

Experience Tuscany: Farm, Market, and Table

Sunday, October 26th – Saturday, November 1st, 2025

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 26th

- 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. Introductory wine lesson with basic Italian language.

Monday, October 27th

- Breakfast provided at the hotel.
- 9:00 am - 10:00 am: Visit the local market, Mercato San Ambrogio.
- 10:30 am - 1:30 pm: Cooking class and lunch at the Pasta Class Florence
- 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm: Optional tour of Florence
- 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm: Dinner on your own at your cost. Gonzaga will make reservations at four local restaurants in groups of five or six. Email CLL@gonzaga.edu if you have other plans.

Tuesday, October 28th

- Breakfast provided at the hotel.
- 8:30 am – 10:00 am: Interactive presentation with Maria Screti.
- 10:30 am – 12:30 pm: Street food tour
- 12:30 pm – 6:00 pm: Break
- 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm: Cooking Class, Wine Pairing and Dinner at the Pasta Class Florence

Wednesday, October 29th

- Breakfast provided at the hotel.
- 9:30 am: Checkout & meet in hotel lobby for bus ride to Montespertoli
- 10:30 am – 12:30 pm: Visit Azienda Gualandi and/or frantoio (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 – 6:00 pm: Optional Activities (group led: meditation, yoga, etc.)
- 7:00 pm: Dinner provided at the Certosa

Thursday, October 30th

- Breakfast provided at the Certosa.
- 9:00 am – 10:00 am: Guided tour of the Certosa
- 10:15 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: Light lunch at the Certosa with products from Azienda Agricola Losi Querciavalle.
- 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm: Optional e-bike tour (150 Euros)
- 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm: Optional Activities (group led: meditation, yoga, etc.)
- 7:00 pm: Dinner provided at the Certosa.

Friday, October 31st

- Breakfast provided at the Certosa.
- 9:30 am: Bus leaves for Siena
- 10:00 am – 12:00 pm: Guided tour of Siena and the famous Buongoverno frescoes
- 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm: Free time to explore Siena.
- 3:15 pm – 3:45 pm: Bus back ride to [La Certosa di Pontignano](#),
- 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm: Break, optional music in the Chapel
- 6:30 pm: Aperitivo celebration with food and drinks provided at the Certosa in the courtyard, weather permitting.

Saturday, November 1st

- 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 seeing you...
in Tuscany!*