

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