

Our Days of the Palio Tour Ticket package offers a select 4-star hotel in the Chianti countryside for 5 nights - Borgo Scopeto. In addition to the Palio tickets, your package also allows you to explore the best of the region with its famous wineries and historical villages. Naturally you will learn about the Palio festival during the city tour of Siena with a guided walking tour featuring a visit to a Contrada museum. Also as part of your package, you will dine *al fresco* with the Sieneese at an invitation-only Contrada Dinner the night before the race. And then what you came for, on July 2 or August 16 your Palio ticket gives you access to watch the historical parade and the race in Piazza del Campo.

What's Included Summary

- Hotel for 5 nights with daily breakfast
- Palio Tickets - several options including balcony or grandstand seating
- Siena Contrada Museum Tour
- Contrada Dinner - night before the final race day
- Visits to local Tuscan / Chianti villages and wineries
- Transportation and Transfers during the program
- Welcome Dinner and Client Reception
- Horse Blessing - day of the race
- Historical Parade - day of the race
- On-Site Support
- **Additional Options:**
- Italian Language Classes
- Cooking Class w/ Dinner
- Tickets to a Trial Race
- Chianti Winery Tour

Package Hotel/Ticket Options and Prices

| Hotel | Balcony / Grandstand | Start Line |
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| Borgo Scopeto **** | € 1,515 | € 1,660 |

Prices are per person, double occupancy.

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ITINERARY DETAILS

DAY 1

Check in to Borgo Scopeto - later in the afternoon, meet and greet orientation, plus review of your Palio package. In the evening a welcome dinner at the hotel.

DAY 2

After breakfast, arrive to Siena (9:30am) for guided city tour (2 hours), including exclusive entry to one of the Contrada museums. Afterwards free time given for lunch; later regroup for entry into the campo to witness the assignment of the horses (Tratta). One of the exciting elements of the Palio - each of the 10 participant Contrada will receive (by lottery) their horse for the race. Once the horses are assigned, they cannot be replaced for any reason, thus sealing the fate of the Contrada for the race. Afterwards suggestions for the afternoon will be given, including unescorted entrance to Palazzo Pubblico, other museums, or the Duomo. Then to wrap up the day, a special aperitif, before returning to Scopeto for dinner at your leisure.

DAY 3

A full day to explore the region's villages and wineries. You will enjoy a guided excursion to one or more historical townships (which can include Pienza, Montalcino, San Gimignano, Volterra, Castellina in Chianti). Depending on the village location, we will select a local winery for a tour, wine tasting and follow it with a special lunch either at the winery or a nearby osteria. Afterwards, return to the hotel and the evening at your leisure.

DAY 4

After breakfast, the day provides a time to relax at the hotel to enjoy the pool and spa amenities, or if you wish to visit other local wineries or villages in Chianti, these options can be arranged. Late in the afternoon, you will transfer to Siena for the opportunity to witness the evening trail race. Full of anticipation and energy, this trial race sets the tone for the evening Contrada dinner banquets. You will have the opportunity to attend one of the invitation only dinners where the many members and supporters for each Contrade will dine al fresco in their own neighborhood within the historical city. Between the wine, the food and the friendliest of atmospheres, you will surely begin to understand how the Palio is more than just a horse race.

DAY 5

A day of Palio related activities, before the final race in the evening. Arrival to Siena just after lunch, and in time for viewing the history unfold as the *contradaiooli* (Contrada members) begin their parade in medieval costume through the city, stopping at various key points to display their colors and flag waving skills. All paths will eventually lead to Piazza del Campo, where in the late afternoon (approximately 5:00pm), the formal historical parade will begin. Then after the color and pageantry, what you came for, the most famous horse race in all of Italy - Palio di Siena.

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TERMS & CONDITIONS

Introduction: The Days of the Palio Special Event Package ("Package") is NOT an Escorted Group Tour. The Package is a combination of services and products designed for independent travelers that wish to enjoy the freedom of an un-escorted trip with the convenience and value of a package price. The Package does not include transportation, transfers, tour escort (other than on guided Siena City Tour), or any services not explicitly listed on the invoice provided to you for your reservation. If you wish to have such additional services, please let us know as they can be added to any Package and reservation requested. The support for the tour comes from our own on-site personnel and other key personnel in Italy who we know personally and have worked with for many years. Hotel personnel and official tour guides whom we "employ" for their services all agree with our expectation to provide our clients with a high level of customer service and attention.

Payments: For reservations made in the same calendar year as the Palio you wish to attend, full payment is required. For reservations made prior to the end of the calendar year (for Palio in the next year) a 40% deposit is required in order to confirm your reservation ("Deposit Reservations"). Payments can be made by credit card (VISA, M/C, AMEX) or by bank transfer. The remaining Balance Payment will be due March 1st (July Palio) or April 1st (August Palio). With credit card payments, the balance payment will automatically be charged to the credit card provided, unless the reservation is otherwise cancelled or notice is given to use an alternate form of payment.

Cancellations: Due to the nature of Special Events and the ticketing and reservation process, Tickets purchased for the Palio, cannot be refunded for any reason ("Tickets" defined as Palio race tickets, trial races and or final race). If, however, you are not able to attend the Palio and wish to cancel your reservation and your notice to cancel is received prior to 45 days before Start Date (June 29th or August 13th) and if another buyer can be found for the Tickets by either party, the Company will provide for a refund for the selling price of the tickets, net of any transaction costs so incurred, including but not limited to credit card service charges, reservation transfer fees and or commissions. Refunds for hotel accommodations or other travel options supplied for any cancelled Special Event package will be subject to the refund schedule found below. No refunds are made for unused portions of any reservation, including but not limited to missed meals, missed guided tours, Tickets (includes airline tickets), or non-use of hotel room or property rental.

Event Cancellations: Cancellations of the Palio race, the Contrada Dinner or City Tour due to weather conditions are not refundable. The Company reserves the right to cancel any Day Tour or Cooking Class at any time if sufficient reservations are not received or for other unforeseen reasons that impair the success or enjoyment of the Day Tour or Cooking Class that is offered as part of any Palio Package. If a Day Tour or Cooking Class is cancelled, all respective deposits and or payments will be returned in full.

IF YOU DECIDE TO CANCEL, YOU MUST NOTIFY THE COMPANY IN WRITING OF YOUR INTENT TO CANCEL. If you cancel a reservation and the written cancellation is received within 30 days from the date you made the reservation, then all fees paid will be refunded, with exception to the provisions for Tickets stated above and otherwise net of credit card service charges.

After the first 30 days of your reservation period, deposits and payments for accommodations will follow the refund schedule below. If you cancel after the first 30-day period and someone takes your place, then administrative cancellation fees may apply, in addition to Ticket costs, which will be deducted from your deposit or payments. After the 30 day initial reservation period, but
Prior to 90 days before Start Date: Refund, less 25% of total cost, net of Tickets;
Prior to 60 days before Start Date: Refund, less 50% of total cost, net of Tickets;
Prior to 45 days before Start Date: Refund, less 75% of total cost, net of Tickets;
Less than 45 days before Start Date: No refunds.

Passports & Visas: All customers must possess a valid passport and/or any visas or special travel documents that can be used as a proof of citizenship. The Company accepts no liability for clients improperly documented.

Travel Insurance Protection: To cover costs associated with your reservation, the Company encourages you to consider purchasing a travel insurance policy. The Company does not supply or support any one company in this regard but can make suggestions as to the companies that provide this service.

General Conditions: Confirmation and payment of any reservation constitutes acceptance of the financial agreements between the Company and the Customer and the provisions of this agreement are in effect. The Company is acting as a tour operator responsible for arranging reservations for the services as outlined in the website paliotours.com. All suppliers providing transportation, guided tours, and lodging for the Company are not employees of the Company. The Company assumes no responsibility or liability for any claims, damages, expenses or other financial loss, whether to person or property, arising from, but not limited to, injury, accident, death, delay, alteration or inconvenience, by whatever cause, including airline scheduling, default, strike, terrorism, war, hostility, civil disturbance, quarantine, or resulting directly or indirectly from any other acts of nature. Under no circumstances is the Company to be construed as a Common Carrier under contract for safe carriage of the passenger or his/her baggage and personal belongings.

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