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BORGO

San Vincenzo

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EXPERIENCES

BORGO SAN VINCENZO SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES
& PERSONALIZED ITINERARY CURATION

"IF YOU CAN'T LIVE LONGER, LIVE DEEPER." - ITALIAN PROVERB

WELCOME TO BORGO SAN VINCENZO

Named for the patron saint of winemaking, Borgo San Vincenzo sits in the heart of Southern Tuscany, in the Vino Nobile vineyards of Montepulciano. At the crossroads of Tuscany and Umbria and the nexus of the UNESCO-protected Val d'Orcia and Valdichiana, Montepulciano provides the perfect home base to truly experience the best that the countryside has to offer: hilltop towns, wine tours & tastings, cooking classes, historic tours, and so much more. This slice of Tuscany still remains very authentic with small-scale local producers focusing on crafting high-quality inputs made in the same way they have been for generations. Ready to dive in? Let us help be your guide.

OUR EXPERIENCES + PARTNERS

We've intentionally curated guest-only experiences to allow Borgo San Vincenzo guests access to unique offerings on-site. Join our visiting winemakers' series, master the art of Aperol Spritz making, head out on a bike ride through the vineyard, or enjoy a wine flight in our winter garden. Experiences are constantly changing and being added.

At our core, though, we're about being a part of the broader community and celebrating local producers who have been honing their crafts for generations. Our goal is to help you with designing an itinerary catered to your interests. All of the experiences shared in the following pages can be tailored to suit your individual preferences.



BORGO CONCIERGE SERVICES



work with our experiences
team to unlock your
perfect itinerary

The Borgo San Vincenzo Experiences Team can assist with all of your bookings and coordinate any tours and activities that interest you. Prior to your arrival, we'll send your curated itinerary including activities and dining for review so we can adjust as needed. All tours can be billed to the room unless otherwise noted. If you're keen on exploring, we highly suggest renting a car or working with our team on arranging private drivers -- we can assist with recommendations and insight.

Given that we often work with local partners that are very small producers, we ask that cancellations be done with at least 24 hours' notice.

Our Experiences Team can be reached at experiences@borgosanvincenzo.com or by phone at +39 0578 768166.

Food & Wine



In Italy, food is an expression of love. It is how you show those around you that you care for them. Having a love for food means you also have a love for those you are preparing it for and for yourself.



JOE BASTIANICH

TASTE OF TUSCANY

Olive Oil, Cheese, Wine and the Hilltop Towns of Tuscany

Escape the crowds of the city and spend the morning in the glorious Tuscan countryside. Visit a family-run organic olive oil farm and wine estate, with spectacular views of the rolling hillsides. Here you will be able to taste a diverse variety of extra virgin olive oils (EVOOs). Then head to an organic cheese farm in the hills overlooking Val d'Orcia and Pienza where you can enjoy a lunch featuring the farm's own cheeses paired with excellent regional wines. After lunch, explore the nearby town of Pienza, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the most picturesque towns in Tuscany.

ITINERARY

- Tour and tasting with an EVOO producer and local winery
- Free time to visit Pienza with an optional visit to the Piccolomini Palace
- Visit of a spectacular cheese farm to understand local production
- Lunch paired with local wines

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Pick-up and drop-off
- All tours and tastings
- Multi-course lunch, beverages included

PRICING

2 Guests: €300/person

Small groups (up to 7 people)
starting at €165/person

Brunello vs. Vino Nobile Wine Tour

compare nobile and brunello on a tuscan tour

Visit three distinct wineries of the Montalcino and Montepulciano region with a small group of fellow wine lovers. Local experts will help you learn more about the process and history of winemaking in the region. After breakfast, head to a Brunello winery in the morning to start the day.

In the early afternoon, enjoy a wine pairing lunch in Montepulciano before a final afternoon Vino Nobile tasting.

Starting at €200 per person

Start Time: 9AM

Duration: 8 hours

Includes: Pick-up/drop-off, tours, tastings + light lunch



Best of Brunello Wine Tour

dive into the wines of montalcino

Your choice of a 6-hour or 8-hour tour of Montalcino. You will visit 2 - 3 distinct wineries in the Brunello region. Taste wines with local experts to learn about the process and history of winemaking in the region. Enjoy lunch in town or at a winery. Wineries include a boutique, family-run winery as well as a larger producer.

Beginning at €245pp for 6-hour tour

Start Time: Mid-morning

Duration: 8 hours

Includes: Pick-up/drop-off, tours, and tastings, light lunch



Tuscan Cooking Experience

try your hand at preparing tuscan cuisine

Immerse yourself in a new culture and language. Dive into a hands-on demonstration led by local chefs hosted in a spectacular Tuscan countryside location.

After you finish cooking, enjoy your lunch with a view, where you can taste your own creations paired with the local wines. This tour requires a transfer or drive to the course site.

Starting at €165 per person

Start Time: Flexible

Duration: Approximately 5 hours

Includes: Winery visit, lunch with wines, cooking class with three courses, lunch with wine tasting



Pecorino Cheese Tasting

learn the art of pienza's famous pecorino

Discover the world of Pecorino cheese with a local cheesemaker. Get insight into the history and traditions related to Cacio di Pienza, visit the production site, and then enjoy a tasting of a range Pecorino cheeses, ricotta (in season), and EVOO.

Inquire for Pricing

Start Time: Flexible

Duration: Customizable

Includes: Guided visit + tasting of award-winning cheeses

The Exclusive Brunello Tour

experience world-class brunello

Choose from a 6 or 8-hour tour in Montalcino. This tour includes the best high-end wineries in the territory. You will be introduced to the world-renowned Brunello production and philosophy. First-class transportation with an English-speaking driver/guide is included along with a lunch that offers a Brunello tasting.

Option to include a visit to Tempio del Brunello or to Fortezza Medicea.

Inquire for Pricing

Start Time: Flexible

Duration: 6 or 8 hours

Includes: Pick-up/drop-off/tours, tastings + light lunch



Picnic Lunch for the Road

Enjoy a picnic lunch with a DIY day

Borgo is happy to offer complimentary bikes for exploration in nearby areas. Talk to our team about wineries to visit and nearby places to explore at leisure.

If you're interested in taking a picnic, talk to our team about options for a packed lunch to take with you on the road.

From €25 per person

Start Time: At leisure

Duration: Flexible

Includes: Lunch, picnic basket, plus optional add-on of wines



Explore Val d'Orcia

pienza and montepulciano with lunch

Take a trip into the countryside and discover the food, wine, and culture that makes Val d'Orcia so spectacular. Spend a morning touring quaint villages, enjoy lunch in a local restaurant, and cheese tasting in Pienza. This tour is customizable to cater to your preferences.

Prepare yourself for lovely hilltop villages, classic Tuscan cuisine, and unparalleled access to authentic Italian culture.

Starting at €220 per person

Start Time: 9AM (Flexible)

Duration: 8 hours

Includes: Pick-up, drop-off, and tastings



Truffle Hunt & Lunch

discover tuscan's famous truffles

Learn the secrets behind finding and cooking truffles with this full-day class in Tuscany. Follow a truffle hunter through the woods where a trained dog will sniff out black truffles. After a short briefing, you will be involved in a charming walk in the woodlands with our specially trained truffle dogs. In the afternoon, learn how this precious ingredient is used in the kitchen and enjoy a light lunch. This tour requires a transfer or drive to Montalcino. Transportation can be arranged.

Starting at €130 per person

Start Time: Mid-morning

Duration: 6 hours

Includes: 1 - 2 hour truffle hunt, truffle sampling & snack, wine pairing lunch

Olive Oil Class & Tasting

master olive oil tastings with a pro

Olive oil lovers, rejoice! Led by two sisters with decades of experience as olive oil producers, you'll visit their local oil mill to understand how EVOO is produced, from the arrival of olives in the mill up to the production of oil. After, sit down for a tasting lesson where you can learn how to smell and taste what makes an olive oil exceptional. Finish by tasting bruschetta with their production of oils. Optional cooking classes can be added to this.

Inquire for Pricing

Start Time: Flexible

Duration: Flexible

Includes: Press tour + olive oil tasting



Pasta Making Class

become a pasta expert for a day

Head to a local farm to learn how to make a range of fresh pastas plus the best sauces to accompany them. During a guided tour of the farm, you will pick some of the ingredients from the grounds, getting an in-depth look at what it means to be an organic farm in the Orcia Valley. After, enjoy the fruits of your labor.

Starts at €125 per person (2 people min. required for class)

Start Time: 10:30AM or 5:30PM

Duration: 4 hours

Includes: Farm tour, pasta class, multi-course lunch/dinner



Cheese Making Experience

the art of pecorino production & lunch

For cheese lovers curious to learn more about cheese production, get an in-depth look at this local agriturismo. Together with the farm owner and resident cheesemaker you'll learn how a traditional Pecorino di Pienza cheese is made. During the activity, you'll see the process from start to finish: from the stable, to the fermentation to the aging. After the demonstration, enjoy lunch at the property. Transfers can be arranged upon request.

€100 per person (2 people min. required for class)

Start Time: 10:00AM

Duration: 4 hours

Includes: Tour, demonstration, pecorino-inspired multi-course lunch including wine



Pizza Making Class

make pizza with stone-ground flour

Learn how to prepare pizza at home with the owner of this local farm. Using the wood oven, aspiring pizza chefs will learn how to prepare a tasty pizza. The lesson starts from the choice and detailed explanation of ingredients, the perfect rise of the pizza dough, and the finish in our pizza oven. The final product is tasted and accompanied by other dishes during a delicious meal in the farm-to-table restaurant. This tour requires a 25-minute transfer or drive.

€100 per person

Start Time: 10:30AM or 5:30PM

Duration: Approx. 4 hours

Includes: Guided tour of the farm, pizza making course, three-course lunch with local wine



VACATION PHOTOGRAPHY

Take your vacation memories
home with you

Your travels are about making memories in new places and discovering new experiences along the way. Looking to capture those memories with professional photos? Our resident photographer can help with capturing some of your memorable moments, whether that's a stroll in the vineyard, a photo session on horseback, or snapshots from a cooking class.

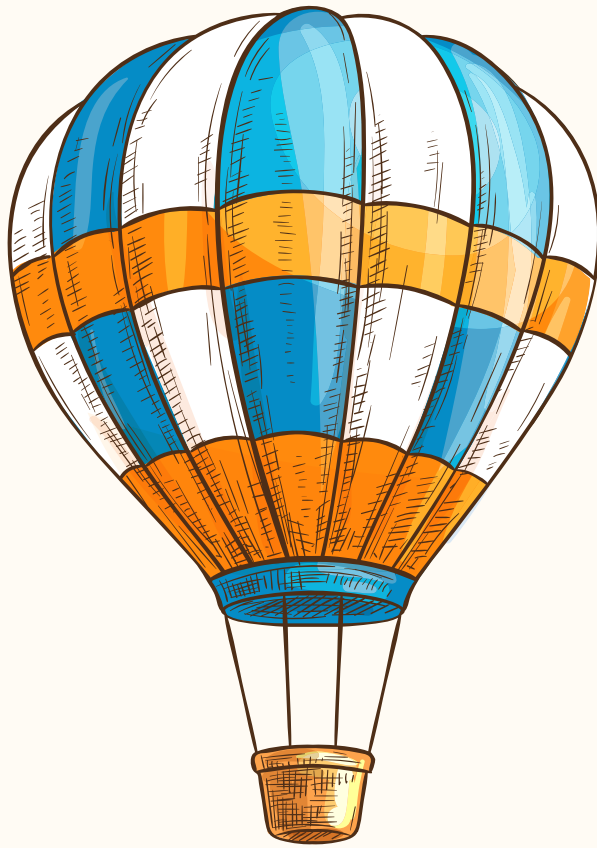


WHAT'S INCLUDED

A photoshoot with a professional photographer - locations can be discussed based on your preferences. Digital photos will be shared with you after your shoot!

PRICING

Prices start at €250 and packages range from one hour shoot to half day packages.



Active & Outdoors

You may have the universe
if I may have Italy.



GIUSEPPE VERDI

Tour Tuscany by e-Bike

explore wineries and hilltop towns by bike

Grab a map and head out to explore the vineyards and nearby towns by e-bike! Our concierge team can provide a map for your journey and can coordinate winery visits and lunch in advance to make your day a breeze. A limited collection of electronic bicycles are available so we suggest arranging in advance. Please note that most wineries require pre-bookings for all tasting and tours therefore we encourage 24+ hours notice for such arrangements. [Ask about our half-day wine tour by e-bike with private guide!](#)

€50 per day for rental; €180+ per person for half-day e-bike tour including tastings and lunch

Start Time: Flexible // Duration: Flexible

Includes: Bike + Map



See Tuscany by Hot Air Balloon

take in the vineyards from above

Experience unparalleled views of Tuscany from above. Standing in a basket thousands of feet in the air you'll look down at forests, vineyards, and historic towns. After your flight, enjoy a glass or two of Prosecco and a breakfast to remember with pastries freshly made the same morning by our local bakery.

Pricing on request

Start Time: 6:00AM

Duration: Approximately one hour

Includes: Ballooning + Breakfast



Hit the Links

a robert trent jones jr. championship course

One of the most spectacular and challenging golf courses in Italy, the eighteen-holes at Antognolla feature long, cliff-lined fairways, beautiful water hazards and large, undulating greens. Conceived by renowned designer Robert Trent Jones Junior, the clever layout makes Antognolla an exciting and satisfying course for golfers of all abilities. In 2020, Antognolla Golf won the prestigious title of 'Italy's Best Golf Course'.

€75 - €85 green fees; €35 club rentals; €40 for golf cart use; discounts for 9-hole options

Start Time: Flexible

Duration: Flexible

Includes: Green fees, optional club rental
+ golf cart use



Visit Montepulciano Lake Nature Reserve

one of italy's most important wetland areas

Lago di Montepulciano Nature Reserve is located in the southern part of Valdichiana on the Umbrian border. It covers part of the Maestro della Chiana canal and some of the immediate farmland. The lakes of Montepulciano and Chiusi are what remains of the vast marshland that spanned this area until the Medicean era. Today it constitutes one of central Italy's most important wetlands. For nature-focused travelers interested in flora and fauna, Lake Montepulciano is a 10-minute drive from BSV. Talk with our team about preparing a picnic in advance.

Start Time: At Leisure



Vespa Tour

experience la dolce vita on vespa

Enjoy a Vespa tour along the scenic and peaceful roads and through the Tuscan hills. An expert guide offers two itineraries to choose from, plus a visit to a winery and wine tasting with lunch, or hit the road independently on your vintage scooter!

Inquire for Pricing

Start Time: Flexible

Duration: 5 hours

Includes: Vespa tour, plus optional additional inclusions



Horseback Riding in the Tuscan Countryside

ride through the vineyards on horseback

An expert guide will immediately make you familiar with your four-legged adventure companions, and then you will be ready to leave for a pleasant ride on horseback through our hills, among vineyards and olive groves. At the end of the ride, the scents and colors of the vineyards await you. You will learn the secrets of winemaking from the harvest to aging. After, enjoy a tasting of wines accompanied by three-course lunch.

€169 per person

Start Time: 10AM

Duration: 5 hours

Includes: Horseback tour, winery visit, wine tasting with lunch

Vintage Car Tour (or Rental)

explore italy in a vintage italian car

This tour of the Val d'Orcia will allow you to discover the Tuscany that you know from postcards. The road that takes you from Pienza to San Quirico is one of the most beautiful in Italy. Spellbinding views, well-cared-for roads nestled in the most famous valley of Italy, the Val D'Orcia. Here you will find the famous Chapel of Vitaleta and the house used in the film The Gladiator. Another beautiful route follows the road from Monticchiello to Montepulciano, all bends and cypresses...

Inquire for Pricing

Start Time: Flexible

Duration: Flexible

Includes: Car Rental and/or Tour



City Tours - Florence, Siena, Pisa, Arezzo

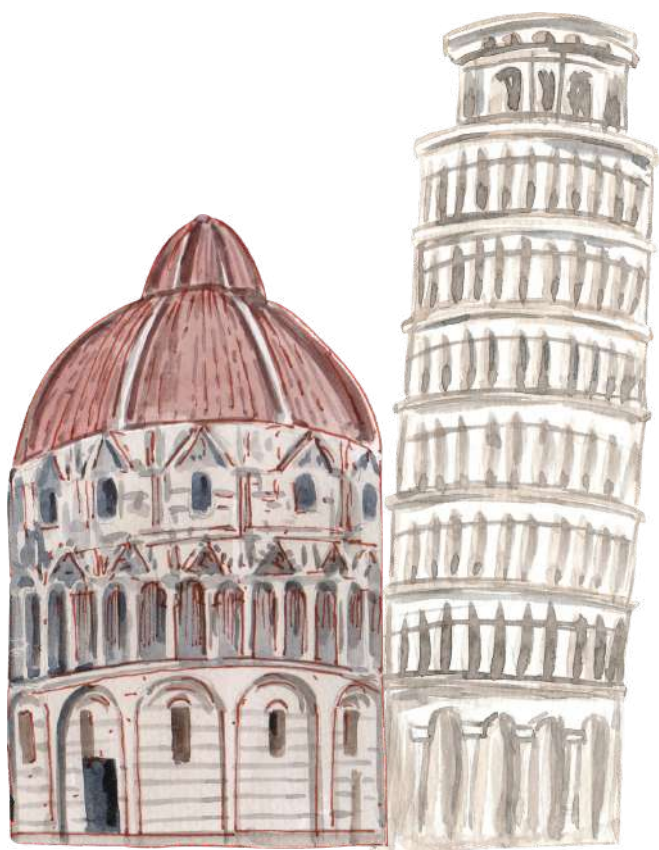
explore italian cities with a guide

Explore some of the famed Italian cities nearby! Unlock the Secrets of Siena and its famous Palio, explore Florence on foot for a broad overview or dive into something specific like the Uffizi or Boboli Gardens. Head to Pisa and climb the leaning tower. Explore the medieval town of Lucca, the city of 100 churches or head to Arezzo to take in the art scene or opt for a gelato tasting. Tours can be catered to your interests. Driving or a train may be required for nearby towns.

€250+ - prices vary based on tour and location

Start Time: Varies

Duration: Duration varies; most tours are 3- 4 hours



Hiking to the Peak of Cetona Mount

take in prehistoric caves & vistas

Cetona Mount (1.148 m) has been inhabited since prehistoric times and explored by the Etruscans. At the top of Cetona Mount, you will find a huge metallic cross dominating the landscapes of Valdichiana and Val d'Orcia. Looking closely from this point, you will be able to see both Umbria and Lazio. Here you can visit the caves inhabited in prehistory and in later eras by saints and hermits, including the Grotta Lattaia, where votive objects were left in ancient times.

Start Time: Flexible

Distance: 8km, 251m elevation gain

Starting Point: Fonte Vetriana



Visit Tuscan Thermal Springs

dip into healing thermal springs

Thermal waters, which are bicarbonate-sulfate-alkalinoterreos-hyperthermic, flow naturally at a temperature of around 49°C. They were highly appreciated by the Romans for their healing powers, and found a use in bathing-mud-therapeutic treatments beginning in 1170 with Emperor Federico II. Head to Fonteverde or Bagno Vignoni for a dip in the healing waters. Add a massage pre or post.

Prices vary.

Start Time: At leisure

Duration: Varies

Includes: Options for springs only, or treatments and lunch can be added.





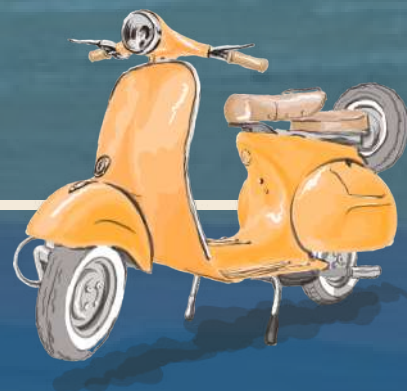
Self-Guided

Follow the lead of Italy's great explorers -
hit the road and discover the region's
offerings at leisure.



*Our Experiences Team can assist with booking wine tastings,
farm visits, and lunches to help craft your itinerary.*

DRIVING TIMES



TO NEARBY TOWNS - TUSCANY & UMBRIA

<i>Montepulciano</i>	—————→	<i>10 minutes</i>
<i>Castiglione del Lago</i>	—————→	<i>20 minutes</i>
<i>Pienza</i>	—————→	<i>25 minutes</i>
<i>Cortona</i>	—————→	<i>25 minutes</i>
<i>Orvieto</i>	—————→	<i>45 minutes</i>
<i>Arezzo</i>	—————→	<i>45 minutes</i>
<i>Montalcino</i>	—————→	<i>45 minutes</i>
<i>Siena</i>	—————→	<i>50 minutes</i>
<i>Assisi</i>	—————→	<i>1 hour</i>
<i>Florence</i>	—————→	<i>1 hr. 20 min.</i>
<i>Greve in Chianti</i>	—————→	<i>1 hr. 25 min.</i>
<i>San Gimignano</i>	—————→	<i>1 hr. 30 min.</i>
<i>Volterra</i>	—————→	<i>1 hr. 40 min.</i>

DRIVING TIMES FROM NEAREST AIRPORTS

<i>Perugia (PEG)</i>	—————→	<i>45 minutes</i>
<i>Florence (FLR)</i>	—————→	<i>1 hr. 30 min.</i>
<i>Rome (FCO)</i>	—————→	<i>2 hours</i>
<i>Pisa (PSA)</i>	—————→	<i>2 hours</i>
<i>Bologna (BLQ)</i>	—————→	<i>2 hr. 15 min.</i>

NEAREST TRAIN STATION: CHIUSI-CHIANCIANO TERME