



# Tuscany Helicopter Vacation

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## Itinerary at a Glance

- DAY 1 ● ARRIVE IN ROME | Transfer to Florence
- DAY 2 ● FLORENCE | Visit of the historical city
- DAY 3 ● SAN GIMIGNANO | Wine experience in Tenuta Torciano Winery
- DAY 4 ● MONTALCINO | Discover the land of Brunello wine
- DAY 5 ● VAL D'ORCIA | Brunello wine experience
- DAY 6 ● CASTELLO DI VELONA RESORT | Thermal SPA & Winery
- DAY 7 ● BOLGHERI | Visit Bolgheri area
- DAY 8 ● ROME | Back to home



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Experience a unique trip like never before. Embark in our helicopter tour discovering the most fascinating destination in Tuscany.

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## DAY 1 – The charm of Florence

Arrival in Rome and departure from Florence by private helicopter transfer.

Florence is a city whose charm and splendid past have remained unaltered. At least, this is how the enchanting Tuscan capital appears – it continues to enchant, by means of its artistic masterpieces, colored marbles and architectural works that evoke the pomp and circumstance that it bore as the leading city that developed the art and culture dictums of the Renaissance.

It is impossible not to be charmed by the historic center of Florence. The majestic *Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore*, commonly known as the *Duomo*, will take your breath away. Some of the most famous artists and architects of all time worked on this masterpiece, such as Arnolfo di Cambio, Brunelleschi, Donatello and Lorenzo Ghiberti.







View of Florence Dome

The *Battistery of San Giovanni*, dedicated to the city's patron saint, occupies the very same piazza as the Duomo. Its bronze doors, which depict the history of humanity and the Redemption, are a true spectacle of beauty.

The Palazzo Vecchio, or *Palazzo della Signoria* (which now functions as the city hall) is undoubtedly one of the most symbolic landmarks of the city. Its frescoed rooms, the Arnolfo tower, its courtyards and the coats of arms all take you back in time and recount fascinating stories of politicians, intrigues, myths and painters. Continuing towards the Arno River, we find ourselves crossing the *Ponte Vecchio*, one of the oldest bridges in Florence, in all its glory. The bridge is utterly unique in that it is surrounded on each side with the workshops of goldsmiths and jewelers.

Stroll the city's biggest private garden – a tranquil haven of statues, fountains and centuries-old trees – or retire to your suite where frescoes line the walls amid original architectural features. The historic Hotel, with its Michelin-starred Italian restaurant and a locally inspired Spa where you can spend afternoons in pure indulgence, is just steps away from the cultural heart of Florence.

The **Four Seasons Hotel** will be your dream accommodation during your stay in Tuscany.

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Ponte Vecchio



Four Season





### DAY 3 - Wine experience in Tenuta Torciano Winery

During your stay in Tuscany, you can't miss the opportunity to fly above the incredible Tuscan landscape with its green hills full of vineyards and castles. Medieval town as *Certaldo* and *San Gimignano*, and taste the famous wines produced here.

We will land in a typical Winery, **Tenuta Torciano**, situated in San Gimignano, where you will enjoy a visit of the cellar, the vineyards and a typical Tuscan lunch with truffle-dishes paired with Vertical Wine Tasting of 10 different wines and oils.

At the end of the experience, we will fly you back to Florence.



Discover the villages of Chianti



Fly above Chianti castles



Tenuta Torciano helipad



Pierluigi Giachi welcomes you



Taste the most renowned Tuscan wines



Have lunch in the winery





#### DAY 4 - Discover Montalcino area

In the morning departure from Florence with our helicopter to reach Borgo San Felice, your wonderful accommodation for the next two nights.

**Borgo San Felice** is an old Tuscan hamlet nestled in the hills of Chianti Classico. Siena, Montalcino, and the enchanted lunar landscape of the creti senesi are all nearby. The property is surrounded by woods, olive groves, and vineyards that have been cultivated for centuries. It has been the only Mansion Relais & Chateaux in Chianti Classico since 1992. San Felice is also a renowned wine estate where creative talents have produced great wines from the beginning, including Vigorello, the first Super Tuscan ever made in Chianti Classico, in 1968.

With 140 hectares – 85% of which are planted to Sangiovese – San Felice continually confirms its ability to create Chianti Classico that is fully representative of the local territory, including Il Grigio Riserva and our two Gran Selezione wines, Il Grigio and Poggio Rosso. Research and experimentation have always been part of San Felice's DNA; in fact, over the years, a research project carried out with the Universities of Florence and Pisa have culminated in an important experiment with indigenous Tuscan varieties. Among them is Pugnitello, an ancient and highly prized variety that has become one of San Felice's iconic wines.

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With the acquisition of the Campogiovanni estate in Montalcino, San Felice began producing a Brunello di Montalcino that after just a few years was named among Wine Spectator's Top 100. More recently, in 2016, San Felice purchased six hectares in Bolgheri, leading to the birth of the Bell'Aja brand. With these two additions, San Felice has affirmed its place as a reference point in the world of wine, both domestically and internationally.



Relais and Chateaux Borgo San Felice



Montalcino vineyards





The hilly landscape of Val d'Orcia

#### DAY 5 - Explore Val d'Orcia

During this day we will fly you above one of the most scenic areas of Tuscany: the Val D'Orcia.

The Val d'Orcia, with its pure landscape, is part of the UNESCO World Heritage sites. The whole valley is stunningly gorgeous with cypress roads, endless views of the hilly landscape and its little medieval towns all charming and worth visiting.

We will land in a typical Winery in Montalcino where you will enjoy a visit and wine tasting of typical and famous wine produced in this area: Brunello! It has become one of the most sought-after DOCG wines by wine connoisseurs from all over the world. Its depth of flavor and full-body feel make it an instant favorite among red wine lovers. Aged for at least four years and made entirely of the Sangiovese grape, this elegant red wine offers a fantastic opportunity to explore different wines of Tuscany.

After this experience we will fly to the next area where another famous Tuscan wine is produced: Montepulciano. Viticulture here dates back many centuries to Etruscan times. According to DOCG rules, to be labeled as *Vino Nobile di Montepulciano*, a wine must come from vineyards on the hills which surround the village of Montepulciano. This area is made up of slopes reaching 820–1968ft (250–600m) in altitude, located between two rivers.

Here we will land in another famous Winery where you can taste the typical wine produced here: the *Nobile di Montepulciano*. At the end of the Wine Experience, we will fly you back to the Hotel.



Montalcino, the land of Brunello wine



Montepulciano, famous for the production of *Vino Nobile*





### **DAY 6 - Castello di Velona**

In the morning flight from Borgo San Felice to reach your next destination: Castello di Velona.

**Castello di Velona Resort, Thermal Spa & Winery** is an historical property, a renovated fortress dating back from the XI century, located on a hilltop overlooking the entire Val d'Orcia, in Tuscany.

Located 8 km from Montalcino, the castle overlooks the peaceful Val d'Orcia, a landscape of olive trees and vineyards which produce the world-famous wine Brunello of Montalcino.

From the Castello di Velona, you will be able to visit the famous towns of Siena, Pienza, Montepulciano, San Quirico d'Orcia, Bagno Vignoni as well as the extraordinary beautiful Abbeys of Sant'Antimo and Monte Oliveto Maggiore.

You will spend two nights in this amazing location.



Castello di Velona resort thermal spa & winery





Cypress-shaded road in Bolgheri

#### DAY 7

You are in Tuscany and you cannot miss a visit on the Bolgheri area!

In the morning we will fly over Civitella Marittima, Roccastrada, Massa Marittima, Bolgheri, Castagneto Carducci and the renowned Cypress-shaded Road,

#### DAY 8

In the morning we will fly back to Rome for the return flight.



Colosseum in Rome