



JEWISH HERITAGE AND CULINARY DELIGHTS

A luxury journey from Rome to Tuscany

A 5-day luxurious journey through Rome and Tuscany's rich Jewish heritage. Explore the Jewish Ghetto and Synagogue in Rome, savor Trastevere's charm and a welcome dinner with a view of Piazza Navona. Uncover ancient Jewish catacombs before a cooking class and wine tasting in Frascati. Experience lakeside tranquility in Capodimonte and the Jewish history of Pitigliano.

Day 1: Start of the tour

Arrival in Rome and transfer to the hotel. Accommodation in a 5* hotel in the city center and free time for lunch. Meeting with the guide for an afternoon walking tour of the neighborhood of **Trastevere**, the **Jewish Ghetto** and the **Synagogue**.

We'll begin in **Trastevere**, known for its narrow streets and lively atmosphere and continue admiring Santa Maria in Trastevere, one of Rome's oldest churches, adorned with stunning mosaics. Then, we'll wander through the **Jewish Ghetto**, delving into centuries of Jewish heritage. We'll admire the architecture and learn about the community's resilience. Finally, we'll discover the grandeur of the **Great Synagogue**, a symbol of Rome's Jewish culture. The evening will culminate with a delightful dinner at **Terrazza Borromini**, where we'll savor traditional **Roman cuisine** with breathtaking views of the **Eternal City's skyline**.



After a leisurely lunch, the adventure continues with a visit to the **Jewish Catacombs of Villa Randanini**. We'll descend into the underground network, where intricate artworks, inscriptions, and tombs from the 2nd to 5th centuries await discovery. We'll gain a poignant connection to Rome's historical Jewish community as we'll explore these ancient burial grounds, marveling at the craftsmanship and symbolism preserved within. Transfer to Frascati for a walking tour with our expert English-speaking guide. **Frascati** is known for its **Tuscolan villas** and historic landmarks. We'll wander through charming streets, admiring the Neo-Renaissance Baroque **Cathedral of Saint Peter** and the 18th-century **church of Gesù**, designed by Carlo Fontana. Then, we'll move to a local winery, surrounded by vineyards, where we'll partake in a **wine tasting with dinner**, indulging in the flavors of the region's renowned vintages.

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Day 2: Golf car and Jewish catacombs

Breakfast at the hotel. This morning, we'll stroll with our English-speaking guide through the historic center, City walk in a golf cart with stops at unusual and characteristic places. Along the way, the guide will regale us with fascinating stories and historical insights, offering a deeper understanding of the city's rich heritage. We'll pass through quaint piazzas tucked away from the crowds to hidden viewpoints offering spectacular vistas of Rome's iconic landmarks.



4 nights



Day 3: Lake Bolsena and Pitigliano

Breakfast at the hotel, check-out followed by a transfer for a morning tour of Capodimonte. With our knowledgeable english-speaking guide we'll immerse ourselves in the charm of **Capodimonte**, a picturesque village nestled on the shores of the romantic **Lake Bolsena**, hailed as the most enchanting destination in **Tuscany**. As we stroll along the waterfront, we'll be captivated by the serene beauty of the lake and the surrounding lush landscapes, creating a perfect backdrop for a leisurely exploration.

After indulging in a delicious typical lunch at a local **trattoria**, we'll venture into the historic streets of **Pitigliano**, affectionately known as "Little Jerusalem" for its significant Jewish history and heritage. We'll step back in time as we explore the **ancient synagogue**, marveling at its architectural grandeur and spiritual significance. We'll visit the **matzah oven**, where generations of Jews once prepared unleavened bread for Passover, and discover the ritual bath (mikveh) used for purification ceremonies.

Finally, we'll conclude the day with a transfer and accommodation in **Castello di Velona**, a 5-star resort nestled within an 11th-century national monument. Perched atop a hill, this unique castle offers unrivaled vistas of the Brunello di Montalcino vineyards and the **UNESCO World Heritage site, Val d'Orcia**. Here, we'll unwind in the **OLISPA**, spanning 1500 sqm, featuring indoor and outdoor thermal pools with breathtaking hillside views and enchanting sunsets. Dinner at the resort and overnight stay.



Day 4: Val d'Orcia and cooking class

Breakfast at the hotel and meeting with the guide for a panoramic road in the picturesque **Tuscan countryside**, exploring the charming **Val d'Orcia** and the captivating **Montepulciano**. Along the way, we'll stop at **San Quirino d'Orcia** to admire its enchanting landscapes and visit the famous **Chapel of the Madonna di Vitaleta**, surrounded by majestic cypress trees and declared a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**. Then we'll **experience a wine tasting** of the surrounding vineyards accompanied by some local **Tuscan dishes**.

Next, we head to **Pienza**, where we'll explore its charming historic center, characterized by **cobblestone streets** and **Renaissance buildings** like the **Duomo** and **Palazzo Piccolomini**.

Return to the hotel for a full immersion with our hands-on **cooking class**, under the guidance of an expert **chef**, we'll be guided through the preparation of authentic **Tuscan recipes**. Starting from selected cured meats and cheeses to fresh pasta and mouthwatering sauces, we'll learn the techniques and ingredients that create the distinctive flavors of **Tuscan cuisine**. In the end for dinner we'll taste the dishes we prepared. Overnight stay.



Day 5: End of the tour

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out. On request private transfer to Pisa/Rome airport 3 hours before the flight.

Tour for groups and F.I.T. Custom made itinerary

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Included:

- Accommodation in hotel 5* city center in Rome and countryside luxury resort in Tuscany, with breakfast
- Dinners and lunches as described
- Transfers as described
- English-speaking guide for a walking tour of the Jewish Ghetto, Frascati, Capodimonte, Pitigliano, Val d'Orcia excursion, Florence food tour
- Tickets: Synagogue, Jewish catacombs
- Wine tasting with dinner on 2nd day and wine tasting with lunch on 4th day, cooking class on 2nd day and on 4th day
- City tax

Not included:

- Tips and personal extras
- Everything that is not in the "included" section