



Gout et Voyage, LLC - A Taste of Tuscany & Umbria, Italy
May 23 - May 30, 2020
Sample Itinerary

This is an 8 day/7 night trip designed for those who love Italian food, Italian wine and wish to explore the Italian countryside. The trip is limited to 6 guests and includes:

Our home base will be a small 4 star hotel outside of Perugia, in the heart of Umbria. The hotel is a renovated castle, parts of which date back to the 11th century. There is a large rose garden, a beautiful pool and an intimate restaurant serving local Umbrian cuisine. And the views are quite breathtaking!

- **3** hands-on cooking classes with local Italian chefs, including a market tour to purchase ingredients for the class followed by lunches featuring the recipes prepared.
- Winery tours and olive oil tasting.
- Excursions to **Montepulciano**, one of the most attractive hill towns in southern Tuscany & to **Pienza**, a World Heritage site located on the crest of a hill overlooking the Val d'Orcia. The historic center of Pienza is known as a Renaissance ideal city.
- Excursions to **Assisi**, the birthplace of Saint Francis, to local towns around **Trevi**, an area known for the high quality of its olive oil and to **Cortona** where "Under the Tuscan Sun" was filmed.
- Excursion to the walled city of **Perugia** to explore its cobbled alleys, arched stairways and piazzas framed by magnificent "palazzi" and to try it's famed Perugina chocolates.
- A stop in **Deruta**, the cradle of ceramics production in Italy since the Middle Ages, for a guided tour of a high-end ceramics factory.
- Plenty of free time to shop and/or relax on the property.
- 8 days/7 nights accommodation in private room with bath, **all** meals (lunch & dinner *with* wine), tips, taxes, entrance fees, transfers to and from Perugia train station.