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Savoring Tuscany a Glass at a Time

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If the idea of wandering through a village dating back to Etruscan times before stopping off at a family-run restaurant for a plate of pollo con pepperoni (chicken with peppers) and a glass of Chianti sounds good to you, then consider two wine-region trips that Tuscan Way, a specialist in food vacations, is offering this fall.

On four- to seven-day trips along the Strada del Vino (southern [Tuscany's](#) Road of Wine), guests will visit some of the oldest vineyards and cellars and sample the wines of Montalcino, Scansano and Montepulciano.

Guests at La Locanda del Prete, a medieval country inn in Arcidosso, can participate in either a weeklong tour (two wine tastings a day) or a four-day trip (six tastings in all), as well as cooking classes that include the preparation of homemade pasta dishes. At Villa Gaia, a luxuriously restored country estate outside Seggiano, a seven-day package includes three wine tastings a day and lunches at vineyards and restaurants where guests will learn from sommeliers the fine art of pairing wine with food.

Prices start at \$3,590 a person, double occupancy, for the Villa Gaia program; and \$2,290 for seven days or \$1,150 for four days at La Locanda. Information: (800) 766-2390 or www.tuscanway.com.

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