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VIP Italy With Salvatore Ferragamo Vineyard Experience -

Il Borro; A Vineyard Experience with Salvatore Ferragamo

Savor Super Tuscan, Sangiovese and Chardonnay in a Thousand-Year-Old Tuscan Estate



CUSTOM ITINERARY – YOUR DATES – FLEXIBLE INCLUSIONS – 7-15 DAY ITINERARY

Celebrity Experience Available Around Mr. Ferragamo's Schedule.

A panorama of history unfolds in Italy, where a wealth of exceptional cuisine and fine wine flourishes in the beloved region known as Tuscany. Experience a once-in-a-lifetime journey through private galleries and grand estates as you traverse an unrivalled art, architecture and culinary trail.

“Italy is a dream that keeps returning for the rest of your life.” Anna Akhmatova

Be granted exclusive access to iconic Renaissance palazzos in Florence, where you will witness Michelangelo masterpieces up close. Along the endless rolling hills of Tuscany, sample the

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finest Chiantis and Montepulcianos in intimate vineyard tours. Finally, travel to Venice, where, in the workshops lining its elegant lagoon, uncover the artistry behind its noble glassmaking. Journey to Italy and be enchanted by its fabled wonders.

7-15 Day Itinerary: Florence – Tuscany - Venice

Arrival Day 1 Florence: USA - Florence

Upon arrival make your way through customs and meet your professional local guide who will assist you through the airport and deliver you to your private English-speaking Driver in baggage claim. You will be transferred to your hotel via luxury sedan.

Check into your hotel and get settled.

After check-in meet your English-speaking professional local guide in the lobby of your hotel for a very special walking tour of Florence.

Piazza della Signoria, Piazza del Duomo, Ponte Vecchio

With its open-air display of Renaissance and Baroque masterpieces, be welcomed to Florence with a visit to the Piazza della Signoria, one of the most beautiful squares in the world and home of the Uffizi Gallery, Neptune's Fountain and the Palazzo Vecchio.

Situated nearby is the Piazza del Duomo, the Cathedral Square. Admire its graceful Gothic bell-tower, Romanesque baptistery and Lorenzo Ghiberti's gilded bronze doors, "The Gates of Paradise," depicting scenes from the Old Testament. Then, enjoy a picturesque stroll over the Arno River on the storied Ponte Vecchio, Florence's "Old Bridge," acclaimed for its fine selection of jewelry boutiques along with its mesmerizing views of the city. (Tour Duration: 4 Hours)



We have specially customised your tour today with this added touch – Visit some fascinating workshops where it is possible to watch the masters creating beautiful handmade pieces. Semi-previous inlaid stone, Florentine coloured paper, leather craftsman, gold and bronze workers, painters of miniatures, frame-makers, all of these creations made using the same tools and

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techniques of the past. The artisans of Florence have given the city a very unique reputation and character which is still upheld to this day.

You will be returned to your hotel after the tour where you will be at leisure for the remainder of the day, to explore on your own or relax in your hotel.

Dinner at leisure in one of Florence's restaurants – see Celebration Escapes' recommended restaurant collection.

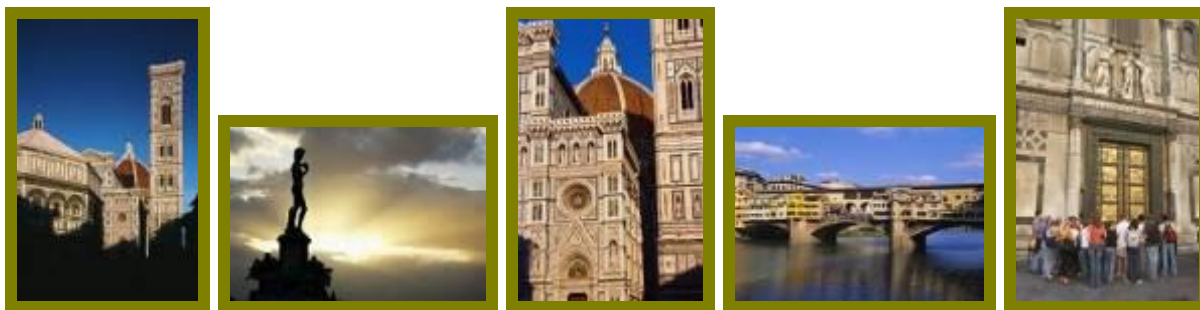
Day 2 Florence: [Florence](#)

Breakfast in the hotel.

After breakfast, meet your English-speaking driver and professional local guide in the lobby of your hotel for your tour.

- **Academy of Fine Arts, Santa Croce, San Miniato al Monte**

With a private driver at your disposal, travel in luxury to a selection of art and architecture highlights. Begin at the Galleria dell'Accademia, the first academy of drawing in Florence, and then visit the Basilica of Santa Croce, the largest Franciscan church in the world, built in 1294. Venture to the apex of Florence at San Miniato al Monte. Surrounded by defensive walls built by Michelangelo, this Romanesque church, with its geometrically patterned exterior, features sweeping views of the city.



At the end of the three hours, our driver will leave us in the Signoria Square. Here, we shall have a short break, perhaps at the fashionable Cafe Rivoire, before a tour of the nearby Gallery of the Uffizi to see the highlights of Renaissance masterpieces in painting in a setting that once served as the offices, or administrative headquarters, for the Medici, when they ruled Tuscany as the

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Grand- dukes. (total tour duration with guide: 5 hours – duration touring with car/driver service: 3 hours)

Return to your hotel after the tour where you will be at leisure for the remainder of the day, to explore on your own or relax in your hotel.

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Day 3 Florence: Florence – Chianti in Tuscany

Breakfast in the hotel.

After breakfast, meet your English-speaking driver and professional local guide in the lobby of your hotel for your tour.

Chianti, Villa Bordonni

By private car from Florence, pass through the rolling Italian hills along the Chianti Route for a day celebrating the food and wine of this esteemed region.

Your guide will give you a wonderful introduction to the people, culture, wineries and shops in towns such as Gaiole, Radda, Panzano, and Greve for an unforgettable tour of Chianti life.

In the heart of the Tuscan Hills, where olive groves thrive, discover Villa Bordonni. With an expert chef, learn how to cook specialty dishes, such as the flavorful pappa al pomodoro, at the Villa’s farmhouse kitchen. Venture downstairs to the wine cellar where a sommelier will help you choose local Tuscan wines to pair with your meal. Savor your splendid dinner under the stars in the Villa’s walled garden.

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Day 4 Florence: Florence – Tuscany

Early Breakfast in the hotel (Room Service for a light breakfast recommended).

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5:00am: After breakfast, meet your English-speaking driver and professional local guide in the lobby of your hotel for your tour.

Departure time from the chosen field at 6:00 am sharp in Summer, Winter hours will vary. Duration of flight approximately 45-90 minutes depending on weather factors.



Tavarnelle Val di Pesa

Soar over the picturesque villages and red-roofed towns of Tuscany in a private balloon ride. Before dawn, a driver will accompany you to the Balloon Ground in Tavarnelle Val di Pesa, about an hour from Florence in the Chianti region.

At dawn, you will rise up gently from the ground in your private basket as your balloon inflates and takes flight. During your ride, which lasts between 45 to 90 minutes, depending on weather conditions, revel in the commanding views of the region while learning from your pilot the storied history of the countryside.

Our Balloon will land in Chianti where, accompanied by our pilot, we will enjoy a pleasant Chianti Picnic Breakfast before returning with our driver to the hotel. Upon landing, toast to your success with a glass of champagne.

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Day 5 Florence: [Florence](#)

Breakfast in the hotel.

After breakfast, meet your English-speaking driver and professional local guide in the lobby of your hotel for your tour.

Left Bank of Florence, Palazzo Pitti

From the Ponte Vecchio to the south side of the Arno River, stroll through the maze-like streets of Oltrarno in the Left Bank of Florence with your private guide. Enjoy a behind-the-scenes look inside private workshops and restoration clinics of this delightful quarter that has been the home of Florence’s skilled artisans and their workshops since the 12th century.

Lunch at leisure in one of Florence’s restaurants – see Celebration Escapes’ recommended restaurant collection.

Nearby, tour the 15th century Renaissance palace known as the Palazzo Pitti. The Palazzo was home to the Pittis and Medicis, Napoleon and the first King of Italy, before transforming into an art gallery in 1919. Finally, visit the spectacular baroque-style Palatine Gallery, home of over 500 Renaissance paintings including Raphael, Titian and Rubens masterpieces, overlooking the expansive Boboli Gardens.

You will be returned to your hotel after the tour where you will be at leisure for the remainder of the day, to explore on your own or relax in your hotel.

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Day 6 Florence: [Florence – Il Borro in Tuscany](#)

Breakfast in the hotel.

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After breakfast, meet your English-speaking driver and professional local guide in the lobby of your hotel for your tour.

Il Borro

At the foot of the Pratomagno Mountains in the Tuscan hillside town of Arezzo stands the breathtaking country estate owned by the Ferragamo family, known as Il Borro. Meticulously restored by the family, this thousand-year-old property features ancient and modern vineyards producing Super Tuscan, Sangiovese and Chardonnay along with endless olive and walnut groves in over 1,400 acres of land.

At your countryside retreat, pursue an array of outdoor activities, including golf, fishing or a hot-air ballooning excursion. Enjoy an authentic Italian cooking lesson at the Osteria del Borro or a wine tasting from the estate's vineyard with Salvatore Ferragamo himself.

You will be returned to your hotel after the tour where you will be at leisure for the remainder of the day, to explore on your own or relax in your hotel.

Dinner at leisure in one of Florence's restaurants – see Celebration Escapes' recommended restaurant collection.

Day 7 Florence: Florence – Siena in Tuscany

Breakfast in the hotel.

After breakfast, meet your English-speaking driver and professional local guide in the lobby of your hotel for your tour.

The Private Home of Countess Costanza Piccolomini d'Aragona

Nestled in the Tuscan countryside between the Chianti and Arbia valleys is the bustling medieval-walled city of Siena, celebrated for its annual Palio di Siena, Italy's premier horse race.

Inside the stone walls of this city, be invited into the private home of the Countess Costanza Piccolomini d'Aragona. The Countess, from one of Italy's oldest and most titled families, welcomes select visitors into her own house for a private cooking lesson and quintessential Tuscan lunch.

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Dinner at leisure in one of Florence's restaurants – see Celebration Escapes' recommended restaurant collection.

Day 8 Florence: Florence –Tuscany

Breakfast in the hotel.

After breakfast, meet your English-speaking driver and professional local guide in the lobby of your hotel for your tour.

Montepulciano, Montalcino, Pienza

Be accompanied by your local guide and driver to learn about the history, culture and products of Tuscany.

Perched on a limestone ridge and overlooking a vast landscape of vineyards that produces its signature Vino Nobile, stands Montepulciano. Here, sample glasses of its famed red wine blend of Sangiovese and Canaiolo Nero.

Afterwards, approach the hilltop town of Montalcino, offering a spectacular setting for lunch. One of Italy's most prized exports, Montalcino is the home of Brunello wine, a dark, red Sangiovese variety.

Conclude your day in Pienza, a UNESCO World Heritage site that was once the hometown village of the 15th century Pope Pius II. Pienza specializes in the production of a white-soft ewe's milk variety of Pecorino cheese prized for its nutty flavor.

You will be returned to your hotel after the tour where you will be at leisure for the remainder of the day, to explore on your own or relax in your hotel.

Dinner at leisure in one of Florence's restaurants – see Celebration Escapes' recommended restaurant collection.

Day 9 Florence: Florence –Venice

Breakfast in the hotel.

After breakfast, check out of your hotel. Meet your English-speaking driver in the lobby of your hotel for your private transfer to Venice.

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Upon arrival in Venice, check into your hotel and get settled.

After lunch on your own, you will meet your English-speaking driver and professional local guide in the lobby of your hotel for your tour.

St. Mark's Basilica

Cruise along the Venetian canals and be welcomed to Venice as you travel by motoscafo, a private water taxi for arrival at your hotel.

After relaxing, enjoy a once-in-a-lifetime experience with a private tour of St. Mark's Basilica. This Byzantine church in Piazza San Marco has been the home of the Patriarch of Venice for over two centuries. A maestro will play the ancient Basilica pipe organ as you are led into the enormous, darkened cathedral. Be mesmerized as the lights from the chandeliers are slowly illuminated until the room is fully ablaze and the evocative gold and bronze mosaics adorning the walls come alive.

You will be returned to your hotel after the tour where you will be at leisure for the remainder of the day, to explore on your own or relax in your hotel.

Dinner at leisure in one of Florence's restaurants – see Celebration Escapes' recommended restaurant collection.

Day 10 Venice: Venice & Its 3 Principle Islands

Breakfast in the hotel.

After breakfast, you will meet your English-speaking driver and professional local guide in the lobby of your hotel for your tour.

Grand Canal and Murano Island

Cruise by private boat along the Grand Canal before being welcomed into a Contessa's private palace. Dating back hundreds of years, a peek inside the palace gives travelers an opportunity to see commissioned frescoes, hand-blown glass chandeliers and the extraordinary decor that exemplified the Venetian nobility.

Brilliant aqua and amber shades form a Murano rooster, one of the icons of this distinguished glass-blowing island. Linked by bridges, Murano was settled by glass-blowers in 1291 after it was decreed these artisans must relocate to a remote location due to fire hazards. Witness a

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private glass-blowing demonstration at a working studio where stunning creations have been made for centuries.

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Dinner at leisure in one of Florence's restaurants – see Celebration Escapes' recommended restaurant collection.

Day 11 Florence: Venice

Breakfast in the hotel.

After breakfast, you will meet your English-speaking driver and professional local guide in the lobby of your hotel for your tour.

Helicopter Ride

Be enchanted by the mysterious collection of islands from above in a splendid helicopter tour of the Venice. As you fly above the celebrated landscape, be surrounded by landmarks such as the Piazza San Marco along with the magnificent islands of Burano, Murano and Torcello in a unique and unforgettable ride.

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Day 12 Florence: Venice – US & Home

Breakfast in the hotel.

After breakfast, you will meet your English-speaking driver in the lobby of your hotel for your transfer to the airport for your return flight to the US and Home.

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Optional Recommended Excursions: To add to the itinerary for a longer stay or to replace items in the itinerary with another option.

Private Art Visits in Florence

- A private art tour is a unique experience you will never forget. With an entire gallery at your disposal, a private guide will help you appreciate the most important treasures before you. Enjoy the opportunity to arrange exclusive private tours of the Vasarian Corridor, the Accademia Gallery and the Uffizi Gallery.
- Along the Arno River above the Ponte Vecchio, between the Palazzo Vecchio and Palazzo Pitti sits the Vasarian Corridor, a passageway commissioned from Giorgio Vasari by Cosimo I to celebrate his son's marriage. Over 700 paintings of the 17th and 18th centuries, as well as an impressive collection of self-portraits from master painters, grace this unique Florentine gallery that features magnificent views of the city.
- Enjoy an incredible private tour of the Accademia dell'Arte gallery, renowned for its collection of sculptures by Michelangelo, including "The Prisoners," "St. Mathew" and, most importantly, the original statue of "David." Transferred from the Piazza della Signoria in 1873 to a specially designed tribune, marvel at this masterpiece in utter privacy.
- Visit the magnificent Uffizi gallery in a special and exclusive private tour. You and your guide will be alone in the gallery to discover the works that are present here. As one of the most famous museums of paintings and sculpture in the world, its collection of primitive and Renaissance paintings comprises several of the most universally acclaimed masterpieces of all time, including works by Giotto, Botticelli, Leonardo da Vinci, Raphael, Michelangelo and Caravaggio.

Exclusive Wine Experiences at the Bocelli Winery and Varramista Estate

- Journey to the Tuscan countryside for a day trip celebrating Italian history and wine. Dating back thousands of years, the ancient city of Volterra was a powerful center during Etruscan times and its city walls and barren ravines, believed to be mining cuts, still exist.

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In nearby Volterra stands the winery of the tenor Andrea Bocelli's family, where you will have an opportunity to taste their crisp, white wines. Endless fields of bright sunflowers will greet you at the entrance of the Varramista estate, where nature and passion, culture and quality form a refined blend to provide fine olive oil, wines and other products for sampling and purchase.

Shopping with Tina Ferragamo

- Explore Florence's finest shops and boutiques with Tini Ferragamo, the wife of the Tuscan winemaker, Salvatore Ferragamo, who is the grandson of the famed Italian fashion designer. By private car, depart the hotel for a morning shopping excursion, before venturing to a 15th century palazzo for a farm-to-table lunch at Cantinetta Antori. Afterwards, receive extraordinary access to the Ferragamo Museum and Store, featuring over 10,000 models from the footwear selection. Conclude your day with signature Bellinis from Harry's Bar.
- Alternatively, experience a day of shopping outside of the city with Mrs. Ferragamo. Venture to Tuscany to the family-owned Il Borro estate in Arezzo, where artisanal shops in the nearby village offer exquisite, one-of-a-kind pieces. Enjoy a wine tasting and tour of Il Borro Winery, then be taken to Monteverchi to visit the only Prada outlet in Italy. Conclude your day by returning to Florence and sharing a drink at the Grand Hotel.

Mask-Making Course in Venice

- Engage in a magical Venetian experience with a private mask-making course in Venice. Be transported to an antique Venetian mask studio, where you will choose from a selection of Carnevale masks from Venetian daily life, the theatre or modern times, to decorate. Your mask maker will explain the meaning of each one and share different coloring techniques before helping you craft your creation, which you will bring home at the end of the day.

Guggenheim Collection Private Tour

- With unsurpassed views of the Grand Canal, be accompanied by an art expert on an exclusive private visit to Venice's legendary Peggy Guggenheim collection housed in the magnificent Palazzo Venier dei Leoni. A sanctuary of 20th century art, Guggenheim was an early champion of cubist and abstract expressionism at a time when it was not collected in Europe, and notoriously purchased one painting a day on a collecting spree in

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1939. Her signature museum features important early works by Pablo Picasso, Max Ernst and Jackson Pollock.

Recommended Accommodations: Many other options are available.

Hotel Gritti Palace, Venice

Occupying a prestigious setting on the Grand Canal, Hotel Gritti Palace was built in 1525 as residence of Doge Andrea Gritti. Experience the Venetian grand life in 91 distinctive rooms detailed with Murano Glass chandeliers, chatoyant draperies, marble tiles, and original gold-trimmed ceilings, complemented with sumptuous contemporary comfort and service.

Hotel Danieli, Venice

Three palazzos, dating to the 14th century, house 225 guest rooms and suites, many with balconies overlooking the lagoon. The opulent décor of antiques, artful Murano glass, and exquisite tapestries evokes the city's rich cultural heritage.

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