



# Italy Wine and Food Tours

Tuscany and Piemonte 23 September-3 October 2019



**Are you a wine and food connoisseur? Would you like to experience the very best Italian wine experience on offer? Peter Scudamore-Smith, Master of Wine from Uncorked and Cultivated will guide you through your spectacular sensory travel indulgence.**

Get ready to savour amazing wines and mouth-watering gastronomic delights on Uncorked and Cultivated's exclusive wine and food tour of Italy. Taking you through the lands once ruled by Etruscan kings in Tuscany and the Dukes of Savoy in Piedmont, we deliver an exclusive experience for lovers of wine and food.

Our tour is led by celebrated wine expert Peter Scudamore-Smith. Peter is a Master of Wine—recognised as the highest achievement in the global wine community. He has established strong relationships with many Italian wineries. Allow Peter to reveal the secret highlights of middle Tuscany and lands overlooking Piedmont's Tanaro River while encouraging your appreciation of the unique food, wine and local characters.



What sets Uncorked and Cultivated's Wine and Food Tour apart is the introduction-only exclusive visits to wineries not generally open to the public. Better still, Peter's made sure that all of the wines tasted at the wineries and in the restaurants, are available for you to purchase at home. Each day you can look forward to a themed lunch or dinner to complement your winery visits. You can expect the very best of region-specific dishes, cooking styles, ingredients in season and wine varietals at each dining experience. Peter will guide the ristoranti managers in wine selection on each occasion. Uncorked and Cultivated recognises the establishment in Bra, Piedmont of the internationally-expanding Slow Food Movement. It's influence on re-discovering traditional food, local flavours and heirloom varieties is evident at the restaurants within the wine regions you will visit.

In Piedmont we will enjoy the heady aromas of freshly-dug white truffles as the internationally-famed Tartufo festival commences. Your luxurious and elegant accommodation is located centrally in the cities of Siena, Florence and Alba within the famous wine regions - Montalcino, Maremma, Chianti Classico and Chianti Rufina, Barolo and Barbaresco.

You are offered quality experiences within short walking distance to your hotels. We want you to have time to explore and discover the cultural sides of these ancient cities when wine visits are not programmed.



## Day 1 – Monday 23 September

Welcome to Tuscany! Your tour starts at 6:30 pm in the Hotel Palazzo Ravizza in the medieval city of Siena in southern Tuscany. This charming antique hotel is located in the historical centre of the town. Arrive in time for your first passeggiata. This is an age-old tradition of dressing smartly and taking a walk through the city sights before sundown. Sit and stop for an espresso or a small aperitivo and soak up the heady Sieneese atmosphere or imagine the rich pagentry of the annual horse race in the town square. After a welcome apertivi, we take a short walk to a local enoteca where you will enjoy traditional Tuscan fare such as the Chianina fillet crusted with dried fruit and sea bass ravioli with a shellfish mousse. To complement the meal Peter will select Chianti Classicos from Barone Ricasoli, Isole e Olena and Rocca delle Macie.

## Day 2 – Tuesday 24 September

Today we depart at 9am for the modernistic Rocca di Frassinello winery for a tour and tasting. The estate is part of the Maremma sub-region, 10 km from the Ligurian Sea. This new vineyard specialises in sangiovese, with merlot and cabernet sauvignon creating a fine tannin-oak harmony between one traditional grape and two international stars. Rocca di Frassinello is a joint venture between Bordeaux's famous First Growth Chateau Lafite-Rothschild and Paolo Panerai's Castellare-in-Castellina (Chianti Classico). The winery is a magnificent new facility designed by Renzo Piano to blend with the local landscape colours. Also discover evidence of Etruscan winemaking from tombs excavated under the vineyards. We then go 10 km north to the beach town of Follonica for an enjoyable Tuscan seafood lunch. The evening is free.

## Day 3 – Wednesday 25 September

We depart at 9 am and travel 70 km south-west of Siena through the hill town of Montalcino to a beautiful and reputable estate producing Brunello di Montalcino. Here you will be introduced to the most noble of the sangiovese grape family, the sangiovese grosso which makes Tuscany's most gracious, long living and revered local wines. Afterwards we track north-east to the fringe of the Chianti Classico boundary near Bettolle for lunch in a resort restaurant occupied by a local cutting-edge chef creating terrines, local pasta and signature plates. We depart for Florence, staying at the Hotel Degli Orafi, a luxury hotel in the heart of the ancient town which dates back to the 13th century. Famed as a setting for the film "Room with a View", the hotel is within walking distance to shops and major attractions. We will have a welcome drink on the magnificent terrace overlooking the Arno River and Ponte Vecchio and the historic Duomo. Evening is free

## Day 4 – Thursday 26 September

At 10 am we depart for Antinori's shining new architectural marvel near Bargino—Cantina Antinori nel Chianti Classico winery in Chianti Classico—for a tour and tasting of the Super Tuscan Tignanello, Riserva and Gran Selezione. This showpiece of the Antinori family of Florence adds to many properties in Tuscany, Umbria and Puglia. Tignanello is the first new-style sangiovese designer wine of the 1980s made outside of the wine laws. You will see the gleaming new cellarage which relates to bright contemporary wines. We take a casual long lunch in the Slow Food tradition 10 km away at a local trattoria near Greve-in-Chianti. Anticipate local traditional fare including local prosciutto, salami and cheeses paired with Chiantis including Antinori and the highly praised Super Tuscans Ornellaia, Lamaione and Cepparello. We return late afternoon to Florence. The evening is free.



## Day 5 – Friday 27 September

From Florence we travel east at 10 am to Chianti Rufina and visit the oldest Tuscan family in the wine trade. We arrive at Marchesi di Frescobaldi wine estate at Castello di Nipozzano for our tour (which includes their own ancient town and bottle museum), tasting and lunch.

This estate has been owned by the Frescobaldi family for over 30 generations, leaders in the production of Chianti Rufina as well as six other localita estates. You will be hosted in Frescobaldi's private dining room and served traditional Tuscan family fare. Here we taste Frescobaldi's famous single vineyard sangiovese Montesodi, their Super Tuscan Mormoreto, cabernet, merlot, franc, verdot and the outstanding value sangiovese Riserva, Castello di Nipozzano. We depart at 3 pm and return to Florence. The evening is free.

## Day 6 – Saturday 28 September

Enjoy your free day exploring Florence, the birthplace of the Renaissance and Italy's art capital. We stroll from our hotel at 7.30 pm for a degustazione dinner at a Michelin starred restaurant. Here you will sample the epicurean wonders of a young energetic chef. Try the chestnut and cabbage braised in extra virgin olive oil and smoked rabbit with pappardelle with cream of broccoli and garlic chips. The wines served will be premium Chianti Classico and Bolgheri Super Tuscans.

## Day 7 – Sunday 29 September

We depart Florence for Alba at 9:00 am in the Piedmont region (the birthplace of the Slow Food Movement). You will travel past Genoa, experiencing your lunch as Italian motorists do at a typical auto-grill. By mid-afternoon we will arrive in Barbaresco to visit the Australian-owned winery of Elle and David Fletcher then transfer to the Hotel Calissano, just outside the old town. Enjoy your first passeggiata in the new surroundings. We dine very casually at a cafe nearby in the main square, with regional antipasti, pastas and salt cod, and an introduction to the Piedmontese wine varieties.

## Day 8 – Monday 30 September

We depart at 10:00 am to discover the wonders of the Langhe, and explore some of the eleven hill top villages that constitute the production of the famous Barolo DOCG. We are visiting Bruno and Marcello Ceretto's Monsordo Bernadina winery nearby in San Cassiano, families who build architecturally modern wineries, to taste an exquisite range of styles and ages of nebbiolo. After we travel towards Barolo village and seek an old restored farmhouse on the hill in Roddi, Il Vigneto to enjoy a scenic and casual lunch of local specialised pasta and some rare (seasonal) alpine cow milk cheese (think Plaisentif and Frabosana). We return to Alba via the more scenic Barolo cru villages. The evening is free.



## Day 9 – Tuesday 1 October

Today we depart at 10 am for our tour and wine tasting in the famous region of Barbaresco, visiting the Produttori di Barbaresco at the “top” of the hill. This sturdy co-operative is famous world-wide for its extensive array and easy priced single vineyard Barbaresco. The Produttori winery is installed in the main street. For lunch, we travel nearby to Treiso for a degustazione lunch at a famous Michelin- starred restaurant which has a panoramic view of local vineyards. Enjoy contemporary Piedmont flavours such as ‘San Remo’ shrimps fried with hazelnut crumbs, fried frog drumsticks with green ‘Piedmontese’ sauce, and for dessert, wild strawberry with pannacotta. Peter will select erudite Barbaresco from Pio Cesare, Michele Chiarlo, Gaja and Bruno Giacosa— wines of great balance, long flavour and silky yet drying tannins. The evening is free.

## Day 10 – Wednesday 2 October

For the early starters there is an optional truffle hunt. We meet late morning for a tour and tasting at Pio Cesare winery. This is one of the two remaining properties which crushes grapes within the old Roman confines of Alba town. We meet and taste wines with one of the descendants of the family business established in 1881, owning 50 hectares of prime vineyards in the Barolo and Barbaresco communes. Your afternoon is free. This can be an opportunity to try your own white ‘tartufo’ plate as the truffle season is just commencing. Our celebration dinner will be at a renowned Barolo village restaurant where we will indulge our taste buds with Jerusalem artichoke pie, black truffle, crunchy anchovies, veal tail filled agnolotti, savoy cabbage or warm hazelnut cake. Peter will select some special bottles of Barolo and Barbaresco from Vietti, Fontanafredda, Pio Cesare and Giacomo Conterno.

## Day 11 – Thursday 3 October

Uncorked and Cultivated’s Wine and Food Tour of Italy concludes. You will be leaving at 9 am for the 120 km journey north for drop-off at Milan airport (Malpensa) or Milan Centro.





## TOUR DETAILS:

The price for Uncorked and Cultivated's Wine and Food Tour of Italy (10 nights) is \$7650 per person twin share. The single supplement is \$1700. This is a land-only price. We are happy to coordinate other travel arrangements for you including air travel and other tours. Numbers are limited to approximately 12 people.

## Included in the tour:

- Personalised service of tour leader by Peter Scudamore-Smith, Master of Wine, owner and director of Uncorked and Cultivated
- Accommodation in luxury four-star hotels with private facilities and hotel taxes and service charges
- Full breakfast daily and either lunch or dinner each day. Premium wine typical of the regions visited is provided with each lunch and dinner
- Transfer to Milan airport and Milan Central. All land transfers within Italy during the tour are by air-conditioned luxury minibus
- Wine tastings at each winery visited

## Not included in the tour:

- Passport and visa fees
- International airfares, taxes and excess baggage
- Travel insurance
- Meals not specifically mentioned in the itinerary
- Sightseeing and general expenses not specified in the itinerary

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# Book now on Uncorked and Cultivated's Italy Wine and Food Tours

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**To secure your booking, forward this booking form together with your deposit of \$700 per person to Uncorked and Cultivated, PO Box 8016, Woolloongabba Qld 4102 or fax your credit card payment to (07) 3391 1894.**

1. Title: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Title: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

**(Names must be as per passport)**

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ City/suburb: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact person: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel No: \_\_\_\_\_

Room type preferred: Single  \_\_\_\_\_ Double  \_\_\_\_\_ Other:  \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary requirements (if any):  \_\_\_\_\_

### **COST PER PERSON TWIN SHARE \$7650 (SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$1700)**

#### **Payment**

I enclose my cheque (payable to Uncorked and Cultivated) for the registration of \_\_\_\_\_ participants @ \$700 per person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I authorise Uncorked and Cultivated to debit my credit card (details below) for the registration of \_\_\_\_\_ participants @ \$700 per person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Visa  MasterCard Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiry date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please note the applicable credit card fee for Visa and MasterCard is 2.2%)*

I have transferred to Uncorked and Cultivated's bank account (BSB: 064128 Account No: 0049 1441) for the registration of \_\_\_\_\_ participants @ \$700 per person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Booking Conditions:** Price per person is based on twin share accommodation in luxury four-star hotels. Price is subject to availability at the time of booking and may vary due to currency fluctuations. \$700 deposit (non-refundable) per person is required at the time of booking. 50% of the price is due by 30/04/19. Full payment is due by 31/07/19. All prices quoted are based on current exchange rates with the Euro, and accordingly are subject to change without notice until paid for in full.

**This document forms the tax invoice when you make payment.**

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# Uncorked & Cultivated tour terms and conditions

By booking a Tour with Uncorked and Cultivated you are entering into a contract with Uncorked and Cultivated Pty Ltd of Suite 2, Unit 4/723 Stanley St, Woolloongabba QLD 4102, ABN 15054157685 (**We/Us**). These terms and conditions, together with the Itinerary and quotation We provide for your specific Tour, form the terms of the contract and your agreement with Us.

You must not confirm any booking (by providing us with a signed booking sheet) unless you understand and agree with the following terms and conditions. Once payment is made for the booking, you are deemed to have accepted these terms and conditions.

## 1. ITINERARY AND QUOTATION

We will prepare an Itinerary of the Tour and provide it to you, together with a quotation for the cost of the Tour. The Itinerary will specify the services we will provide, or will not provide, as part of the quoted price.

All prices are quoted in \$AUD unless otherwise specified. In the event any third-party increases their costs between the issue of our quotation and the Tour taking place, We may seek to recover those increased costs from you.

## 2. DEPOSIT AND BALANCE OF PAYMENT

A non-refundable deposit, in the amount nominated on the quotation/Itinerary, will be payable at the time you confirm your booking. Payment of the balance of the quoted price is required as noted on the quotation/Itinerary before the departure of the quotation by the due date may result in a late payment fee or cancellation, as determined by Us.

## 3. CREDIT CARD TRANSACTIONS

Credit card surcharges will apply when paying by credit card and will be determined by credit card type, as advised on the quotation.

## 4. EXCLUSIONS

The Tour price only includes the accommodation, transportation, services, meals and beverages specified on the Itinerary. No other products or services will be provided by Us, unless We specifically agree in writing to provide those services to you.

## 5. CHANGES TO THE ITINERARY

We will use our best endeavors to deliver the services nominated on the Itinerary. However, our Itineraries are usually prepared well in advance of the Tour and from time to time, We may have to make changes to the Itinerary prior to or during the Tour, which may incur additional cost or change the activities included in the Tour. If We have to change your Itinerary after you have paid for the Tour, We will provide you with as much notice of the change as possible and, where possible, offer an alternative arrangement and notify you of any additional cost. If the change occurs before the Tour commences, and means that the Tour is materially different from the original Itinerary, you have the right to withdraw from the Tour and all monies already paid will be refunded less any charges imposed by suppliers. If the change occurs during the Tour, We may in our absolute discretion, offer you a partial refund.

We are not responsible for any other costs, losses, damages or expenses you suffer as a result of a change to the Itinerary during the Tour, including consequential losses such as changes to your travel arrangements.

## 6. CANCELLATION CHARGES

All cancellations must be made by providing Us with written notice, and will be subject to the following cancellation charges. Cancellations advised between 120 and 60 days prior to the Tour date will incur a cancellation fee of 50% of the total quoted price. Cancellations advised less than 60 days prior to the tour date will result in the loss of all monies paid.

## 7. TRAVEL INSURANCE

We do not arrange or provide travel insurance or any other insurance. You must arrange a full comprehensive travel insurance policy to cover you and your property for the duration of the Tour. You must provide Us with your travel insurance policy details prior to departure.

## 8. MINIMUM GROUP NUMBER

The Tour is subject to a minimum number of participants as determined by Us, which will be notified to you at the time the Itinerary is supplied. If the minimum number of participants is not reached, the Tour will be cancelled and We will refund any money We have received from you; or We may provide you with a revised quotation, which you may accept or reject.

## 9. PASSPORTS AND VISAS

It is your responsibility to ensure that your passport is current and valid, with at least 6 months currency, and to arrange any necessary visas or travel permits. We are not liable for any loss or expense you incur if you fail to arrange a valid

passport, visa or permit. You must provide Us with accurate information. If you do not provide the correct information and We have to amend your booking, you will be responsible for any additional costs incurred.

## 10. SINGLE PARTICIPANT

If you are travelling alone and wish to share a room, we will endeavor to match you with another single participant. We accept no responsibility for the suitability of the rooming partner. If at any time during the tour you consider the rooming partner to be unsuitable, We will arrange single accommodation (if available) the additional cost of which will be borne by you. If We are unable to find a rooming partner prior to departure, you will be required to pay the applicable single supplement to undertake the Tour.

## 11. REFUNDS

No refund will be given for any pre-booked accommodation, coach tours or other pre-booked services or other travel which is not used by you. Participants who do not conform to the Itinerary will not be entitled to refunds for any parts of the Tour missed. No allowances or refunds will be made for lost or unused tickets or coupons.

## 12. ACCOMMODATION

Whilst every effort is made to ensure hotel accommodation conforms to your requirements and is as noted on the Itinerary, We are not responsible for any variations to the booking made by the hotel. You are responsible for any costs incurred as a result of damage or excess cleaning fees related to your accommodation.

## 13. BAGGAGE AND CUSTOMS

Any excess baggage fees for international and any domestic flights will be incurred at your cost. You are responsible for complying with any customs laws and regulations, including regarding taking particular goods on flights into and out of Australia.

## 14. PARTICIPATION, HEALTH REQUIREMENTS, MOBILITY

Subject to your Itinerary, the Tour is likely to require a basic level of fitness, including the ability to walk on uneven ground and stairs comfortably and unaided. You should be able to walk up to 2 kilometers over 1.5 hours, as most winery visits will require walking. Many Tours include visits to cellars which require participants to be in confined spaces and walk up and down steps for 20 to 30 metres below ground. To fully participate in the Tour, you must be in a physical condition to walk comfortably and unaided on terrain and steps which may be steep and/or uneven.

All participants warrant that they have the physical capacity to participate fully in the Tour without any assistance from the Tour escort or other participants. Any important health, disability (physical or mental) issues which may prevent you from participating in any of the Tour activities should be made known to Us before the booking is confirmed. We reserve the right to ask for a letter from your doctor confirming you are fit to participate in the Tour, if necessary. We reserve the right to decline any person as a Tour participant if We believe that you are unable to participate in the Tour safely because of a health condition, Unless you notify Us in writing prior to the commencement of the Tour that you wish to opt out, you agree that We may take photographs and films of you whilst you are on Tour and that those may be added to our brochures and advertising without any further consent from you.

It is your responsibility to take steps to protect your health whilst on the Tour, including any immunizations or medication that may be recommended by a medical practitioner before travelling to particular countries.

We reserve the right to refuse to allow you to continue on the Tour if you behave in a way that is dangerous, disorderly or causes discomfort to other Tour participants or third-party service providers, and no refund will be provided to you.

## 15. CONSULAR ADVICE

We recommend that you review information issued by the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade by calling +61 2 6261 3305 or 1300 555 135 or by visiting their website at [www.smarttraveller.com.au](http://www.smarttraveller.com.au)

## 16. ARRANGEMENTS WITH THIRD PARTIES

We co-ordinate the arrangements for the Tour as specified in the Itinerary, which may include airfares, transfers, transportation, some meals and hotel accommodation (third parties). Those services are not carried out by Us, but by third parties such as airlines, hoteliers, transportation companies and other service providers which are not under our control. While We take all reasonable care to select the third parties and to monitor their performance, We accept no responsibility whether in negligence or contract for any accident, injury,

death, sickness, damage, loss, cancellation, delay, failure to deliver or partial or inadequate delivery of services, disappointed expectation, additional expenses or other unforeseen events caused in connection with those third parties, their employees, agents, servants or representatives. All coupons, vouchers, receipts and tickets issued by third parties are issued subject to the terms and conditions of liability contained in those documents, which may limit or exclude liability for death, personal injury, delay, and loss of or damage to baggage and are subject to the laws of the country where the services are provided.

#### **17. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY**

We do not accept any liability in any amount caused directly or indirectly by force majeure or other events beyond our control, including but without limitation to the delivery of services by third parties, war or threat of war, acts of government, acts of terrorism, fire, strikes, civil disturbances, quarantines, floods, weather conditions, natural disasters, incidents at sea, accidents or failure of machinery or equipment, theft, or other disturbances of any kind which cancel, interfere with, or add cost to the services requested. We recommend you obtain insurance which covers these risks, prior to the commencement of the Tour.

You take part in the Tour at your own risk. We are not liable for any accident, injury, death, property damage or loss in relation to such activities.

#### **18. OUR WEBSITE**

We make every effort to ensure all information displayed on our site is accurate; however we do not guarantee the accuracy of all information nor are we able to guarantee that the site is free of errors or faults. We reserve the right to change information displayed on our site, and withdraw offers or prices (including these terms and conditions) at any time without notice to you.

#### **19. COMPLAINTS**

If you have any complaint about the Tour or our services, you must notify us as soon as possible and we will endeavor to resolve the issue. If at the end of the Tour you feel your complaint has not been properly dealt with, you must notify us in writing within 30 days of the end of the Tour.

#### **20. GOVERNING LAW**

This contract is governed in all respects by the law of the State of Queensland and any legal action arising under the contract shall be litigated only in the appropriate court having jurisdiction in that state.

These terms, together with the Itinerary and quotation, form our entire agreement with you. No representation, term, warranty or condition can be expressed or implied by reference to any other writing, advertisement or conversation. This contract may only be varied in writing by mutual agreement.

