

The good, the wine and the tasty.

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Hey, you passionate foodies! I've got a great bit of news to share if you love Italian food and wine- and I'm not talking about Olive Garden! I'm talking about the real deal: a gastronomic tour of Italy where you can try out some of the most delectable Italian cuisine and wine, as well as see the celebrated landmarks. Perillo Tours, America's leading tour operator to Italy, just announced their "A Taste of Italy" tour which features a 12-day exploration of four illustrious regions: Emilia-Romagna, Lombardy, Tuscany, and Umbria.



Starting at \$4,290 per person, guests embark on this all-inclusive adventure which covers everything from airport transfer, stellar accommodations, to most meals and wine tastings. Italy is a romantic country and it will be hard not to fall in love with it when you hear everything this tour has to offer. If you're like me, this may be your first time visiting Italy and I know you wanna soak up as much as possible during your stay. No Italian trip is worthwhile without seeing Rome's memorable landmarks like the Sistine Chapel and the Colosseum- so expect that to be on the menu too with this tour. But of course, this is geared for foodies so expect: a wine tasting in Torgiano (Umbria) and Brunello di Montalcino in Tuscany, balsamic vinegar tasting at the Acetaia di Giorgio in Modena (Emilia-Romagna), a cooking class in Parma with the master chef of the professional Academic Barilla, and lastly, a visit to the Ferrari Museum in Maranello.



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The Squire thinks this is a deal you can't refuse and I agree! This is a rare opportunity to delve into the gastronomic side of Italy as you meet the prestigious producers of wines, cheeses, and pastas. And don't worry about ever losing your way through this culturally rich country because the tour also includes licensed local guides leading the way - not to mention- wireless headsets for hearing the guides in public places. Is that cool or what? Group tours ranges from 20-40 people in deluxe state-of-the-art motor coaches, adding a unique experience and excitement to your trip.



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Perillo Tours is also kind enough to allow guests to extend their stay by departing late, if they feel 12 days is not enough, and I'm inclined to agree. The worse thing about the trip is when it's all over. There are 7 departures between May 18 and October 5, 2011. If you are interested, and you should be, make your reservations at www.perillotours.com or call  (800) 431-1515 



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