



Chianti to the Coast

**Presented by Passionate Palate Tours & Trattoria Grappolo
September 5-11, 2011**

Sunday 9/4: Everyone should arrive in Florence on their own.

Mon. 9/5: Bus picks everyone up at about 9:30-10 am. Head to Chianti to Panzano where we will visit with Dario Cecchini in his butcher shop followed by 1 pm lunch at his restaurant across the street. 4 pm tour and tasting at a top winery in Chianti. 6:30 pm check into hotel in Radda in Chianti. Dinner on own. (Lunch and tastings included.)

Hotel: Palazzo San Niccolo in Radda in Chianti.

Tues. 9/6: Bus departs at 9:30 a.m. for the Cortona area. There will be a cooking class followed by lunch by a local cooking expert and olive oil producer. At 3:00 pm the bus will drive us up the hill to Cortona for two free hours of touring. 5:00 pm the bus returns us to the hotel. Dinner on own. (Breakfast, lunch, cooking class included.)

Hotel: Palazzo San Niccolo in Radda in Chianti.

Wed. 9/7: Bus departs at 9:30 a.m. for Montalcino for an 11:00 a.m. tour and tasting at a top Brunello producer. 12:30 tour, tasting and lunch with another top Brunello winery. 3:00 pm the bus takes us into Montalcino for two hours of free time to tour. 5:00 pm the bus returns us to the hotel. Dinner on own. (Breakfast, lunch and tastings included.)

Hotel: Palazzo San Niccolo in Radda in Chianti.

Thurs. 9/8: Market visit and cooking class with Judy of Divina Cucina in Radda. 3:00 pm the bus drives us to our hotel in Bolgheri. Dinner on own. (Breakfast, lunch, cooking class, book and apron included.)

Hotel: Tenuta La Bandita

Fri. 9/9: Bus departs at 11:00 a.m. tour, Lunch and wine tasting at a Bolgheri producer. Afternoon wine tour and tasting at another Bolgheri producer - OR - a visit to Populonia and Le Tombe Etrusche.(TBD.) Late p.m. return to hotel. Dinner on own. (Breakfast, lunch and tastings included.)

Sat. 9/10: 11:00 bus departs for a tour, tasting and our farewell lunch at another Bolgheri producer. Arrive in Florence around 4 pm. Check into hotel. Dinner on own. (Breakfast, lunch and tasting included.)

Hotel: Hotel Burchianti

Sun. 9/11: All depart on own.

Schedule subject to change.

Included: All ground transportation, wine tastings, cooking classes, breakfasts, lunches, tips to bus driver and hotels as stipulated above. Wine is included for all lunches.

Not included: Air transportation and transfers to and from hotels from airport. Extra beverages or snacks. Free time expenses like snacks, entrances to museums, etc.

Costs:

\$2,995.00 per person, double-occupancy

\$275.00 single supplement

Cost reflects payment by cash, check or money order.

If you are paying by credit card, we have to add 3% or \$89.85 per person.

Early Bird Special:

Sign up and pay your deposit by April 1, 2001, receive a \$150.00 discount per person.

Registration:

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