

Experience Tuscany: Farm to Market to Table

Sunday, October 13 – Saturday, October 19, 2024

Co-hosted by the Gonzaga Center for Lifelong Learning and Gonzaga in Florence

Itinerary

Note: Participants have free time between scheduled activities. Itinerary may be subject to change.

Sunday, October 13th

- 4:00 pm – 5:45pm: Participants can check into [Hotel de la Pace](#), Florence.
- 6:00 pm: Meet at Gonzaga in Florence courtyard (a 5-minute walk from the hotel) for introductory activities, drinks, appetizers, and dinner.

Monday, October 14th

- Breakfast provided at the hotel.
- 9:00 am - 10:00 am: Visit the local market, Mercato San Ambrogio, guided by chefs from [Cordon Bleu Scuola Di Arte Culinaria](#), an acclaimed culinary institute in Florence.
- 10:30 am - 1:30 pm: Cooking class and lunch at the Cordon Bleu.
- 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm: Interactive Lecture on Tuscan cuisine, popular traditions, and street food featuring Maria Screti, an engaging Gonzaga-in-Florence instructor.
- Dinner on your own.
 - *Gonzaga will provide restaurant recommendations in advance so that you can make reservations.*

Tuesday, October 15th

- Breakfast provided at the hotel.
- 9:30 – 10:30 am: Interactive lecture with Maria Screti.
- 11:00 am – 1:00 pm: Group A: Cooking class and lunch at the Cordon Bleu.
Group B: Optional tour of Florence (*additional fee*) or free time. Lunch on your own.
- 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm: Group B: Cooking class and light dinner at the Cordon Bleu.
Group A: Optional tour of Florence (*additional fee*) or free time. Dinner on your own.

Wednesday, October 16th

- Breakfast provided at the hotel.
- 8:30 am: Meet in hotel lobby for bus ride to Montespertoli.
- 10:30 am – 12:30 pm: Visit Azienda Gualandi (olive tree and wheat farm) for an interactive tour led by Gonzaga-in-Florence colleague and farmer Guido Gualandi.
- 1:00 pm – 2:45 pm: Lunch at C'era Una Volta restaurant in Lucardo (Tuscan countryside).
- 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm: Bus ride to [La Certosa di Pontignano](#), Carthusian monastery-turned-hotel.
- 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm: Wine-tasting workshop with sommelier.
- Dinner provided at the Certosa.

Thursday, October 17th

- Breakfast provided at the Certosa.
- 10:00 am – 12:30 pm: 10-minute walk to Azienda Agricola Losi Querciavalle, a local family-owned winery and olive tree farm. Learn about the production of wine and olive oil, while tasting their products.
- 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm: Lunch at the Certosa with products from Azienda Agricola Losi Querciavalle.
- 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm: Guided tour of the Certosa with local guide (discussing art and history) and Don Alessandro Andreini (discussing Carthusian spirituality).
- Light dinner provided at the Certosa.

Friday, October 18th

- Breakfast provided at the Certosa.
- 9:30 am: Meet outside lobby of Certosa.
- 9:45 am – 10:15 am: Bus ride to [Siena](#), a historic medieval city in the heart of Tuscany.
- 10:30 am – 12:00 pm: Guided tour of Siena and the famous [Duomo cathedral](#).
- 12:00 pm – 4:30 pm: Free time to explore Siena.
- 4:30 pm – 5:15 pm: Bus ride back to the Certosa.
- 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm: Celebratory social hour and dinner.

Saturday, October 19th

- Breakfast provided at the Certosa.
- 9:30 am: Optional morning mass in the Certosa Chapel.
- 10:30 am: Check out of the Certosa.
- 11:00 – 12:00 pm: Bus back to Florence. Stops at the train station and near the Hotel de la Pace.
- Trip concludes!



*We look forward to you seeing
you... in Tuscany!*