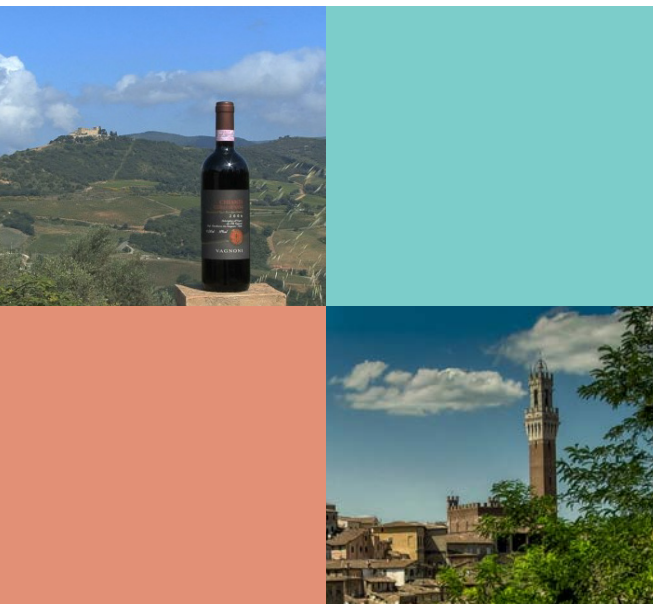


Just For You...

Brunello, Pasta and Prada

By special request, Roz and M.A. are teaming up to take you on a special tour of Tuscany featuring culture, cooking, wine, and, of course, shopping! This all-inclusive tour includes accommodations in a 4-star hotel in central Florence, wine tours of Chianti and

Montalcino, shopping at the Prada outlet, a day in a cooking school and visits to some of the most beautiful renaissance art. Don't miss this opportunity to follow Roz to her favorite shops in Florence and enjoy the camaraderie of great friends.



Food, Wine and Shopping – What could be more fun?

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SPECIAL TOUR DATES

Explore



Explore the beautiful Tuscan countryside while visiting the famous villages of Siena and San Gimignano.

Taste



Taste Brunello and Chianti Classico Riserva with an accomplished oenologist on visits to small boutique wineries in the Tuscan wine country.

Prepare



Prepare a five-course meal at a hands-on cooking school as you learn the Tuscan techniques in a 13th century villa near Florence.

Shop



Shop in Montevarchi and spend the day bargain hunting at one of Italy's premier outlet stores. Follow Roz to Angela Caputi, exquisite leather shops and other hidden treasures.

Experience



Experience some of the most famous Renaissance art in the world, including the incomparable David by Michelangelo.

Contact us to Book Today!
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Oct 1 – Depart from U.S.

Oct 2 – Arrive in Florence. You will be met outside baggage claim by Roz and M.A. Travel by taxi to Plaza Hotel Lucchesi, our 4-star hotel.. We will kick off the evening with a cocktail reception and a fabulous view of Florence from the rooftop of the hotel.

Oct 3– We jump right into our wine education as we join Lawrence D’Almeida to travel to the beautiful region of Chianti where we will visit the history-filled Antinori winery. You will have a chance to taste some of the most exquisite wine produced by this world-famous winery. We will then venture on to a small, boutique winery followed by lunch at a restaurant with a view as close to heaven as you might ever find. If time permits, we will visit Greve before returning to Florence. Dinner on your own.

Oct 4 – After breakfast, join our guide, Monica, for a walking tours of the sites of Florence including Santa Croce, the Ponte Vecchio, Piazza de la Signoria, Brunelleschi’s iconic Duomo, the Academia and Michelangelo’s incomparable masterpiece, David. Following our walking tour, Roz will introduce us to several of her curated artisans.

Oct 5 – Today is a “have it your way day.” There is no disputing that wine is a key part of Tuscan history but don’t forget about the contributions made by Tuscan olive oil. You can take the opportunity to explore this subject in depth and learn which olive oil is best to use when. Depending on the harvest, we may be fortunate enough to taste the “new oil”, truly a special treat. You may also choose to take a tour of the Uffizi Gallery. On our walking tour of Florence, we saw the outside of this renowned art gallery and its incredible sculptures in the loggia. Today, we offer a chance to tour the gallery and see some of the masterpieces inside. [Advance notice is required.] Another option is to go behind the scenes to discover an artisanal perfumery at AquaFlor. Perhaps you want to get a new scent for your home or a new scent for you. You can also work in a visit to Santa Maria Novella, the oldest working pharmacy in Italy. You can get a whiff of the perfume worn by Catherine Medici. [Some of the SMN products are available at Kuhl-Linscomb.]. Or do none of the above. Make it your day!

Oct 6 – Grab your credit cards and put on your shopping shoes! We start the day at Space Prada in

Montevarchi and then venture on to The Mall where you will find additional luxury brands, including Gucci, Ferragamo, Fendi, Armani, Jimmy Choo, among others. But wait, there’s more! We will return to Florence and continue to shop on the “other side” or Oltrarno. Visit Angela Caputi, Jennifer Tatinelli and other artisans located on this side of the river.

Just in case shopping isn’t your thing, explore Florence on your own with our self-directed tour. Climb to the top of the Duomo or climb the steps to Piazza Michelangelo and visit San Mineato. Or just wander the streets of Florence. Rejoin the group for dinner at Massimo Botero’s Michelin Restaurant at the Gucci Museum. Don’t worry about those calories. You will have walked several miles.

Oct 7 – Today is all about Brunello, as we journey to the charming village of Montalcino. At two of the area’s finest small vineyards you will taste what is arguably the best wine in Italy: Brunello. Lunch will be at another delightful restaurant with a beautiful view. Free evening in Florence.

Oct 8 – Today we meet our chef at the Mercado Centrale to tour the market and select items for our cooking class. We will then travel to a 13th century Tuscan villa for a hands-on cooking class where you will prepare a five-course meal. Enjoy wine from the estate while learning the fine art of Tuscan cooking. Return to Florence in time to shop or rest and relax. Dinner is on your own.

Oct 9 – Don’t forget to charge your phone because you will be taking lots of pictures as we spend the day in the beautiful Tuscan countryside visiting San Gimignano and Siena. In the charming town of San Gimignano you will find numerous boutiques with artisan jewelry and other locally made items. Pull yourself away from this village to travel on to Siena to visit Piazza del Campo where the Palio is run twice a year. Visit the exquisite duomo known for its incredible mosaic tile floors. Return to Florence in time for dinner.

Oct 10 – Today is the day to wrap up shopping. Find that special little jewelry shop, shop for that leather jacket or just look for the bargains at the Piggy market. Use this day to pack or perhaps ship some purchases home. Don’t forget that Roz and M.A. are always available to help with whatever you need.

Oct 11 – Arrivederci!

The all-inclusive price of \$6,999 per person includes:

- Round-trip airfare to Florence from anywhere in the U.S.
- Accommodations in a four-star hotel in central Florence
- Evening cocktail reception followed by dinner with unlimited red and white wine
- Breakfast
- All tours and fees
- Expert tour guides
- Transportation in a luxury motor coach
- Transfers between the hotel and the airport
- All tips and gratuities
- Fuel surcharges

If you prefer a single room, add \$2,000. If you prefer to book land only, deduct \$1,000.

Safety and Fun are our priority. Trips are limited to 8 people.



Providing the Best Experience Tuscany Has to Offer

The team at BPP Tours is dedicated to providing upscale travel to the discerning traveler. Our experienced tour guides are well-educated with years of experience in their respective fields.



M.A. Shute, Global Director of Fun

M.A. has traveled extensively, both personally and professionally. She understands and appreciates quality service, food, wine, and hospitality. Moreover, she is committed to ensuring all of our passengers experience the beauty of Tuscany, while having fun. Her team of experts provides insights into the food, wine and culture of the region. She oversees the planning and execution of every detail of the tour and ensures a superior level of customer service.



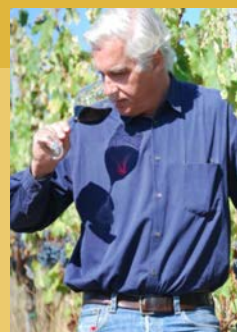
Roz Pactor, Special Shopping Consultant

Roz's signature is her red glasses. Her 30+ years in the world of fashion make her blog, "My Red Glasses", a daily must-read for the person who wants to keep abreast of the latest fashion trends and where to find them. Whether it's fashion week in New York or charitable events or mentoring up-and-coming fashion and design students, Roz is always front and center. She is joining this special tour of Tuscany as our fashion consultant. She will lead us through Prada and connect us with Italian artisans she has worked during her career. Her knowledge and charm promise to make this an extra-special trip.



Monica Ruiz Ericsson, Tour Guide

Monica was born in Sweden where she graduated from the University of Stockholm with a degree in history. She adopted Italy as her home over 21 years ago and has been sharing her love and passion for Tuscany with visitors for over 10 years. As you travel through the streets of Florence, Monica will make the history of this vibrant city come to life. Even if you have traveled to Tuscany before, you will experience it in a new way.



Lawrence d'Almeida, Wine Consultant

Lawrence grew up in Paris, was educated at John Cabot International College in Rome, Yale [B.A. in History], and Harvard [M.A., History]. He worked in the wine distribution and retail sectors in the US, before returning to Italy to learn wine-making at Kendell-Jackson's Chianti Classico estate, Tenuta di Arceno. Lawrence was winemaker and director of the Chianti Classico winery Villa Casale and then served as Consultant to the start-up winery, Mozaik in Urla, Turkey. In addition to serving as a cultural and historical guide throughout Italy, he is the Wine Consultant for Silversea Cruises. Lawrence is fluent in English, French, Italian, Spanish, and German.



Chef Luciano, Good Tastes of Tuscany

Chef Luciano is a gifted teacher as well as a talented chef. His "tips" and "tricks" enable his students to personalize a recipe to create their own style. With a twinkle in his eye, he shares his secrets in a "to-die-for" kitchen at Villa Pandolfini, which was built in the 13th century. In a hands-on cooking class, guests will prepare a five-course lunch which will be enjoyed with Chianti wine produced on the estate. The menu varies depending on the season, but will include a fresh pasta course and focaccia. Students leave with a greater knowledge of Italian food and understanding of the Tuscan way of life.

PAYMENT METHOD

Payment may be made by check or credit/debit card. A non-refundable \$500 deposit per person is due immediately upon booking. Payment of \$1,500 must be made no later than 30 days after registration with balance due not later than 120 days before the departure date. Visa/MasterCard and Discover and AMEX are accepted.