

MAREMMAEVENTS organizes:

Tour 5 Maremma, Tuscany – Top Mo-Mo-Mo wines – the new italian reds

5 day tour

Programme

If you are a wine lover or you consider yourself a wine conesseur, you love italian culture, 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 Maremma, near Grosseto. 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'll visit top producers, have exclusive wine tastings in private ambience, see highlights of italien culture and enjoy Tuscany's top wines and food.

1. day Friday Arrival during the day at Pisa or Rome Airport
private transfer to Bagno di Gavorrano, 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 Saturday **Breakfast**

10.00 am Departure for Massa Marittima

Guided Tour to the nearby city, time to relax and enjoy "Tuscany's medieval gem". Of etruscan origins, in the medieval ages Massa Marittima was rich in splendid art treasures boasting one of the most beautiful squares 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 magnificent 15th century Aragon castle. C.d.Pescaia is one of Italy's 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 Sunday

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, northwest 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 winecellar and degustation hall where we will taste the wonderful Brunello and Rossos del Montalcino.

Return to the countryhotel around 7.00 pm

8.00 pm Dinner at the country hotel restaurant

4. day

Breakfast

Today we take you to the famous **Morellino di Scansano area**. Scansano was renowned for its wine as long ago as the early 1800s when the Napoleonic army decided to make a garrison there for the troops marching to Rome.

The coasts and plains were so badly affected by malaria that for almost a hundred years all public structures were transferred from Grosseto to Scansano during the summer; but at 500m above sea level Scansano was unaffected by the disease and the village became the summer capital of Maremma. Some of the officers, who knew as much about winemaking as they did about arms, realized how suitable this area was for winegrowing.

Sangiovese is the main grape variety in the vineyards of the Morellino area. The other main varieties are cabernet sauvignon and merlot. We will visit a well known vinery, take a tour around the vinyards, show you the various production processes, and offer you a taste of wonderful harmonic wines and typical food products as a light lunch. Afterwards you can walk everything off in nearby Scansano by enjoying typical tuscan ambiente.

In the afternoon we will take you to the world famous "Morellino di Scansano" region. **Tuscany's Best-Kept Secret: Morellino di Scansano**

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You may never have had a Morellino di Scansano (maw-reh-LEE-noh dee skahn-SAH-noh), but if you're a fan of Chianti, this is a wine you should try. Morellino is a grape that is technically a strain of Sangiovese (call it a "kissing cousin"), which is the main grape in Chianti and in southern Tuscany. Scansano is a village situated on a mountain ridge in the heart of Maremma - way, way south of Chianti, south of Montalcino, and about 20 miles east of the Tyrrhenian Sea. Long, hot growing seasons (such as those that occur in Scansano) allow grapes to fully ripen with high sugar levels and in turn produce wines rich in fruit and solid in structure. In other words: the hotter, the better. We will visit Scansano, the heart of this region and will have a winetour and winetasting in one the best known "cantinas" of this area. The female winemaker is an international ambassador for this great wine, found in the best restaurants and winebars worldwide.

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.

5. day

Breakfast
Departure with the bus to your airport

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
- 5 nights stay at the country hotel with all breakfasts and 2 dinners
- All professional wine tasting presentations
- lunch in Montalcino, Scansano and Massa Marittima, 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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