

## WINE TOUR IN UMBRIA

5 days/4 nights - VILLA

**1<sup>st</sup> day.** Arrival at Fiumicino Airport in the morning. Your personal driver will head to Orvieto for your first approach to your wine experience.

### Etruscans and wine: Orvieto

It's still a mystery which is the Etruscans place of origin, but certainly their existence in the centre of Italy deeply marked history and the traditions of those places where they lived and where they established their culture. Thanks to Latin and Greek historians, we know something about them: peaceful population, lovers of the pleasures of life and not keen on war. The depictions on the paintings of their graves and their goods portray them while dancing or playing sports, or having a banquet and drinking cheerfully. The wine they drunk should have been of course totally different from what we drink today, but we have to be grateful to them for the introduction of the plantation of grapevine. Just few kilometres separate Orvieto from the town of Porano, where is possible to visit the only painted Etruscan grave of the territory. Once finished the visit, transfer to a winery for lunch and for tasting typical local wines. The afternoon is dedicated to the visit of the city of Orvieto. Exactly on the same square with the very famous Cathedral, you can't miss the visit to the Museo Archeologico Nazionale (National Archeological Museum) where you can admire the beautiful 'bucchero' ceramic and other objects coming from excavations of that area, indicating the strong link between this territory and its wine tradition. Once back, a dinner prepared by your private chef will wait for you.



## 2<sup>nd</sup> day. Medieval Atmospheres: Montefalco and Cannara

Montefalco has rightly been nicknamed 'Railing of Umbria', because of its special position from which is possible to dominate a breath-taking view. This little town has many well-preserved buildings of XIV century, such as Palazzo Comunale (Council Palace) and the ex-church of Saint Filippo Neri, today location of the town theatre, and other Renaissance overlapping and remakes. The most precious thing in Montefalco is, with no doubts, the church-museum of Saint Francis: a synthesis of the history, the culture and the tradition of Montefalco. It was built between 1335 and 1338 by the Order of Friars Minor and since 1895 it has been the location of Museo Civico (Civic Museum); inside of it there are many prestigious workarts of the most famous painters as the cycle of Benozzo Gozzoli dedicated to the 'Life of Saint Francis'. The most antique part of the town, the Quartiere di Porta Camiano (Neighborhood of Porta Camiano), has a fascinating curiosity. Among the stonewalls and among the alleys that run down from Piazza del Comune (Town Square), Sagrantino grapevines symbolize the connection of different periods and reveal an ancient presence of domestic grapevines in the vegetable gardens' walls. Montefalco is proud of this grape variety, which embodies the symbol of wealth. The study of these plants genetics allowed to identify Sagrantino genotype for a new plantation. An important project that strengthens even more the link between wine and territory. A tasting lunch with Sagrantino and other wines of the



area will be the best way to appreciate the ancient relationship between this nectar and its place of birth. At lunch time, stop in a local farm house for a light lunch and a Sagrantino wine tasting.

In the afternoon, a visit to a farm practicing organic and biodynamic farming including horses and geese as their 'special partners'. A nice carriage tour through the vineyards will complete this amazing experience before tasting a delicious wine! Dinner at the villa based on Umbrian Veggie cooking with live music accompaniment.



### 3<sup>rd</sup> day. The wine experience: Torgiano

The wine is a summary of passion, tradition and culture. The small town of Torgiano has a typical medieval aspect and ruins of ancient walls. The story of this antique village in the heart of Umbria is linked to the ancient Rome and a legend talks about a connection with the pagan god Giano, to which was dedicated the ancient tower denominated indeed, "Torre di Giano" (Tower of Giano). Today Torgiano is a synonym of wine culture, thanks to the presence of an important museum dedicated to this thousand-year-old product. The MUVIT - Museo del Vino di Torgiano (Torgiano Wine Museum) - collects many interesting historical documents concerning the different wine sectors: from the wine-growing and wine-making technique to the artistic, folk and bibliographical documentation. You can't miss the opportunity to take a guided introductory tour for discovering the wine secrets: from wine-making installation to the step of maturation in casks and barrique and bottle refinement. And for completing the visit, there's nothing better than a walk through the evocative vineyards sipping a good wine! Dinner in restaurant in Perugia



### 4<sup>th</sup> day. The deep respect for the environment: Monte Vibiano

The wine is, above all, a pleasure both for who drinks it and, even more, for who produces it. It means love and deep respect of the environment and of the land that offers us its wonderful flavors, different, peculiar and unique depending on the soil where the grapevines grow up. Then, expert hands will know how to pick the grape





and expert gatherers will know how to press and to mature it for producing a high-quality wine. Producing wine is a way of experimentation that puts together innovation and new techniques with the ancient knowledge. Today we'll have the opportunity to live a unique situation, where the inspiration perfectly combines with the land generosity so that what is obtained is a pure sensational pleasure. On ecological vehicles, we'll explore a suggestive tree-lined road, leaving the valley behind for climbing up to the surrounding hills, from which will be possible to observe the field life, always fervent, in every period of the year: an occasion for watching the marvelous landscapes, centuries old olives and grapes expanses where are planted finest grapes for red and white high-quality wines of Monte Vibiano. This is the most astonishing stop of the today tour, for the breath-taking beauty of surrounding hills, with their thousand shades of green, sometimes interrupted by valleys of central Umbria. Once back we'll have the ageing cellars visit and a delicious tasting. Lunch will be at a farm house to taste a rustic and genuine cuisine Candle-light dinner at the villa

**5<sup>th</sup> day.** It's time to say 'Arrivederci Umbria'! After breakfast, your personal driver will bring you to the airport. Have a safe flight to home!

*Net price for person:*

<i>Villa for 4 persons/ per person</i>	<b>from € *****</b>
<i>Villa for 6 persons/ per person</i>	<b>from € *****</b>
<i>Villa for 8 persons/ per person</i>	<b>from € *****</b>

Included in the price:

- Private minivan (max 8 people + driver) for transfers airport-hotel-airport and during the tour
- 4 nights accommodation in private villa, final cleaning included
- Private chef for breakfasts and dinner at the villa
- Private live music concert
- Orvieto: hd guided tour + entrance to Etruscan tomb - Wine tasting & light lunch in a farm
- Montefalco & Cannara: hd guided tour in Montefalco – Wine tasting & light lunch, - visit to a biodynamic farm with wine tasting & carriage tour



- Torgiano: wine experience in vineyard + entrance to MUVIT (wine museum) – wine tasting & light lunch
- Dinner in restaurant in Perugia
- Montevibiano: visit to the farm. Wine tasting
- Lunch in a farm house

Not included in the price:

- Extra personal drinks & food at the villa, extra cleaning hours, tips, any extra not above expressly mentioned
- Polyglot tour assistant/tour leader € \*\*\* per group/per day

**Plus for this tour:**

Medieval dinner with live music € \*\*\*\*\*/per group