



Saturday 30 September - Sunday 1 October 2017

...a night in Vinci, where the Genius Leonardo was born!

09:00 AM - LUCCA

Participants meeting point in front of the European Forum on Cultural Routes' **entrance**

09:40 AM - MONTECATINI

Participants meeting point in front of the Tourist Office in Montecatini

10:30 AM Estimated Arrival at Vinci, Leonardo's city.

Before the beginning of the Wine Tour each one of the participants will be given a glass holder to keep around their neck, with a personalized silk-screen printed wine glass to use during the tour.

Discover the hidden treasures the land of Leonardo da Vinci has to offer.

The best way to experience Vinci is with a glass of wine in your hand!

Our walking tour with *Tuscan Wine* will let you enjoy the beautiful Medieval town of **Vinci**, where **Leonardo**, the famous artist, brilliant scientist, great engineer and genius praised worldwide was born!

You will live the "Atmosphere of the Genius", a feeling that you can find in this amazing village in Tuscany, while enjoying a good glass of wine and tasting the local snacks accompanied by our guide.

During this visit you will have the opportunity to discover Tuscany's history, enjoy its food and wines, cherish the breathtaking view and appreciate the Medieval vibe of the countryside.

Starting from this background and admiring this incredible landscapes Leonardo discovered the use of the "Aerial Perspective".

Here you will have the chance to see with your own eyes a lot of his most famous locations!

This is what you'll visit:

- ✓ CRESTS OF LEONARDO DA VINCI'S FAMILY
- ✓ CHURCH OF SANTA CROCE (where Leonardo was baptized)
- ✓ PIAZZETTA GUIDI WOOD CARVING – THE VITRUVIAN MAN
- ✓ THE GUIDI FAMILY CASTLE
- ✓ MUSEUM LEONARDIANO www.museoleonardiano.it

1st WINE TASTING

- ✓ TRANSFER BY BUS TO LEONARDO'S HOUSE (3km)
- ✓ LEONARDO: UNA MOSTRA IMPOSSIBILE An exhibition with high quality and full scale reproductions of Leonardo's paintings.

2nd WINE & OLIVE OIL TASTING

In a hall next to the exhibition you will be offered a taste of the most famous Tuscan food and recipes: Pappa al Pomodoro (with unsalted bread, tomatoes garlic and extra virgin oil), Panzanella (soft bread with onions and tomatoes) Crostini Toscani (croutons with liver patè), Ribollita (a traditional soup), Farinata with tuscan kale, Pasta Cacio & Pepe (with a famous Tuscan cheese), Pane senza sale (unsalted bread), all accompanied by the renowned Extra Vergin Oil, locally produced from olives farmed on the hills surrounding the town. You will also have the chance to savor the very famous Prosciutto Toscano (a local specialty, produced with a particular technique), Finocchiona and Pecorino cheese, with selected Tuscan wine. Before moving on with the tour, have a taste of the most popular Tuscan desserts: Cantuccini & vinsanto, Brigidini, castagnaccio (made with chestnuts), Bread, Wine and Sugar, schiacciata with grapes and more!

The last step of your day program will be an interesting experiment: we'll give you new eyes to watch something you've surely seen before, and you'll have the chance to experience art in a completely different way.



03:30 PM A Private transfer will wait to take you to your local Agriturismo (holiday cottage in the countryside). A luxury holiday cottage that produces great wines from the well-known IGT Toscano to the famous Chianti, including the worldwide renowned Brunello di Montalcino and high quality white wines, rosé and the tasty liquor Grappa del Chianti. After your check-in enjoy some free time to explore and relax. You can enjoy the pool while being surrounded by beautiful vineyards before the Winery Experience

07:30 PM Beginning of the Winery Experience ... *da Vinci's Winery from the Vineyard to the Glass !!*

October in Tuscany means grape harvest, one of the oldest traditions still alive. This special process takes place in the vineyards and this year you will be invited to join!

Our team will welcome the guests and a Winery presentation will take place in the Chianti Montalbano production area, with a Wine Educator (Sommelier) to answer all your questions.

Tour and Tasting - From the Grapes to the Glass.

This is the following program.

- Starting with a description of the agricultural aspects of the process, in terms of size, dominant crop management system, characteristics and peculiarities of the vineyards, cultivated varieties, the age of the vines and the total management of a vineyard.
- A walking tour with the Wine Educator around the vineyards where you'll enjoy the panoramic view of the property and the surrounding area, a stop in the vineyard to discover a promiscuous viticulture.
- Visit at the fermentation hall: description of the transformation process that transforms the grapes into wine, the applied technologies and the control strategies.
- A walk in the cellar: description of the process of evolution of each wine, focusing on the different types of wood used in each case.
- French Barrel, Batonnage...emphasizing the characteristics of the vintage you'll taste.
- A Stop in the bottling and storage area: description of the bottling process, major sales channels, markets and exports nowadays, introduction of different labels.

In the evening you'll be welcomed at a typical Tuscan Farmer's Dinner, a local tradition that will give you the chance to taste the worldwide famous Tuscan' steak:

la Fiorentina (T-Bone Steak)

You'll also sample the Montebore cheese, that Leonardo himself chose for the royal wedding of Isabella of Aragon. **

To make you experience the most pleasing and complete possible, a Tenor will sing typical songs and lyrics.

Menù :

Fried Polenta (cornmeal) with gravy mushrooms

Tuscan meat sauce

Fried mixed vegetables :

sage, artichokes, peppers, zucchini, onions

Gnudi (an egg and cheese pasta) with sage and butter

Risotto with Montebore**, the cheese that *Leonardo* made famous

Fiorentina T-Bone steak with roasted potatoes

Desserts:

Zuccotto Fiorentino & whipped cream, with vela di Brigidino



Sunday 1 Ottobre 2017

09:00 AM Breakfast and Check-out

Private transfer to Empoli station

Hoping you enjoyed your stay, you can book one more night at the cottage with a favorable price.

Before the 20th of September you can book different activities:

- Discover Leonardo with different eyes... An interesting journey on the reveal of the secret Leonardo da Vinci's masterpiece with an Italian writer and one of the biggest Leonardo's expert, that will present in autumn her latest work, a book to challenge and further discover Dan Brown's content.
- Playing golf among the olive trees
- Horse riding on a path through the same road Leonardo used to walk.
- Field trip on a mountain bike through the medieval roads

P.S. :

- **The price is yet to be determined but you'll be told in advance**
- **Please report to our staff any allergies or food intolerance.**

Further details and prices will be given to you before the 20th of September.

A minimum of 15 people is required

- 1- €..... Day Program
- 2- €..... A night in Vinci, where the Genius Leonardo was born

Prices will include :

- **1 night stay**
- **Glass holder and silk-screen printed wineglass**
- **Wine Tour with tasting in the historical city center**
- **Winery Experience**
- **Tuscan typical dinner with a Tenor**
- **English speaking guide**
- **Activities according to your program**
- **Transfer from Lucca**
- **Transfer to Empoli station**