



Italy Agriculture Market Study Tour October 10 - 18, 2020

Saturday, Day 1 (October 10) - Depart the U.S. for your overnight flight to Rome.

Sunday, Day 2 (October 11) - Arrival at Rome Fiumicino airport in the morning and meeting with your English speaking guide. Private bus transfer to Rome's city center and visit to Trevi Fountain, Piazza di Spagna, etc. with local Rome guide. Next, enjoy an afternoon snack from one of the local food markets in the heart of the city, such as salami, cheese or olives. Your guide will explain where the variety of food comes from, their market for domestic consumption and export opportunities. From here, travel to your hotel for check in.

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Monday, Day 3 (October 12) - Breakfast at the hotel in Rome. After breakfast, visit the Vatican Museum and take a guided tour of St. Peter's Square and Church. Lunch will follow at a local restaurant in the Vatican area. The chef and a local food and diet specialist will describe how dishes are created

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with local ingredients from nearby farms. These dishes can range from risotto, a creamy rice dish or a traditional dish, such as lasagna which has its origins from the Emilia-Romagna region of northern Italy. During your lunch, participate in a meeting with the USDA Foreign Agriculture Service to discuss U.S. markets as it relates to Italy and the greater European Union. After the meeting, a small amount of time will be available to explore the city center monuments and the palaces of the Roman Forum, the Arch of Constantine, the Palatine Hill, Colosseum, etc.

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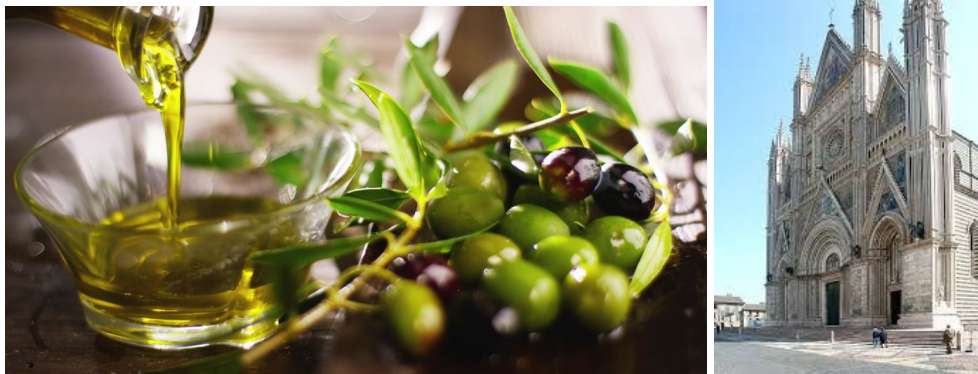


Tuesday, Day 4 (October 13) - After breakfast, transfer to Chianciano Terme with a stop in Orvieto for a guided tour and lunch. In the afternoon, visit an olive farm with typical bruschetta paired with a flavorful classic Italian “aperitivo” with salted snacks and local wine. Guests will learn about how the average lifespan of an olive tree is 300-600 years old. The olive producer will describe how the acidity of both varieties of wine and olives compliment each other.

Dinner and overnight at hotel in Chianciano Terme, Tuscany.

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Wednesday, Day 5 (October 14) - Following breakfast, morning farm visit with wheat, lentils, oats and other cereal crops. Guests will learn about how the soil, rainfall amounts and temperature of this region effects cereal crop production. Next, travel to Fanti winery for a tour, lunch and tasting. The Fanti family farm has been producing wine and extra virgin olive oil in the Tuscany region for nearly 200 years. Afterwards, travel back to the hotel. For those interested, travel to the small quaint town of Montepulciano for a short guided tour. Travel back to your hotel in Chianciano Terme.

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Thursday, Day 6 (October 15) - After breakfast at the hotel in Chianciano Terme, take an early morning farm tour of La Fratta. This example of a short supply chain farm produces organic fodder for their Chianina cattle, a local breed. Next, take part in a full day excursion through the rolling hills of Chianti starting from Siena; Piazza del Campo, which was decorated by the most famous painters of the Siennese school, and the Tower of Mangia, the Dom, the typical lively and narrow streets surrounded by romantic palaces of different “contrade”, etc. (outside visit only). Next, visit the botanical garden at the University of Siena to learn about horticulture in the Tuscany region. In the afternoon, travel to Montecatini Terme.

Dinner and overnight at hotel in Montecatini Terme.

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Friday, Day 7 (October 16) - Morning transfer to Florence for a 2 hour walking city tour followed by some free time to explore the Academia (home of Michaelangelo’s *David*), etc. Your local University faculty member (specialist in food systems) will guide you around this famous city and will describe how this region of Italy has its own special regional ingredients, recipes and flavors. This includes unsalted bread, crostini neri (liver pate) and a gelato flavor named after a local architect, Bernardo Buontalenti.

Meet the bus in the evening for your return to Montecatini this day.

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Saturday, Day 8 (October 17) - Today, you will travel to Castellare di Pescia to visit an international Citrus Garden with over 200 varieties of citrus plants from all over the world. This breathtaking botanical garden is filled with not only citrus plants from the 15th century but also rare exotic varieties and recent ones originating from the southern hemisphere. Enjoy lunch and finish with a unique tasting of locally produced limoncello, citrus marmalades, and gazzosa lemonade. In the afternoon, visit the famous town of Pisa, and enjoy a farewell dinner at a lovely farm.

Everyone will meet back for a farewell dinner and overnight at hotel in Montecatini Terme.

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Sunday, Day 9 (October 18) - Transfer to the Florence airport for your return domestic flight to Rome and onward ticket to the U.S.

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Included:

- Accommodations
- Land Transportation
- Full time - Bi-lingual Guide
- Tours/Technical Visits
- Gratuities for guide and driver
- Entrance to the Vatican museum
- Meals as noted on itinerary (water included, soft drinks not included)
B=Breakfast, L= Lunch, D= Dinner

Not Included:

- International Airfare (U.S. > Rome round-trip)
- Air/ground transportation in U.S. (getting to U.S. International Airport for departure and return from Italy)
- Domestic Airline ticket (while in Italy) - (Florence>Rome)
- Meals not shown on itinerary
- Extra beverages during included meals
- Entrance to other museums not noted above (i.e. Uffizi Gallery of Florence, Gallery of the Academy of Florence (home of Michelangelo's sculpture of David), etc.
- Cost of valid U.S. passport
- Travel insurance (optional)
- Airline seat upgrades
- Excess baggage fees
- Anything not specified above or noted as optional or at leisure
- Souvenirs
- Leisure activities on free days/time
- Hotel charges for incidentals, including telephone calls, pay per view movies, mini bars, and snack trays, personal laundry, room service, and hotel penalties for smoking in hotel rooms.

Estimated pricing based on double occupancy, per person

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| 20 travelers | \$2,375 |
| 30 travelers | \$2,175 |

***Single Supplement - \$525**

Payment deadlines (per person):

June 15, 2020 - \$500 non-refundable deposit

September 1, 2020 - \$ remaining balance due

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