



## VIAGGI DELIZIOSI 2024

*Touring and Cooking in Tuscany  
with Paula Lambert*

*April 20 – April 27, April 27 – May 4,  
May 4 – May 11, May 11 – May 18,  
May 18 – May 25*

*September 21 - September 28, 2024*

### ~ Our Proposed Itinerary ~

We rendezvous at 10am in **Florence** at the **Antica Torre Hotel** and then depart for the glorious Tuscan countryside. Our first stop is the **American War Cemetery**. Next we visit **Tenuta degli Dei**, an impressive Chianti Classico estate, where we tour their cellars and taste their delicious wines. They also produce great gin and vodka! We enjoy a leisurely lunch at a nearby **Osteria Le Panzanelle**. This afternoon we explore an **Etruscan Tomb** and then drive to our villa, the lovely Tuscan farmhouse that we will call home for the next 7 days.

Once settled we gather for **aperitivi** and then enjoy a welcome dinner prepared by a wonderful local chef. Delicious Chianti Classico wines from the Panzano district and other Tuscan wines accompany all our meals.

### DAY 1 – The Glorious Chianti Countryside ... Visit a Winery and an Etruscan Tomb



## Our Lovely Villa for the Week ....

### Tucked away in the Chianti Classico Region





## DAY 2 – Market Day in Panzano, Meet Dario - the Friendly and Famous Butcher, and a Pasta-Making Class



This morning we take a short drive to the neighboring town of **Panzano** to explore the local Sunday market and visit its church and charming shops. At lunchtime, we meet the friendly and world-renowned butcher, **Dario Cecchini**, at his *macelleria* (butcher shop). We enjoy a mid-day feast of Dario's delicious and varied meat dishes at his iconic restaurant **Solo Ciccia**.

This evening features a **handmade pasta class**. Dinner at our villa.



## DAY 3 – The Medieval Villages of Certaldo and San Gimignano



This morning, we explore the medieval town of **Certaldo**, a picturesque walled town perched on a hilltop. It's the birthplace of **Boccaccio**, the 14<sup>th</sup> century poet and author of *The Decameron*. We tour the Town Hall and learn its history. We have an al fresco, panoramic lunch at **Il Castello**, overlooking the Tuscan countryside.



In the afternoon we visit **San Gimignano**, famous for its many medieval towers, and admire lovely frescos depicting Old Testament and New Testament cycles that grace the **Duomo** (main church). There is ample time to shop for linens, purses, pottery, local foods and more. You may prefer to just wander around, sample world-famous gelato, or sit at a cafe sipping a cappuccino or a glass of the local wine, **Vernaccia di San Gimignano**. Dinner at our villa.





## DAY 4 – Siena



Today we drive to **Siena**, the perennial rival of Renaissance Florence, that now seems perpetually (and pleasantly) stuck in the Middle Ages. A local guide shows us her favorite spots in Siena ... we learn the history of **Saint Catherine**, visit the impressive **Duomo**, and the **Piazza del Campo**, where the famous **Palio** horserace is held.



Along the way, Paula introduces you her favorite Tuscan shops for pottery, linens, pastry, gelato and more.

Lunch is at a local **pizzeria** that has more than 75 different pizzas from which to choose! Afterwards there is free time for shopping and exploring more of Siena on your own ... maybe a visit to the **Palazzo Pubblico** with its glorious medieval frescos or climb to the top of a tower!

This evening we have an **Aperitivi** class and cook dinner together at our villa.



## DAY 5 - Ceramiche Rampini and Casamonti



After a leisurely morning at the villa, we drive towards Radda where we visit **Ceramiche Rampini**, a tiny pottery factory where we see how their exquisite pottery is hand-painted and fired. And, yes, there is time for shopping!



We continue across the hills to **Casamonti**, an *azienda agricola* (farming estate) that produces Chianti Classico, Olio d'Oliva Extra-Virgine and **Cinta Senese** pigs. Following an interesting and informative tour of their meat curing rooms, we sit down to a home-cooked feast incorporating foods produced on the estate.

We have time for two *passeggiate* (strolls) today ... one in **Radda** and the other in **Castellina in Chianti**.

This evening we cook dinner together at our villa.





## DAY 6 – Greve, Montefioralle, and a Lovely Lunch in Lamole



Today, we drive to the quaint town of **Greve** where we have free time to explore its charming main piazza with its statue of local-son-explorer **Giovanni da Verrazzano**. En route we stop for a *passaggiata* at her picturesque hilltop neighbor, **Montefioralle**, home for a time to **Leonardo da Vinci**. Later we cross the valley and drive up the hills past the Villa Vignamaggio, the family home of the **Mona Lisa**, and continue up the scenic route through olive groves to the highly-rated **Ristoro di Lamole** where enjoy an exquisite lunch on their beautiful panoramic terrace overlooking the Chianti hills and vineyards.

The afternoon is free to walk in the vineyards surrounding our villa or simply to relax. This evening we have a Vertical Wine Tasting and our guest chef prepares dinner.



## DAY 7 – Badia di Passignano, Renzo Marinai Winery, Picnic Lunch at the Villa, and our Arrivederci Dinner

Our final day in Tuscany begins with a stop in nearby **San Donato in Poggio** where we will visit a delightful local coffee shop and enjoy cappuccinos and pastries. Then we visit the incomparable **Badia di Passignano** where a local guide explains the monastery's history and art works, including **Ghirlandaio's** recently-restored fresco, his first **Cenacolo** (Last Supper). Next we visit the highly-rated wine estate of **Renzo Marinai** for a tour and tasting of their fabulous organic, bio-dynamic Chianti Classico wines. We return to our villa for a festive **al fresco** luncheon. We pass the afternoon leisurely at the villa, enjoying the beauty of this very special place.

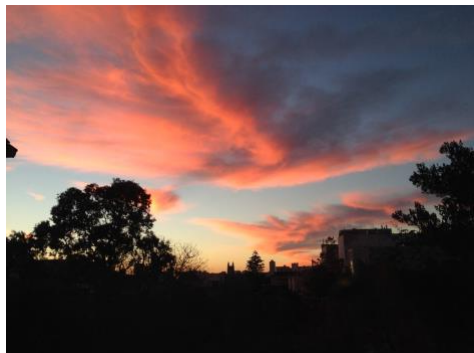
Our week together culminates this evening with an exceptional Tuscan dinner of **Bistecca Fiorentina** (T-bone steak) at the chic **Ristoro l'Antica Scuderia** where we celebrate the conclusion of our wonderful week in Tuscany and toast to future times together.





## DAY 8 - Arrivederci Tuscany

After breakfast at the villa, we drive back to Florence for your onward travel.



**Our itinerary is subject to change to accommodate unforeseen circumstances and/or serendipitous opportunities. The order of the activities and the days in this itinerary are also subject to change.**

## OUR TEAM



Nicola in the Kitchen



Giacomo & Albano in the Vans



Paula Lambert



Tammy at the Villa

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The cost for A Week in Tuscany, Touring and Cooking with Paula, is \$7650 - \$7900 per person, depending on the season.

This includes everything ... all food, wine, lodging, transportation, tips, et cetera, from pickup in Florence to drop off in Florence one week later...

Plus a special olive oil tasting on the panoramic rooftop of the Antica Torre in Florence on Friday evening before our Week in Tuscany begins.

You should plan your Arrival in Florence, at the latest, for the Friday afternoon preceding your week in Tuscany. Paula has hotel rooms for her groups set aside at the charming Antica Torre Hotel in Florence. Please let Paula know the dates you would like to stay at the Antica Torre in Florence, and she will let the hotel know.

You can plan your Departure from Florence for the Saturday your week ends or later.

Please notify Paula if you would like to go, and she will send you a Registration Form.

**The maximum number of guests per week is eight and the minimum is four.**

If you would like to join Paula for A Week in Tuscany

Please contact Paula ([paula@mozzco.com](mailto:paula@mozzco.com)) and ask for a Registration Form

Single Supplement \$1500

Special private weeks for groups of 8 may be arranged

(Cost may vary depending on date)