

Tour Italy in 9 unforgettable days

cruising on a Red Vespa

Unlike any other tour, you'll do it all in the quintessentially Italian fashion: riding a red Vespa with the sun on your face and the open road before you, just waiting to be explored.



Imagine cruising along winding country roads on your Vespa scooter, picture-postcard vistas greeting you around every curve of the Chianti hills. Endless rows of vineyards bearing some of the world's finest grapes, stately lines of towering cypress trees, silvery-green olive groves rimming an ancient alder, fields ablaze with crimson poppies in the springtime, and golden sunflowers in autumn.

Vespa and Chianti are two Italian classics that have come to symbolize *la dolce vita*. Now, Italy by Vespa, a very innovative tour company, is bringing them together in a once-in-a-lifetime travel experience that promises to capture the heart, soul and essence of Italy: a week in central Tuscany at the four-star Palazzo Leopoldo Hotel, filled with scenic day-trips throughout the Chianti countryside aboard your very own Vespa!

The sensory overload continues in every quaint Italian village along the way, where you'll sip espresso at an outdoor cafe, sample sweet Vin Santo at a tiny enoteca, or savour a long, leisurely meal bursting with the fresh produce, homemade pasta and grilled meats that make rural Italian cuisine so magical. And at every stop, you'll be surrounded by the warmth and hospitality of the Italian people.

As one of just 16 tour members, you'll be part of an intimate group that has been invited to share seven days of unique experiences. The freedom, friendship and sheer, laugh-out-loud fun of discovering Chianti by scooter will be an adventure you'll remember the rest of your life.

Nine days of pure exhilarating fun

Day 1: U.S. Departure/Air Travel Day

Afternoon or evening departures from multiple points in the U.S. for Florence, Italy. Ciao, America!

Day 2: Arrival and Transfer

Upon arrival in Florence, you'll be met at the airport and driven to Palazzo Leopoldo in Radda, your elegant home for the coming week. After checking into the hotel, you're invited to join your fellow scooterists for orientation and light riding to become acquainted with your Vespa. Expect to make many new friends at the opening night cocktail party, followed by the first of many exquisite dinners bursting with Tuscany's delicious food and famous wines.

Day 3: Wine Day

After breakfast, you'll take a short but scenic scooter to the historic wine estate of Dievole, where you'll visit the chapel and cellar as you taste a range of delicious Chiantis and other red wines. Next, you'll have lunch at PodereTerrene, a nearby farmhouse and working winery, followed by a siesta and evening wine tasting at a charming enoteca in Radda. Later, a candlelight dinner at Vignale in Radda.