



# Food & Wine: Tuscany, Emilia-Romagna & Verona with OLLI Hampton University

11 days | October 19th- 29th, 2025

Learn about northern Italy's rich culinary history by visiting local shops, secluded vineyards, and bustling markets. You'll witness the passion behind the creation of famous meats, cheeses, oils, and wines by interacting with the producers who keep the traditions alive. From Parmigiano-Reggiano in Parma, to sampling Chianti in Chianti, to fresh-cooked tagliatelle in Bologna, prepare to indulge in the best the region has to offer on this Food & Wine Tour

## Pricing:

**Double Occupancy with Flights out of ORF \$6,649.00 per person**

**Single Occupancy with Flights out of ORF \$7,304.00 per person**

## Insurance

**Trip Protection \$449.00**

**Basic Trip Protection \$349.00**

## Your tour package includes

9 nights in handpicked hotels  
Breakfast daily  
3 lunches  
4 dinners with beer or wine  
2 wine tastings  
4 food tastings  
1 cooking class  
5 sightseeing tours  
Expert Tour Director & local guides  
Private deluxe motor coach

## Included highlights

Florence Cathedral  
Tuscan cooking class  
Wine tastings  
Siena Cathedral  
Piazza Maggiore market  
Parmigiano-Reggiano tasting  
Balsamic vinegar villa tour  
Valpolicella wine tasting  
Verona Arena

## Tour pace

You will walk for at least 3.5 hours daily across moderately uneven terrain, including paved roads and cobblestone streets, with some hills and stairs.

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### Overnight flight → 1 night

#### Day 1: Travel day

Board your overnight flight to Florence today.

### Florence → 3 nights

#### Day 2: Arrival in Florence

*Included meals: welcome dinner*

Welcome to Italy! Meet your Tour Director and fellow travelers at tonight's welcome dinner.

#### Day 3: Sightseeing tour of Florence

*Included meals: breakfast*

Get to know Florence, the birthplace of the Renaissance, as you make your way through the UNESCO-recognized historic center with a local guide.

- View the legendary Florence Cathedral, known as the Duomo
- Pass Giotto's Campanile, a masterpiece of Gothic architecture
- See the medieval Ponte Vecchio and Piazza della Signoria, the center of Florentine life

Enjoy a free evening in Florence.

#### Day 4: Tuscan cooking class

*Included meals: breakfast, lunch*

Head to a neighboring agriturismo today where you'll take part in a hands-on Tuscan cooking class alongside one of their chefs. Then sit down for an included lunch and enjoy what you've crafted along with local wines.

### Tuscan Agriturismo → 2 nights

#### Day 5: Free day in Florence & transfer to Tuscan agriturismo

*Included meals: breakfast, dinner*

Enjoy a free day in Florence.

Later, arrive at your agriturismo and tour the grounds before gathering with your group for an included three-course dinner.

#### Day 6: Walking tour of Siena & Chianti wine tasting

*Included meals: breakfast, tasting, wine tasting, dinner*

Make your way to Siena and set off on a guided tour of the charming Tuscan city.

- Walk through the Campo, the square that's the center of civic life, and learn about the Palio horse race that takes place there every summer
- Enter Siena Cathedral, home to major works of art by Donatello and Pisano
- Discover the town's black-and-white marble duomo and see brilliantly colored, 16th-century frescoes in the Piccolomini Library
- End at a local bakery to try ricciarelli, an almond-flavored cookie

Return to your agriturismo this afternoon.

Later this evening, enjoy a wine tasting & dinner in Chianti.

### Bologna → 2 nights

#### Day 7: Transfer to Bologna & sightseeing tour

*Included meals: breakfast*

Travel to Bologna, then get to know Italy's culinary capital on a walking tour with a local guide.

- Visit the University of Bologna, the world's oldest operating university
- Enter the Archiginnasio of Bologna, once the university's main building, and learn about its architecture
- Step inside Teatro Anatomico, which was built in the 1600's and formerly used for anatomy lectures
- Peruse the local fish and vegetable market district and explore Piazza Maggiore

#### Day 8: Parmigiano Reggiano producer & balsamic vinegar villa

*Included meals: breakfast, lunch, tasting*

Spend the day getting a taste of some of the area's most delicious products.

- Visit a local Parmigiano Reggiano producer and enjoy a cheese tasting
- Tour a family-run balsamic vinegar villa and discover how they produce their high-end, aged balsamic known as Aceto Balsamico Tradizionale di Modena
- Try the balsamic vinegar during a lunch featuring a variety of appetizers, a risotto dish, and a buffet of desserts

### Verona Countryside → 2 nights

#### Day 9: Verona Countryside via Valpolicella

*Included meals: breakfast, light lunch, wine tasting*

Travel to the Verona countryside, stopping in Valpolicella along the way. Here, you'll enjoy a light lunch and sample three red wines typical of the region: Amarone, Ripasso, and Recioto. Then, venture on to your villa hotel in the Verona countryside.

#### Day 10: Sightseeing tour of Verona

*Included meals: breakfast, tasting, farewell dinner*

Join your guide on a walking tour of the city of love.

- Discover the sites that served as the backdrop for Shakespeare's *Romeo & Juliet*, including Casa di Giulietta, Juliet's house and storied balcony
- Stroll down Via Mazzini, admiring the marble along the street as you go
- Visit Verona's UNESCO-recognized historic district to see the Verona Arena, Piazza della Erbe, and Lamberti's Tower
- Enjoy a tasting of tramezzino, a specialty sandwich from the Veneto region that's similar to English tea sandwiches

Enjoy free time to explore Verona, then return to your villa in the Verona countryside.

This evening, celebrate your trip during a farewell dinner featuring local and seasonal specialties from the villa.

### Flight Home

#### Day 11: Departure

*Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)*

Transfer to the airport for your flight home.