

Extend your Tuscany trip in Florence



Thursday, 17th to Sunday 20th September 2020

To complement your culinary trip in Tuscany, consider extending for a long weekend in its gorgeous capital, Florence.



Explore one of the world's most beautiful cities, bursting with **beauty and art at every corner**. We include the essentials, like convenient transfers, together with an unforgettable cookery lesson in the heart of the city, a full day excursion to the beautiful town of Lucca and not least luxury accommodations at fabulous 5-star hotel Ville sull'Arno.

Enjoy free time to shop and explore the city on your own or with new friends, and let us give you the inside track on Florence's culinary hotspots by helping you book some of the best places to eat.



Markets of Florence & Cookery lesson

For the best Tuscan food and wines, Florence's historic markets are a treasure to behold. Amid the bustling stalls in the medieval heart of the city, let **Manuela**, our food expert and chef, introduce you to Florence's culinary larder and traditions of the city before returning to her family home for a **fun cooking class and lunch**. Raised in Sicily, Manuela has a Sicilian eye for great natural ingredients which she amiably pairs with typical Florentine sophistication.



Full day excursion to medieval Lucca

Lovely Lucca endears itself to everyone who visits. Hidden behind imposing Renaissance walls, its **cobbled streets, handsome piazzas** and shady promenades make it a perfect destination to explore on a day trip from Florence.



On departing Florence with your private driver, first stop for stunning views over the city from Piazzale Michelangelo before continuing along the Arno river valley to Lucca. Meet your private guide to explore the monuments and art treasures of the compact historic centre, including the ancient Amphitheatre Square and beautiful cathedral of San Martino.

Over lunch, let historic cafes and restaurants tempt you to relax over a glass or two of Tuscan wine and a slow progression of rustic dishes prepared with fresh produce from nearby **Garfagnana**.

5* Hotel Ville sull'Arno

<https://www.hotelvillesullarno.com/en/>



The **5-star Hotel Ville sull'Arno** is a trio of villas built along a quiet side of river Arno that fireside legends claim once belonged to the family of Dante. The outdoor pool, terraces and garden make this luxury hotel **a haven on the edge of the busy city**. While the hotel is just 15 minutes in the hotel's convenient shuttle bus to the heart of Florence, you can also use one of the complimentary bikes to cycle along the river bank at your own pace and better explore the historic centre. As **one of the better equipped Florentine hotels**, with a lounge-bar and restaurant, a basement spa with Roman-style caldarium (or hot pool), steam room, sauna, wellness centre and a **heated outdoor swimming pool**, the hotel combines luxury facilities with access to Florence city centre. This is the perfect place to enjoy an evening aperitif overlooking the river and relax after a day exploring Florence.

The 45 stylish rooms have recently been renovated. The elegant rooms have been designed with well-being in mind: from the pastel tones of the walls and fabrics which evoke the colours

of the river, through to the warmth of wood and the elegance of the furnishings, including unique pieces created by skilled Tuscan artisans.



What's included

- Transfer to hotel on arrival
- 3 nights' accommodation at the 5-star Hotel Ville sull'Arno
- Superior room with daily breakfast (from 18 square metres)
 - Free WiFi
- Market visit with Manuela followed by cooking class and lunch with beverages
- Transfer to and from the market
- Guided excursion of Lucca with private transportation from Florence
- Transfer to Florence airport or station on departure*

Price: \$ 1595 AUD per person sharing a Superior room

Single supplement \$ 495 AUD in a double room for sole occupancy

**Transfer to Pisa airport available at a \$ 100 AUD per person supplement.*