

ITALY

Fabulous Ladies Wine Tour



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BOUTIQUE TRAVEL FOR WOMEN



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Tuscany & Verona | 15–26 October 2026

Indulge in an unforgettable 11-night escape where luxury meets authenticity. The Fabulous Ladies Wine Getaway: Tuscany & Verona is a handcrafted journey designed for those who seek more than just a trip—it's an immersive experience into the heart of Italy's finest wine regions, culture, and cuisine.

This exclusive women-only adventure promises not just remarkable destinations, but behind-the-scenes access to hidden gems and extraordinary experiences, thoughtfully curated to create memories that will last a lifetime.

Your Italian adventure begins in Florence, the jewel of Italy's art and fashion scene. Spend two nights at the Hotel Brunelleschi, located just steps from the magnificent Duomo. This iconic hotel provides the perfect base to explore the city's world-class art museums, fashionable boutiques, and charming streets. Here, you'll be immersed in the elegance of Florence, with the opportunity to take in masterpieces and experience the city's timeless beauty.

After Florence, your journey takes you to Tuscany, where you'll spend seven nights in luxury private villas near Arezzo, an area renowned for its rich culture and exceptional wine. Here, you'll be treated to exclusive, handpicked experiences, including a private visit to Busatti Textiles, a family-owned artisan business established in 1842. At Busatti, you'll witness the art of weaving that's

been passed down through generations, offering you an insight into Tuscany's proud textile heritage.

Immerse yourself in private wine tastings hosted by female wine producers who will share their craft, passion, and stories. You'll have the rare opportunity to experience Tuscany's finest wines up close, in intimate, private settings at some of the region's most exclusive wineries.

No trip to Tuscany would be complete without indulging in the culinary delights of this region. You'll be treated to a lunch at a beautiful farmhouse, hosted by Pamela Sheldon Johns, a renowned cookbook author. Pamela will guide you through a sumptuous meal crafted from local ingredients, all while sharing her culinary wisdom and passion for Tuscan cooking. This intimate experience will make you feel like a local, discovering the flavours and traditions that make Tuscany so extraordinary.

Then to Verona, the city of Romeo, Juliet & Opera. Stay at the stylish Hotel Indigo – Grand Hotel Des Arts, where you'll be enveloped by the city's art and history. Explore the charming streets of Verona, visit iconic landmarks like the Arena di Verona, and enjoy divine dining that captures the essence of Italian flavour.

Join us for a one-of-a-kind handcrafted adventure that combines elegance, passion, and adventure. Indulge in the best of Italy while building lasting friendships.



Price Includes

Fully escorted from Florence by Jane Thomson
OAM, Founder of the Fabulous Ladies Wine Society

2 nights boutique Stay Gallery Hotel Art, Florence

7 nights' in luxury villas, Pomaio Winery Arezzo

2 nights' boutique Stay, Hotel Indigo – Grand Hotel
Des Arts, Verona

Breakfast daily

Meals as per the itinerary, inclusive of wine

Sightseeing and experiences detailed in the itinerary
including:

- Private foodie tour Verona
- Private Busatti textiles visit
- Introductory Tasting at Enoteca Ottimi Vini with
sommelier Stefania
- Private tastings and visits with amazing women wine
producers
- Lunch in the private home of author and cook
extraordinaire, Pamela Sheldon Johns
- Cagusi Cheese visit and tasting
- Private guided city walks: Arezzo & Siena
- Private Artisans guided tour including Textiles, Jewellery
& Artists
- Exclusive winery dinner at the villas

Private air-conditioned transport throughout the
tour, as required

English speaking private guides for tours

Government Taxes

Your Host

Created in collaboration with The
Fabulous Ladies Wine Society
and hosted by Jane Thomson
OAM, this exclusive women-only
tour is a celebration of all things
beautiful—luxury, wine, food, and
the joy of shared experiences.



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NOT INCLUDED: Airfares and departure taxes; transfers unless stated
in the itinerary; items of a personal nature; phone calls; passport and
visas; laundry or tips not covered in the itinerary. Personal transport;
excess baggage; security and government taxes; travel insurance.
Meals not specifically mentioned in the itinerary; additional beverages
(unless specifically described). Optional excursions or activities that may
be offered but are not included in the tour price. Spa treatments and
any items not specified. Any alcoholic beverages before/after/during
meal (other than those indicated). Any changes you choose to make
during your holiday. Wines at the villas not provided by Travelling Divas
– Pomaio provide wine in villa but this is at additional costs.



Itinerary

Florence to Verona

15–26 October 2026

Twin share: AU\$14,895 per person twin share

Single: AU\$17,190 for a private room

Please see full booking terms and conditions at
www.travellingdivas.com/terms-and-conditions

Day 1 – Thursday 15: Welcome to Florence and your Fabulous Ladies Getaway...

Welcome to Florence, the city of beauty, art, fashion and culture. Make your way to Gallery Hotel Art, your home for the next 2 nights. Check-in and enjoy exploring your surrounds. Set in a quiet courtyard near the Arno and Ponte Vecchio and close to Palazzo Strozzi in Florence, you may experience art and photography vernissages, enjoy a few quite moments in the inviting lounge-library, or indulge in culinary Eastern delights at the Fusion Bar & Restaurant.

This afternoon is yours to explore Florence. Perhaps a visit to Farmacia di Santa Maria Novella, an extraordinarily exquisite building that just happens to sell the most incredible skin care, herbal remedies and more – it has to be seen! Or just wander the beautiful streets, stumbling into gorgeous design stores, or just people watching with an Aperol Spritz in a little piazza.

Early evening meet up with your other travelling companions for a tour briefing with Jane over an aperitivo before enjoying dinner at leisure.

Stay: Gallery Hotel Art

Day 2 – Friday 16: Florence with textiles and jewels

This morning, a guided explore through Florence. You will enjoy a private Artisan tour of Florence, where you will discover all sorts of exquisite delights before enjoying the rest of the day for your final explore of the city and to discover what you missed yesterday. Late afternoon it is time for an aperitivo before your gorgeous welcome dinner tonight.

Stay: Gallery Hotel Art

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 3 – Saturday 17: Aperitivos and Wine in Arezzo

Today we check out and transfer from Florence through the countryside to Arezzo for an afternoon guided tour and local lunch. Shuttle to Pomaio just outside of Arezzo after your lunch and tour, to check into your luxury villas – home for the next 7 nights. Dinner inhouse this evening.

Stay: Villas at Pomaio

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4 – Sunday 18: Textiles in Anghiari & Tuscan flavours

This morning enjoy breakfast in villa, and the time for a beautiful morning of history, textiles and perhaps some retail therapy with a visit to the world famous Busatti Textiles and a private visit with the family. Situated in the quaint village of Anghiari, the family have been there since the 1700's establishing their textile mill in 1842 by founder Mario Busatti.



Magic Moments...

Private Artisans guided tour including Textiles, Jewellery & Artists

Private Busatti textiles visit

Introductory Tasting at Enoteca Ottimi Vini with sommelier Stefania

Private tastings and visits with amazing women wine producers

Lunch in the private home of author and cook extraordinaire, Pamela Sheldon Johns

Cagusi Cheese visit and tasting

Private guided city walks: Arezzo & Siena

Exclusive winery dinner at the villas

Private foodie tour Verona

and much, much more...

Then to Sansepolcro where we will walk through town, stopping in at a beautiful enoteca for an exploratory tasting of Tuscan wines with owner Stephanie. Lunch follows, in a typical Tuscan restaurant in town before returning to the villas where you can choose to chill by the pool, wander the vineyards or just enjoy a wine in the loggia. Tonight, there will be a light dinner in the villa.

Stay: Villas at Pomaio

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5 – Monday 19: A Toast to Women in Wine...

Today is all about the amazing women in wine in this gorgeous region.

You will spend a day on the road visiting producers located outside Arezzo and in the Val di Chiana.

Firstly a morning visit to women owned and run Buccia Nera winery.

Shuttle to Civitella for lunch and afternoon visits to two other women-owned/run wineries: Podere Ortica & Tunia.

Lunch & tasting with Francesca at Podere Ortica. Outdoor tasting with Chiara at Tunia. Light dinner by the pool.

Stay: Villas at Pomaio

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 6 – Tuesday 20: Exploring the beauty of Siena...

This morning after breakfast, you have a full day in the beautiful city of Siena.

This morning enjoy a private guided walking tour of the city with Rita, who will share the history of the town, the contrade (neighbourhoods) rivalry that still drives much of the culture today and the Palio, Siena's famous horse race that happens twice a year!

We'll enjoy a light lunch together in town and then free time to shop or explore more..

Head back to the villas for in-house pizza night. You can decide whether you want to participate or just sit back and enjoy the delicious results!

Stay: Villas at Pomaio

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day 7 – Wednesday 21: Relax, visit a designer Mall & cooking class

Today is all about a chance to relax and be at leisure. Choose to stay inhouse by the pool or just chilling out or for those feeling like some retail therapy, there is a trip to Tuscany's famous designer outlet known as The Mall. This is a divine day offering the chance to browse the likes of Gucci, Armani, Burberry, Coach, Fendi, Dolce & Gabbana, Ferragamo and many more!

Later this afternoon there is a private Cooking class with Simona Querini and dinner in the evening at Pomaio.

Stay: Villas at Pomaio

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner



Day 8 – Thursday 22: Cheese farm, tasting and more wine...

This morning time to visit to a woman-run pecorino cheese farm, a production of a different kind. We'll see the cheese production and taste cheese.

Then a really special lunch at the farmhouse of cookbook author and Tuscan food expert, beautiful Pamela Sheldon Johns. Pamela is the author of seventeen cookbooks specialising in Italian traditional and regional ingredients. Her career, for more than twenty years, has included teaching, food photography/food styling, cooking school administration, food writing, innkeeping, and agriculture. In a word she is amazing.

This afternoon enjoy a tasting visit to Boscarelli Winery, run by Paola de Ferrari Corradi. She has been involved in the winery since the 1960's and is the daughter of Eggidio Corradi, the founder of Boscarelli.

This evening dinner in house.

Stay: Villas at Pomaio

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 9 – Friday 23: Cortona under the Tuscan sun

Today you will enjoy a visit to the beautiful town of Cortona, made famous by Frances Mayes in her story 'Under the Tuscan Sun.' There will be a stroll through town with Francesca, your gorgeous guide, time for retail therapy or exploring the local sites and lunch at Osteria del Teatro.

This afternoon a visit to the local Antinori winery – La Braccasca – for a private tasting. Antinori is one of the most famous wineries in Tuscany, and certainly one of the



largest and provides a great contrast to some of the more boutique establishments you have experienced!

Tonight your final delicious dinner at Pomaio, prepared by chefs Mirella & Stefano.

Stay: Villas at Pomaio

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 10 – Saturday 24: To Verona, an exquisite little city...

Settle back and relax for your transfer to the beautiful city of Verona. It is an exquisite city full of history and culture, and some incredible shopping so after checking in to your lovely hotel take time to explore and enjoy the sites. Home of Romeo & Juliet's love, the incredible Arena which is over 2000 years old and still hosts the opera season, people watching in Piazza delle Erbe and shopping in the beautiful stores that are just nearby – you will have much to do.

Stay: Grand Hotel des Arts

Included Meals: Breakfast

Day 11 – Sunday 25: exploring Verona...

After breakfast, get ready for an insightful adventure as you connect with local foodie host Nicoletta, to explore Verona's culinary scene. Wander through the city on this private and personalised tasting tour stopping at landmark coffee bars, pastry shops, and traditional "osteria" eateries. Sample different sweet and savoury specialties, local products like "soppressa" salami, Monte Veronese cheese, and regional wine, alongside Italian classics, all the while chatting about Verona's authentic

cuisine with your local host. Admire some of the city's top sights as you snack and stroll your way through the historic centre.

Finish this beautiful morning off with Nicoletta, who is a sommelier, with a delicious final bite and an introduction to the wines of this region.

This evening your farewell dinner!

Stay: Grand Hotel des Arts

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Day 12 – Monday 26: Time to say farewell...

Sadly all good things must come to an end. Check out and make your way to the airport or for your onward journey. Thank you for coming away with us!

Ciao and buon viaggio!

Included Meals: Breakfast





Accommodation

VERONA | Hotel Indigo – Grande Hotel des Arts

Centrally located in the Cittadella district, which serves as the heart of one of the world's most romantic cities, Hotel Indigo® Verona – Grand Hotel Des Arts is the perfect base for getting to know our historic city. We're surrounded by cultural attractions; shop the fashion district lined with boutiques or enjoy architecture at the Roman amphitheatre Arena. Don't forget the famous squares of Piazza Erbe and Piazza dei Signori, also known as Piazza Dante for the statue of the poet placed in the square in 1865. And of course, Juliet's balcony where travellers pay tribute to the world's most famous star-crossed lovers.

Our recently renovated hotel has event spaces named after the rival families, Montecchi and Capuleti, with decor elements inspired by Verona's art and architecture, weaving together the fictional history of Verona with the very real passion of our city. After exploring Verona, join us for a cocktail in our garden patio or our lounge, Arya Bar & Mixology, before winding down in one of our guest rooms.

AREZZO | Villas at Pomaio

Two luxury villas side-by-side inside a beautiful winery...

Leopoldina: This quintessential Tuscan villa is designed with four overlapping arches in twos and is surrounded by a beautiful garden with a private pool facing a breath-taking view. The villa was built in the late 1800s probably over a ruin of which today any information has been lost. The recent renovation that took place in the villa has followed the stricter sustainability principles complying with this estate style that made Pomaio Wines & Hospitality famous in the design and wine world.



Mandorlo: The villa's name comes from the big and colourful almond tree that surrounds the house. In springtime, when this same almond tree blooms, it is also visible from the city of Arezzo. Thanks to its strong scent and guests love to spend their time watching the vibrant petals dance in the wind. Here at Pomaio • Wines & Hospitality every renovation is compliant with the environmental friendly philosophy. This villa has been recently renovated following the highest of quality standards in terms of design as was used for the Leopoldina mansion. The particular private pool is accessible only from the villa's loggia or the elegant glass doors both located on the ground floor. Once reached you will notice the Mediterranean vegetation surrounding it.

*Photos are indicative only. Rooms may vary subject to availability.



FLORENCE | Gallery Hotel Art

The contemporary Gallery Hotel Art is a 4 star design and boutique hotel in Florence dreamed up by Michele Bönan, a refined Florentine architect, and offers a favorite local meeting place in the heart of Florence amongst fashion, art, and stylish people.

Set in a quiet courtyard near the Arno and Ponte Vecchio and close to Palazzo Strozzi in Florence, you may experience art and photography vernissages, enjoy a few quite moments in the inviting lounge-library, or indulge in culinary Eastern delights at the Fusion Bar & Restaurant.

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Testimonials

I have enjoyed each and everyone of your trips I have taken.

The local ones (Hiddenvale and Hobart) and more exotic locations (India x 3, magical Morocco and divine South Africa) have all delivered on expectations and all show your stamp of picking the eyes out of the most delightful locations to rest our heads, and also extraordinarily well critiqued sites, restaurants and artisan workshops to visit.

I am really looking forward to Sicily in September. Best wishes and many thanks for the joyful travels I have immensely enjoyed.

Lisa, 2025

I wanted to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude for organising what has been the most amazing holiday I have ever experienced.

From the start, everything was well-coordinated, and the attention to detail was impeccable. However, the absolute highlight of the trip was the safari experience. It completely exceeded my expectations – the breathtaking landscapes, the abundance of wildlife, and the knowledgeable guides made it unforgettable. The excitement and awe of seeing such majestic animals up close was a dream come true, and it's an experience I will cherish for a lifetime.

Thank you once again for providing such a seamless, exhilarating, and memorable adventure. I'll definitely be recommending your services to friends and family, and I look forward to traveling with you again in the future.

Deirdre, 2024

Andrea makes dreams come true ! With wonderful surprises along the way, Portugal was definitely exquisite, guided by our Zoe ever so helpful on many occasions ensuring my dream came true. I've had the most wonderful time, meeting and sharing the trip with amazing Divas.

Linda, 2025

This was my second trip with Travelling Divas and I cannot recommend them enough. They have been seamless, the accommodation is always exceptional as is the food & wine throughout the journey.

However it is the company and the laughs that has stayed with me, not only on this trip but on my previous trip to Estonia & Finland. It was the tonic that was needed after our long travel hiatus, thank you so much for what was truly a Journey of a Lifetime (the Northern Lights twice was an added and unexpected bonus... thanks for organising that for us!)

Yvonne – Diva Iconic

Best holiday experience ever. Loved everything! I would not have changed a thing.

Jenny



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