

EXCEPTIONAL EXPERIENCES: TUSCANY

Tuscan Specialties

High Fashion, Fast Cars,
Fine Jewels

Fashion to the Full: Meet an iconic

Florentine fashion designer and breathe the creative vibe of a personalized fashion show. The designer welcomes you to her aristocratic house and atelier with drinks and hors d'oeuvres, before a private showing of the finest in daytime, cocktail and evening wear — even bridal gowns. You'll have plenty of time to interact with the designer, ask questions, touch the fabrics, and even try on your favorites.

Fantasy Ferrari and Lamborghini Experience: Your private car and driver/guide joins you for a daylong excursion to Maranello,

home to the world's only Ferrari factory. Admire the many models on display in the on-site museum, including the prestigious Ferrari Enzo, rare prototypes, and F1 championship winners. Then head to the little town of Sant'Agata Bolognese for a similar look at the car with the famous bull logo, the Lamborghini. Your day's highlight: the chance to test-drive one of these ultimate sports cars.

A Peek at Precious Stones: Be dazzled in an exclusive-access visit to the Opificio delle

Pietre Dure, or Precious Stone Institute. Established in 1588 by Ferdinand I de Medici, the institute and museum specializes in the restoration and artistic treatment of semiprecious stones. During your private tour, the curator and head restorer reveal various processing techniques and allow you to handle the brilliant gems. Then see the Medici jewels on display in the family chapels in the Basilica of San Lorenzo: The Sagrestia Nuova, designed by Michelangelo, and the Cappella dei Principi, or "Chapel of the Princes," which is entirely covered in multicolored pietra dura stonework.

Clockwise from top: living the good life in Florence; Ferrari fun; Tuscan castle; Florence at night.



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