



**The Best of Italy: Behind the Scenes Lifelong Learning Tour of a Lifetime, 2021  
October 5 – 16, 2021**

**Tuesday, October 5**

Various departures

**Wednesday, October 6**

11:30 am Arrive FLR, meet private coach, transfer to Siena

1:00 pm Check in NH Hotel and settle in

Tour of town with Bob

6:30 pm Meet with hosts Dante Alighieri of Siena at hotel and walk to school

7:00 pm Welcome Dinner at DA Siena gastronomy department

**Thursday, October 7**

9:30 am Lesson: Italian language common greetings and expressions, ask for information, useful expressions in restaurants/bars

12:00 pm Brunch in a typical store of Siena with cheese, salami and bread

3:00 pm Visit of Palazzo Pubblico & Duomo

8:00 pm Group Dinner with Bob

**Friday, October 8**

9:30 am Lessons: History of Siena - origins, Middle-Ages, Renaissance until 1555

11:00 am Depart for San Gimignano

Visit town and Group Lunch

5:00 pm Visit a winery, wine tasting and BBQ dinner in the vineyard

OR Dinner at contrada

**Saturday, October 9**

8:30 am Departure for Florence on private coach 10:00 am Orientation to Florence with Bob

4:00 pm Depart Florence

5:00 pm Arrive hilltop town of Colle di Val d'Elsa for pizza lesson and dinner 9:30 pm Return to Siena

**Sunday, October 10**

10:00 am Lesson: Italian food and wine

3:00 pm Visit to contrada museum

5:30 pm Evening cooking class and dinner at DA Siena gastronomy department

Opera masterclass with soprano M.me Cristina Ferri?

**Monday, October 11**

11 am Private Coach pick-up in Siena; to Verona

3:00 pm Check in to Hotel Colomba D'Oro and settle in

5:00 pm Orientation upon arrival in Verona at WTS Offices Via Cappello

6:00 pm Historical walking tour of Verona with Lecture

7:30 pm Group Welcome Dinner

**Tuesday, October 12**

9:30 am Private Coach pick-up at hotel 10:00 am Cooking class at a local Agriturismo 12:00 pm  
Tour of the Agriturismo with Lecture 1:00 pm Wine Tasting and Lunch  
2:30 pm Private Coach to Verona downtown Afternoon free  
WTS Dinner

**Wednesday, October 13**

10:00 am Day trip/High-Speed Train to Venice 11:30 am Guided historical walking tour of  
Venice 5:50 pm Return to Verona  
7:00 pm Arrive Verona  
8:00 pm Group Dinner with Bob

**Thursday, October 14**

9:30 am Day Trip / Private Coach to Lake Garda: Lazise  
10:00 am Guided Visit to the Olive Oil Museum and Olive Oil Tasting 12:30 pm Lunch at Lake  
Garda  
2:30 pm Return to Verona  
Afternoon free Dinner on own

**Friday, October 15**

10:00 am Private Coach to San Giorgio di Valpolicella 11:00 am Guided Tour of San Giorgio with  
Lecture  
12:30 pm Wine Tasting and Farewell Lunch with local specialties 3:00 pm Return to Hotel  
Afternoon free for last minute shopping/sightseeing and packing 8:00 pm Group Dinner with  
Bob

**Saturday, October 16**

Check out of hotel; Departures vary

**Payment Information**

\$4,545.00 – OLLI members, double-occupancy

\$5,625.00 – OLLI members, single-occupancy

**June 15** – Deadline for initial ½ trip payment per person;

**July 15** – Last day to receive a full refund of June 15 payment;

**July 16** - Cancellations after July 15 will incur a 30% service fee should that seat go unfilled. If the seat is filled, the service fee will be 10% (or a 90% credit on a future trip).

**August 15** – Deadline for final ½ trip payment per person;

**August 16** - Cancellations after August 15 will incur a 60% service fee should that seat go unfilled. If the seat is filled, the service fee will be 20% (or an 80% credit on a future trip)