A Cook’s Tour presents:
Taste of Tuscany

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Tour Includes:

- Culinary lessons include:
  - Antinori’s Michelin Starred “Osteria di Passignano
  - Serena Masari and her family for a dinner you will never forget
  - Pizza making in Podere Erica’s outdoor oven
  - Learn about Olive Oil
- Wine visits with four outstanding producers of Tuscan Wines
- City tour of Florence with Ricardo Nesì, featuring the Art of the Renaissance, Michelangelo’s “David”, the Duomo, Baptistry and the story of Florence.
- City tour of Siena, one of the best preserved Medieval Cities in Europe and the first home of Banks, as we know them. Our guide, Donatella, is the best.
- Visits to the most historic hill towns in Tuscany
  - Volterra with an expert guide, Annie Adair in Volterra.
  - San Gimignano that countless Medieval Pilgrims found on their way to Rome.
- All ground transfers and excursions by private van or motor coach
- Transfers from Florence at tour start and return at tour end.
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• All activities and admissions.
• Private bedrooms with private bath for each couple (four-star standards)
• Breakfast daily
• Two Lunches and six Dinners
• Wine with lunch and dinner
• Cooking lesson and dinner at Antinori’s famous Osteria di Passignano
  www.osteriadipassignano.com
• Cellar visits and tastings with a cross section (boutique to large) of four producers of Chianit & Tuscan wines:
• Tips for all excursions, drivers and restaurants

Cost per person: $3350.
Single add: $825

Exclusions:

• Incidentals
• Tips for guides and staff will be at the individuals discretion
• Unscheduled activities and transportation