

**MAREMMAEVENTS organizes:**

**Tour 3 Maremma, Tuscany – THE SUPERTUSCANS -6 day tour**

## **Programme**

If you are a wine lover or you consider yourself a wine conesneur and you love italian lifestyle, Tuscany is ideal for a unique travel experience! Our private tour begins and ends at the airport where we pick you up in a private bus and take you to a charming country hotel in the heart of southern Tuscany. From there, you'll travel through the scenic wine country of the MO-MO-MO, quintessential Tuscany, the regions of Montereggio di Massa Marrittima, Montecucco and Morellino di Scansano. Pines and Cypress lined narrow roads, silver shining olive groves and medieval villages and hill topped vineyards are the classic images of Tuscany, very picturesque. You will thenl visit top wine makers at famous Montalcino, the home of the Brunello di Montalcino, Montepulciano, the home of the aristocratic tuscan wine, "The Nobile di Montepulciano. Exclusive wine tastings in private ambience, historic wine cellars, olive oil tastings, the capital for Pecorino cheese, Pienza and typical local specialities will accompany you trough these unforgettable experiences of italien culture. And last, but not least, the highlight "Bolgheri and the Supertuscans" which ranks among the most prestigious wine regions in Italy.

### **1. day**

Arrival during the day at Pisa or Rome Airport  
private transfer to your hotel in Maremma, Tuscany  
check in to the elegant countryhouse located in beautiful Maremma

**7.30 pm Cocktail di benvenuto – Welcome drink on the tuscan terrace**

**8.00 pm Dinner Maremmana with your host**

### **2. day**

**Breakfast**

**10.00 am Departure for Massa Marittima**

Guided Tour to the nearby city, time to relax and enjoy "Tuscany's medievel gem". Of etruscan origins, in the medievel ages Massa Marittima was rich in splendid art treasures boasting one of the most beautiful sqares in the whole of Italy.

Enjoy a stroll around the "Cittavecchia", the historical part of Massa and sit on the Piazza Garibaldi sipping on a nice cold Prosecco. See the spectacular dome, a classic example of romanesque-gothic architecture with its splendid "Madonna delle Grazie" di Duccio di Buoninsegna from 1316.

**1.00 pm Winetasting in one of Tuscany's best Enotecas.** Here you will sample the famous **MO-Mo-Mo Wines of the Maremma**, the Montereggio di Massa Marittima, the Morrellino di Scansano and the Montecucco. Taste some of the best wines from famous wineries and enjoy typical maremman specialities.

Return to the hotel – you can stay on the terrace and enjoy the view, swim in the pool or you can take a nice walk along the vineyards.

**4.00 pm Departure for Castiglione della Pescaia**

Dominated by a manigficent 15<sup>th</sup> century Aragon castle. C.d.Pescaia is one of Italys most popular holiday resorts of roman origins.

Stroll along the beach and visit with your personal guide the "Centro storico", the old part of the city where you have a wonderful view from the castle, overlooking the old marshlands which stretched between C.D. Pescaia and Grosseto and to the other side you will see the coastline, stretching south from the "Uccelina" to the hills which conceal Punta Ala, famous port for the rich and famous. Visit the church of Santa Maria del Giglio or sit on the piazza and have one of Italys delicious ice creams.

You will have plenty of time to absorb some of Tuscans warm sun, watch the sunset or have an "aperitivo" on the Piazza Garibaldi before we will go for dinner in one of Castigliones famous fish restaurants.

**7.30 pm Dinner at a typical fish restaurant at Castiglione della Pescaia**  
Please let us know, if you don` t like fish...

Return to the hotel around 11.00 pm

### 3. day

Breakfast

#### **9.00 departure for Montalcino**

Montalcino is famous for their "**Brunello di Montalcino**", one of the best wines of the world. The medieval city of etruscan origins is rich on history and culture and is situated in the heart of the Tuscany, nordwest of the Monte Amiata and close to Siena.

Already in 1870 the name of the "Brunello" was found in local storic documents. The Brunello DOCG is on of the greatest wines of Tuscany. Brunello is a local term referring to the grape variety sangiovese. The wines are of superior quality and limited production. Intense concentrated and tannic, they tend to require a well structured winetaste and long aging, after buying.

Today Montalcino is famous for its elegant and typical tuscan enotecas, where you can sample and buy the wonderful wine of this region. We will take you to the consorcio del Brunello di Montalcino, at the Enoteca la Fortezza. It`s wine-tasting shop, is a great place to sample the local Brunello and Montalcino rosso wines.

#### **10.30 am guided tour to Montalcino**

We will see the **Duomo di San Salvatore**: The inside has three barrel-vaulted naves and includes the Immaculate Conception of 1588 by Francesco Vanni, John the Baptist by Ventura Salimbeni, statues of Saint John and the archangel Michael by Antonio Rossi. Our private tour guide will point out many other sites for you. But there is plenty of time to stroll around this charming city, tasting some of the best wines in Italy in one of the numerous enotecas.

#### **12.30 light lunch in one of the typical restaurants in Montalcino**

#### **2.30 pm departure for St. Antimo Abbey**

**St. Antimo's Abbey (Abbazia di Sant'Antimo)** is a Benedictine monastery situated near Montalcino. Its name refers to Saint Anthimus of Rome, whose relics were moved here during the late 8th century. A Bollandist historian of the 17th century speculated that Pope Hadrian I gave the relics of Saints Sebastian and Anthimus to Charlemagne, who then donated them to the abbey when it was founded. But this theory has not yet been verified. The spectacularly beautiful **Sant'Antimo Abbey** is a must-see for anyone who loves culture and visiting the area. Originally built in Carolingian times, the present abbey church is an elegant Romanesque edifice of the early 12th century. Gregorian chant can be heard from inside throughout the day.

***At the end of the day and inspired from the peace and harmony at St. Antimos, we will take you to the highlight of the day – to one of the most famous wineries at a spectacular Castello, famous for their Brunello di Montalcino (Best wine of the World in many years )***

The winery is a family-owned vineyard estate and winery in the Brunello region of Tuscany.

11 Consecutive Years - Italy's Premier Vineyard Estate at the VinItaly wine fair  
The first winery in the world to be internationally recognized for exceptional environmental, ethical and social responsibility (ISO 14001 and SA 8000) as well as an international leader in customer satisfaction (ISO 9001:2000).  
Winery of the Year by both Wine Enthusiast and Wine & Spirits Magazine and Top Ten Wines by Wine Spectator.

We will visit the impressive wine cellar and degustation hall where we will taste the wonderful Brunello and Rossos del Montalcino.

Return to the country hotel around 7.00 pm

***8.00 pm Dinner at the country hotel restaurant***

**Today we will remain in the zone of the famous Monteregio di Massa Marnittima.**

We will visit two famous wineries close by.

The first Estate is situated in the low foothills around Montemassi in the Tuscan Maremma. The property stretches out over 430 hectares (1085 acres), of which 160 hectares (397 acres) are planted with vines in the D.O.C. zone of Monteregio, one of the new frontiers of Italian wine production. Indeed, this area is particularly suited for the production of high quality wines that are characterized by intense aromas and flavors. The first exclusive winery has been designed as to be perfectly integrated in its environment and in the surrounding landscape. And the creative philosophy of the owner is based on absolute respect for the "terroir". We will taste their already world known wines and sample some of the maremman specialities.

In the afternoon you will see one of the most spectacular projects in designing a winery, by world known architect Renzo Piano. This estate is part of the Rothschild family and integrates Italian and French grapes that creates an ultra luxurious wine for serious wine lovers.

***8 pm Dinner at one of the most typical tuscan Osterias.***

**4. day**

**Breakfast**

**We will leave around 9 am for Cinigiano in the Montecucco zone.**

Situated in a panoramic position with superb views and the wooded heights of the Maremma on the one side and the Sieneze valleys on the other, lays the zone of Montecucco, one of the superb new wines of the Maremma. We will visit one of world top wineries, nestled in between the historical areas of Montalcino and Morellino. Taste organic wines at it`s best. The agricultural estate is run according to the criteria of organic farming. The exclusive winetasting and a light lunch is arranged in the modern "cantina".

In the afternoon we will take you to another typical tuscan winery. In the heart of the relatively new DOC among the soft rolling hills of Poggi del Sasso, this estate is situated within view of and just 15 Km from the Montalcino valley. Impeccable cultural farming traditions and the quality of their land, this estate combine this with the very latest winemaking techniques to create a truly remarkable wine. Walk through the vinyards and sample one of the best DOCs and enjoy a very emotional day in an unforgettable nature.

Return to the country hotel around 6 pm

**Dinner at around 8 pm**

**5. day**

**Breakfast**

**Montepulciano**, that sounds already nobel and aristocratic, as their wine was already called this way as "the king of Tuscan wines" in the seventeenth century, because of the grape "prugnolo gentile", which makes it smooth and elegant. Montepulciano is perches on the top of Tuscany`s high peaks and is home of many art treasures from Roman and Etruscan times.

We will stroll around the lovely historic part of Montepulciano with its narrow ancient streets, its little shops where you can buy local wines and gourmet food. Lunch will be served in a superior category restaurant. And of course, you will have two wine tastings along the way.

In the afternoon we will visit famous Pienza, a small fortified hilltop renaissance village, famous for its unique architectural and artistic style – and for its Pecorino, the tuscan sheepcheese.

We return to the country hotel where you can relax and freshen up. We will have dinner around 8.00 pm on the lovely terrace (Weather permitting) overlooking the splendid tuscan landscape.

**6. day**

Today we will explore **Bolgheri the "Land of the Supertuscans"**

"La strada del vino" will take us through a tuscan countryside you always dreamed of, lined with the famous names of Ornellaia, Antinori and Sassicaia.

Wines most exclusive and very expensive. Bolgheri: some of the most famous Cabernets and Merlots in the world are born in this territory. Over the years, the insight of the Marquis Mario Incisa della Rocchetta, who already in 1944 planted approximately one hectare of Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc

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at Castiglioncello di Bolgheri, has proven to fully valid. There are about fifty producers who have great breeds of wines, and there are many varieties which are demonstrating their perfect adaptation to this territory. At Bolgheri, terroir takes precedence over the grape varieties: the wines are a pure expression of Mediterranean fruit and complexity, with a constant quality that has few peers in the world.

Explore the breathtaking 5 km long road lined with 200 year old cypresses which gained everlasting fame in the poem "Davanti a San Guido" by Giosuè Carducci who lived here from 1838 to 1848. And visit the charming village of Bolgheri the "Tuscan jewel", taste some of the best reds of the world, while strolling along old city walls. We will visit one of the best producers of the Supertuscans, who is well known all over the world and has won many prizes for his premium wine. And to top it all we will have lunch in one of the most prestigious trattorias in Bolgheri.

After lunch, **around 4 pm we will experience the highlight of the trip** and visit a world famous winery near Suvereto, designed by a wellknown swiss architect, who for the first time challenged himself to find a constructive solution, able to cover a winery's needs as much as possible. His project features a strong plastic cylinder image, made of stone and divided by an oblique plan which parallels the hill, together with two built-in arcades sideways. "The project wants to be a new version of the old houses in the countryside in Tuscany, where the farming layout, namely the vineyards, was an important part of the whole architectural drawing." We will have a privately guided tour of the winery with a wine tasting that does leave you wanting to stay in Tuscany.

Around **8.00 pm Farewell Dinner** with a special gift with which you will relive the rich emotional moments you experienced with us in Tuscany.

### **7. day**

Breakfast  
Bustransfer to your airport

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### **Customer Feedback:**

The best wines, lovely tuscan countryside, godgeous food, very competent guides, professional organization. Tuscany at it`s best. Thank you Maremmaevents!

Peter Drowser, Seattle, USA

### **Prices:**

**This is a sample itinerary. This tour is calculated for 8 (single people) and 16 people (8 couples)**

**Price per person, included VAT (8 people) €**

**Price per person included VAT (16 people) €**

### **The price includes:**

- Transportation from and to airport
- Bus transfers throughout the trip
- Bottle of Wine in your room
- 6 nights stay at the country hotel with all breakfasts and 4 dinners
- All professional wine tasting presentations
- lunch in Montalcino, Massa Marittima, Bolgheri and Montepulciano
- dinner in Castiglione della Pescaia
- your private guide throughout the trip, all private guided tours,
- all excursions

**excluded:** flights, airporttaxes

meals and drinks not specified

Personal expenses such as telephone and minibar

Travel insurance and caution insurance (strongly recommended)

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