

Tuscany and Umbria

Country(ies): Italy

Tour type: Overland

Transport: Rental car (petrol/diesel/hybrid)

Group size: Min: 0 | Max: 0

Days: 1 days

Start Location: Florence

End Location: Florence

Meals: Breakfasts - 10, Lunches - 0, Dinners - 0

Highlights:

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Itinerary

Day 1: Florence airport – Lucca (20.06KM)

Upon arrival at Florence Airport, pick up your rental car and drive to Lucca. Check in at the hotel and have the rest of the day at leisure. There is also a possibility to visit Florence for half day depending on the flight arrival time.

Lucca and the surrounding area are ideal as a base to visit the north part of Tuscany and the Cinque Terre before moving on to the heart of Tuscany. Lucca is a charming town still surrounded by the city walls, famous also for being the birthplace of Puccini and an history full of legends to discover. Many lovely restaurants and shops will also keep you busy. Enjoy walking around the old town cobbled streets and the city walls which are tree-lined and popular for strolling and cycling along, Visit the perfectly circular Piazza dell' Anfiteatro , with pretty shops, bars and restaurants, The Duomo and the San Michele Church. Discover some of the Legends of Lucca and visit the bridge of the Devil.

OVERNIGHT: Lucca

MEALS: Breakfast

EXTRAS:

Day 2: Lucca – Day trip to Cinque Terre National Park - Unesco World Heritage (92 Km each way, 1h30 min one way)

Early start as it can get busy! – After breakfast drive to the Cinque Terre to explore the fantastic coastal area made up of 5 tiny, traditional fishing villages famous for the colourful houses built in the side cliffs.

Drive to Riomaggiore and park the car at the National Park carpark outside the village. There is a shuttle bus which will then take you to Riomaggiore or it is also possible to park in La Spezia. We include the Cinque Terre Treno Card which allows to hop on an off trains and buses between La Spezia and Levanto. You can visit any of the fishing villages (Monterosso, Vernazza, Corniglia, Riomaggiore, and Manarola), follow the walking itinerary which can go from 20 Min to 4 hours and taste the local food. Typical of the area are pasta with pesto, fresh focaccia bread, Anchovies and fresh seafood.

Return to the hotel and free time.

OVERNIGHT: Lucca

MEALS: Breakfast

EXTRAS:

Day 3: Lucca – Montefiorale - Radda in Chianti (125 km, 2h 30min in total)

After breakfast check out and leave for Radda in Chianti. The Chianti area offers a unique landscape, with green, gentle hills covered with wide fields of vineyards and olive groves, small stone villages, characteristic parishes and countryside homes in stone. We suggest to stop in Montefiorale, Greve in Chianti and Panzano in Chianti.

Lunch in Panzano in Chianti as there are many nice restaurants which offer typical food with terrace or gardens. (Ristorante Oltre Il Giardino, Cantinetta Sassolini, Ristoro di Lamole). Then pop in the Fattoria Le Fonti where is possible to visit the cantina and try the wines. (Mon to Friday – Week end need to book in advance).

Arrive at hotel and free time.

OVERNIGHT: Radda in Chianti

MEALS: Breakfast

EXTRAS:

Day 4: Radda in Chianti – San Gimignano (45 Km, 1h) – Volterra (31km, 40min) – Radda in Chianti (63 Km, 1h30)

Discover more of Tuscany! Drive to San Gimignano, Unesco Heritage. This Etruscan town sits at the top of a hill surrounded by intact walls. Walk around and discover the small city which is also famous for the preservation of about a dozen of its tower houses towers. Stop at Gelateria Dondoli in the square (even if can be busy) for a lovely and authentic ice cream. Drive to Taverna di Bibbiano to taste some typical food for Lunch is a real Tuscan setting or similar agriturismo. (booking recommended). After Lunch drive to Volterra, Etruscan and medieval art centre. Walk around and visit the Piazza dei Priori, Priori Palace, the Duomo and the Etruscan walls. If you want to see something different drive to The Badia Camaldolese and the Blaze. This Monastery from the 11th century, was abandoned when the landscape was changing and The Blaze Cliff started to Break up. (Open to the public only Jul to Sep and limited times).

Return to hotel

OVERNIGHT: Radda in Chianti

MEALS: Breakfast

EXTRAS:

Day 5: Radda in Chianti – Castello Di Brolio (20km, 35min) – Siena (23km, 40min) – Cortona (76 Km, 1h15m)

After breakfast, check out from the hotel. We suggest a stopover at Castello Di Brolio with guided tour of the gardens and the castle and wine testing which will take about 1 hour. This castle is surrounded by 240 hectares of valleys and woods of oaks trees and chestnut trees. It is possible to have lunch at the osteria di Brolio (booking requested) or continue to Siena and enjoy lunch in Siena. Siena is a wonderful medieval city. We recommend a guided tour of a few hours to understand the city in full and all its splendour. Visit the Piazza Del Campo, the Gothic Duomo, and if you have the possibility, taste the Pici pasta served with pepper and cheese or Tomato sauce and the Ricciarelli which are traditional biscuits with almonds. Depart Siena for Cortona area check in at hotel and free time.

Check in at the hotel and dinner.

OVERNIGHT: Cortona

MEALS: Breakfast

EXTRAS:

Day 6: Cortona

After breakfast visit Cortona. This Town is the main cultural and artistic center of the Val di Chiana after Arezzo. The beautiful little town Cortona and Piazza Garibaldi is exactly what you would expect think under a Tuscan sun. A hidden gem & the whole town is amazing. Then we would like to offer an experience which sums out the Tuscan dream. Cooking in amazing settings and the best products and great chef at the Il Falconiere resort with a Michelin star restaurant. The classes introduce to the traditional Tuscan recipes designed by Silvia Baracchi, Michelin Star chef and owner of Relais& Chateaux Il Falconiere & Spa. After the cooking experience you can enjoy the amazing lunch.

Free afternoon and accommodation in Cortona.

OVERNIGHT: Cortona

MEALS: Breakfast

EXTRAS:

Day 7: Cortona – Montepulciano (31km, 40min) – Pienza (15km, 25min) – Fattoria del Colle (26km, 35min) – Cortona (40Km, 50min)

After breakfast drive to Montepulciano which just on the hills between Valdichiana and the Val d'Orcia. The historic wealth and the unspoilt nature of the countryside around makes this town a place loved by all. Visit the Piazza Grande, continue to the old town center, between the historic buildings and the artisan shops and arrive at the Temple of San Biagio. Drive to the hills of the Val d'Orcia to reach Pienza, UNESCO heritage sites. Walk along the lanes of the ideal Renaissance city, whose urban layout has been defined as an admirable example of architecture. Taste some local typical product like the Pecorino cheese from Pienza in one of the local shops. If you prefer more experiences and less Sightseeing, amend the morning to one of the following activities: Morning Yoga at the Lake Chiusi / Fitness lessons among the vineyards of Montepulciano / Bike tours / Hiking up the peak of Cetona or experience the benefits of the 20 wonders of the Sensory Spa in Chianciano Terme. (activity are priced on request and subject to availability and date of travel) . Drive to Fattoria del Colle for Lunch. The Lunch Experience includes Bruschetta with Extra Virgin Olive Oil, freshly made Ravaggiolo, cheeses, 1 local soup, 1 glass of wine. With the lunch the story-telling of the centuries-old history of cheeses will help you discover the tradition of the Sienese countryside. At followed by the Historic guided tasting tour will guide you through the Villa and 16th Century Chapel, Gardens, vegetable garden and wine cellar with tastings of 3 wines. This will introduce you to 3 vineyards, 3 grape varieties and 3 wines. We recommend this place as is a family run business like many in the area but is really special. Great food and excellent wine with an interesting history and great views of the countryside.

Time to drive back to Cortona and enjoy the view.

OVERNIGHT: Cortona

MEALS: Breakfast

EXTRAS:

Day 8: Cortona – Assisi (77Km, 1h30min) – Torgiano Area (20Km, 30 min)

Today we are heading to Umbria. There are many possibilities in Umbria to suit all, from culture to activity and adventure sports, hiking and of course food and wine. After breakfast leave Cortona for Assisi. On the way we recommend a quick stop over at Lake Trasimemo for the view and a walk in Passignano Sul Trasimeno, ancient fishing village and Monte del Lago, an architectural jewel on an outcrop right over the lake. Arrive in Assisi. Assisi is an impressive masterpiece of human creativity. Visit the Basilica di San Francesco, the interchange of artistic

and spiritual message of the Franciscan Order has significantly contributed to developments in art and architecture in the world. Visit the Basilica of San Francesco and walk around the town traditional streets. We suggest adventuring off the main roads to see the best and most characteristic spots of this amazing town. For the best view over the town, follow signs to the Rocca Maggiore, which is the large fortress situated above Assisi. You can have a great view of Assisi and admire the surrounding plains, hills and valleys around. For a more strenuous walk, you can head up the wooded slopes of Monte Subasio. From Piazza Matteotti, at the top of the town, continuing uphill to the Porta Cappuccini you can follow for the Monte Subasio park and the dirt path and road leading to Eremo delle Carceri, the hermitage in the woods to which St. Francis retreated for prayer. Close to the Piazza Matteotti you can also visit the little curved street which traces out the form of Assisi's old Roman Amphitheatre. For Lunch in Assisi there are many restaurants to choose from, we recommend trying Umbricelli or Stringozzi (typical homemade pasta of Assisi) and black truffle of Norcia. Make sure you also try the Pagnotta Francescana which is like a sweet bread and the Rocciata di Assisi made with dry mixed fruit.

Leave Assisi and transfer to the hotel.

OVERNIGHT: Torgiano Area

MEALS: Breakfast

EXTRAS:

Day 9: Torgiano – Vallo di Nera (70Km, 1h) - Vogel (Ukanc, 4km, 10min) – Bohinj (5km, 10min) – Bled (27km, 30min)

Activity day! Take a rafting trip along the Fiume Nera and explore the nature of Umbria. The River Nera is category A which ensure water quality and purity and presence of flora and fauna. The rafting adventure starts from Vallo Di Nera typical Borgo town of Umbria. The adventure will follow the river for 10 Km and discover local nature but will also give you the opportunity to visit the Abbey of SS Felice e Mauro, a gem of the Valneria. There will be possibility to swim in the clean water of the river on natural pool and learn the skills of rafting. Driving back to the hotel stop at a Frantoi where the olive oil is produced and all the associate products. We recommend Frantoio Gaudenzi di Brunetti Rossana which works linked to the university in Perugia for the research of techniques to extract the oil and maximise the quality.

Drive back to the hotel at your leisure

OVERNIGHT: Torgiano

MEALS: Breakfast

EXTRAS:

Day 10: Torgiano to Florence Airport (180 km, 2h10 min)

Depending on the flight back another overnight can be arranged. Also possible to finish with a few night in Florence without the car and just experience the city. Drive to Florence airport, drop off the car and flight back home.

OVERNIGHT: N/A

MEALS: Breakfast

EXTRAS:

Included:

- Rental car for the entire tour of 10 Days
pick up/drop off at Florence airport
- Accommodation with breakfast in 4* hotels for 9 nights:
 - 2 night in Lucca - Hotel Ilaria 4* or similar (we can't guarantee central location)
 - 2 night in Radda in Chianti – Palazzo San Nocolo', Ultimo Mulino country hotel 4* or similar
 - 3 nights in Cortona area – Hotel Cortona resort and Spa 4* or similar
 - 2 nights in Torgiano area Umbria – Relais la corte Bettona4* or similar
- Activities: 24 Hour Cinque Terre train Card, Castello Di Brolio Garden and Castel visit, Luxury Michelin star cooking class and lunch, Lunch and wine tasting at Fattoria del Colle, Rafting experience (adventure level), Olive oil Testing at Frantoi Gaudenzi.

Excluded:

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Options

Our tours are designed to include all that you need to enjoy a really special time in the destination you're visiting. However, we do also offer some extra options to complement the tour and add some additional sightseeing or activities, or some extra time at either end of the tour.

All accommodation based options (e.g. Single supplements, extra nights, cruise upgrades) should be booked and paid for in advance so that we can make the appropriate arrangements. Other options may either be booked and paid for in advance or while you are on the tour, though we recommend booking in advance to ensure there are no issues with availability.

Many options are priced the same throughout the year, but some may incur single or high season supplements - full details are given on the tour reservation form or on request.

No Options

1. Health and Vaccinations

You should ensure you are fully insured for medical emergencies including emergency evacuation and repatriation. UK travellers visiting other European Union countries including Italy should also carry the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) as it entitles travellers to reduced cost, sometimes free, medical treatment in most European countries.

Recommended vaccinations and other health protection measures vary according to the country you are visiting and where you are travelling from. We recommend you contact your GP/medical practitioner or a travel clinic for current information on vaccinations needed for your destination.

You should ensure that you are up to date with vaccines and boosters recommended for your normal life at home, including for example, vaccines required for occupational risk of exposure, lifestyle risks and underlying medical conditions. No additional courses or boosters are normally recommended for Italy though you could consider Tetanus and Tick-borne Encephalitis.

More information is available here: [Italy](#)
[Malaria map](#) - there is low to no risk of malaria in Italy, none in tourist areas.
Yellow fever certificates are not required.

2. Booking & Payment

If you would like to book a place on this tour, please complete the online reservation form on our website (via the Dates & Prices tab on the tour page). You may make a deposit or full payment online, or just hold a reservation if you prefer (full payments are due 8 weeks before departure). We will then contact you with more details about how to complete your booking. Payments may be made by debit or credit card (subject to a card processing fee), or by making a bank transfer, or posting us a cheque/bank draft. Full details will be provided in your booking confirmation email. Please [contact us](#) if you would like any more information or have any questions before making a booking.

3. Financial Security

We are a UK registered company and are committed to providing our customers with financial protection to provide peace of mind and to allow you to book with confidence.

We have therefore partnered with Trust My Travel Ltd., which provides financial protection services to over 2000 partners around the world. Funds paid to us by our customers are protected via an Insurance policy held by Trust My Travel. Each traveller and the description of services sold is declared against Trust My Travel's insurance policy directly against our financial failure. In the event of our insolvency, you will be refunded for any unfulfilled products and/or repatriation to the UK (where applicable). Please see [our website](#) or [booking conditions](#) for more information.

4. Responsible Tourism

It is impossible not to have an impact on the local environment, cultures and eco-systems when you travel. However, it is very possible to try and ensure that these impacts are as limited, or positive as possible. We are committed to ensuring that we try to leave our host countries in a better state than we found them and encourage and assist our travellers to help us with this.

The following are a few simple tips that require very little effort on your part but which will help ensure that any effect you have on the locations you visit is positive rather than negative.

- Don't prejudge: Things in different countries will almost certainly be different. That doesn't make them worse or inferior, just different.

- **Communicate:** Don't expect locals to speak your language. Take the trouble to learn a few words or phrases of the local language. Don't worry about sounding silly. Most locals are patient and accommodating and appreciate you making the effort to communicate in their language.
- **Conserve energy:** Be careful not to waste valuable resources. Use local resources sparingly. Switch off lights, air-conditioning and fans when you leave the hotel room and don't waste water. Remove superfluous packaging. Many countries have far less efficient waste disposal systems than ours. Remove packaging from newly acquired items before leaving home.
- **Don't litter:** No matter how untidy or dirty the country you're travelling in may look to you, avoid littering, as there is no need to add to the environment's stress. Many of the countries we visit have a tough challenge dealing with rubbish and waste. Please consider taking home as much plastic waste as you can (e.g. water bottles).
- **Choose environmentally friendly products:** By using environmentally friendly (bio degradable) sun creams, shampoos and detergents you can help reduce pollution.
- **Respect local customs and traditions:** As you are a guest in these countries, you should also comply with the local customs. If you are friendly and well mannered, the locals will reciprocate and it will only enhance your experience. It's important to follow dress and behaviour guidelines especially when visiting religious or sacred sites (your tour leader will advise you how best to do this).
- **If a client commits an illegal act the client may be excluded from the tour and Encounters Travel shall cease to have responsibility to/for them. No refund will be given for any unused services.**

All porters are employed and equipped following guidelines set by the International Porter Protection Group (IPPG).

5. Follow Us Online

You can stay in touch with us online by following us on Facebook and Twitter. We post updates on relevant travel news in our destination countries, special offers and discounts and other interesting travel related news and information.

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<https://x.com/encounterstravel> (yes, without the 'e')

6. Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is compulsory on all of our tours and needs to cover personal accident & liability, medical expenses and repatriation, travel delay & abandonment. We also strongly recommend that you take out cover against cancellation and lost/stolen baggage. Personal medical insurance does not normally provide sufficient cover and is generally not suitable for travel on our tours. You will not be able to join your tour if you have not provided us with details of your insurance or if you arrive without cover in place (no refunds will be due in this event).

Considering travel insurance for your trip? [World Nomads Travel Insurance](#) offers coverage for more than 150 adventure activities as well as emergency medical, lost luggage, trip cancellation and more.

If your tour includes car hire, or if you plan to arrange a hot air balloon flight locally or do some scuba diving during your tour, you should check the small print in your policy to make sure these are covered (these are covered in our policy). Please also check the maximum altitude that you will be reaching and that full cover including emergency evacuation is provided up to this altitude.

If you are taking expensive camera gear or other electronic equipment with you then please check the coverage and the fine print of your policy to ensure that you have sufficient cover.

IMPORTANT: *We must have your travel insurance details (policy number and type of insurance) before you depart or you may not be allowed to join the tour. If you haven't told us already, please let us know the details when you can. You should take a paper copy of your insurance policy with you as you may be asked to show this at the start of the tour.*

Covid-19

Before purchasing any travel insurance, please check the coverage provided for situations related to Covid-19, and for the rules about government travel advice. Your normal policy may not be suitable.

7. Before you travel

It is important when considering and preparing to travel anywhere in the world that you have a good understanding of the country you are visiting, its laws and customs, and the possible risks and situations that may occur. This includes specific risks related to your itinerary (eg. does it involve water & can you swim, are you fit enough for the activities included), as well as more general risks such as terrorism and natural disasters.

General details and links to more information about health risks, visa requirements, money, and travel insurance are given in these tour notes. We recommend that you re-read all these before your departure as well as the small print of your travel insurance policy so you know exactly what is covered and what is not.

You should take copies of your important travel documents with you and ideally also store them online securely as a backup. Make sure that you have given us your emergency contact details and told that person where and when you are travelling. Ensure you take enough money with you and that you have access to emergency funds.

Finally, you should read through and stay updated with the current [official government travel advice](#) for your destination. We are registered partners with the UK Foreign Office's '[Travel Aware](#)' campaign which provides further useful and invaluable information.



8. Reduce Plastic Waste with Water-to-Go Filter bottles

Traveling responsibly means minimizing plastic waste, but staying hydrated on the go is essential. At Encounters Travel we are committed to reducing single-use plastics, which is why we've partnered with Water-to-Go. Their portable filtration system removes over 99.9% of contaminants from any non-saltwater source, turning even questionable water sources into safe drinking water.

Given that tap water is un-safe to drink in many of the countries in which we operate, we recommend purchasing a Water-to-Go bottle prior to departure. This will help you avoid the use of single use plastic bottles and keep you hydrated on the go.

Save big! Get a huge 25% off your Water-to-Go bottle and other Water-to-Go products (such as filters, lids, and carriers). Use code **ENCOUNTERS25** at checkout (valid in the UK, USA and Canada).

How Water-to-Go Technology works:

- Their reusable, BPA free water bottles contain their own unique 3-in-1 filtration technology effectively providing clean safe drinking water from any non-salt water source around the world.
- Three different (1 traditional and 2 nano) technologies are combined in one filter cartridge to remove up to 99.9999% of microbiological contaminants in water.

The three technologies used in a Water-to-Go filter are:

- Mechanical filtration – A tiny pore size, so small contaminants can't fit through.
- Electrical – A positive charge reduces the pore size even further and attracts contaminants like a magnet, trapping them inside the filter.

- Activated Carbon – Unlike most carbon based filters, instead of using adhesives to glue the carbon particles together, (which vastly reduces the carbon's efficiency) it is contained within the membrane, helping to reduce contaminants whilst eliminating bad tastes and odours. Try filtering water from your tap at home and taste the difference!

Water-to-Go filter bottles deliver safe, healthy water worldwide

- Water-to-Go filters remove bacteria, viruses, waterborne disease, protozoa, heavy metals such as lead as well as harmful chemicals.
- Their filters remove Chlorine and Fluoride from tap water.
- The filter will eliminate harmful contaminants from the water but allow beneficial minerals such as sodium and magnesium to pass through leaving you with the healthiest water possible.
- Water-to-Go filters have been independently tested against internationally recognised standards by industry specialists including The London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine (UK), BCS Laboratories (USA), Bangalore Test House (India) and IMI (China).

Use Water-to-Go products and you'll be healthier, wealthier and helping to make the world a better place!

- Depending on filter size, each Water-to-Go filter is able to replace 260 or 400 single-use plastic water bottles!
- They ensure you have access to safe water anywhere in the world without ever having to buy environmentally damaging bottled water.
- Their water bottles deliver safe, clean drinking water at just 5p per litre.
- The filter membrane is biodegradable and the shrouds are recyclable.
- The water bottles are used and approved by everyone from backpackers to commuters, gym users to expecting mums. Perfect for everyday, outdoor and travel.

9. Private & Tailor-made Tours

While our group departures offer a fantastic way to explore with like-minded travellers, we understand that some guests prefer a more exclusive experience. Most of our group tours can be booked on a private basis, allowing you to enjoy the same expert-led routes with your own dedicated party. The primary advantage of choosing a private arrangement is the flexibility it provides; we can easily customise the itinerary to include your preferred style of accommodation or adjust the pace to suit your needs. Private tours can be run on the same start days as our group tours, or on other dates. However, some activities within our trips are restricted to particular days of the week - we will advise you on anything like this that we need to work around. Pricing will be based on the number of travellers in your party, and any customisations you may like to make.

For those seeking something truly unique, our specialist sales team is available to collaborate with you on a completely tailor-made tour, designed from the ground up to match your specific interests, accommodation level and requirements.

To request a quotation for a private or tailor-made tour, please [contact us](#).

10. Passports and Visas

Passports should be valid for at least six months after your departure from the country. Please do not bring an almost full or almost expired passport. Visa arrangements are the responsibility of the traveller, and requirements are subject to change by the local authorities.

Some foreign nationals require a visa to enter Italy, though many do not (including UK, EU, US, CA, AU, NZ, SA). More information is available [here](#).

11. Time

Italy Time (CEST) is GMT plus 2 hours. Daylight saving adjustments of 1 hour are applied, starting at the end of March and finishing at the end of October. Exact dates vary from year to year.

12. Money

The currency in Italy is the Euro (EUR). 1 Euro = 100 Euro cents. Banknotes: 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 200. Euros
Coins: 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50 Euro Cents and 1, 2.

Credit Cards and Travellers Cheques are widely accepted in major cities and tourist resorts. ATMs are also accessible at all our destinations and generally offer the best exchange rate. A mixture of debit, credit cards and cash are the best forms of currency. You should split this up and keep some separately as a backup in case you lose your main money/cards. We recommend you advise your credit card company that you will be travelling abroad before you leave home.

It is difficult for us to specify the amount of money that you will spend per day, however, as a general rule EUR 20 to 40 per day can provide you with additional meals, tipping, snacks and drinks. Should you wish to purchase many souvenirs or other luxuries, of which there is a diverse range, you will have to budget for these.

13. What to take

Luggage: Suitcases, rucksacks or fabric holdalls are all fine to bring with you to Italy. You should also bring a small daypack/bag to take out during the day. This can double as your camera bag. Your main luggage will normally be left in the hotel during your sightseeing trips – you will not need to carry it far, and there are usually hotel porters to assist if required.

Luggage limits: There is no luggage limit for this tour. However, most airlines restrict you to between 20kg and 25kg for your hold luggage and between 5kg and 10kg for hand luggage. Please check with your airline before travelling to the airport.

Clothing: Italy's climate changes drastically, with cold winters and hot summers. In Italy from late March to May, spring brings with it average temperatures of around 15C, though the weather does gradually warm up with sunny days interspersed with rain showers. From May to the end of October, the climate is hot and sunny, getting cooler as the year progresses. By the end of October you can expect the first of the winter snows in the north. So you must pack for cool and potentially wet conditions late in the year.

Other items: We also recommend you bring a sun hat, sunscreen, sunglasses, a basic first aid kit, toiletries, money belt, small torch, as well as your camera equipment and chargers.

14. Tipping

Tipping is common practice in Italy. For basic restaurants, taxis and local markets, leave the loose change. For more up-market restaurants we suggest 10% of your bill.

Drivers: You may have a range of private drivers on your trip. For those you see for at least several days and who are more involved with the group, a tip of around EUR 1-2 per person per day is generally appropriate.

Tour guide/tour leader: If you think your local tour guide and/or tour leader has worked hard and provided a good service then s/he will appreciate a tip of a few Euros. How much you tip is subject to your satisfaction with their service and your personal budget. You should not feel pressured to tip any particular amount. As a guideline, we can suggest that for good service, a tip of EUR 5-10 per day for local tour guides or local tour leaders would be fine (less if you are spending less time with them).

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Note: Please [download an up-to-date copy](#) of these tour notes shortly before you travel as itineraries and information does change from time to time.
