DAY 3 OF 10 · SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

Wine & Truffles

VAL D'ORCIA · ANTINORI · MONTEPULCIANO

TEMP	SUNRISE	SUNSET	CONDITIONS
14–18°C	6:40 AM	5:15 PM	Cool & crisp

WHAT TO WEAR

Forest, Winery & Golden Hour

Closed, sturdy shoes or ankle boots
The truffle forest is woodland terrain — muddy in October. No sandals, no ballet flats. Ankle boots are ideal.

Layers — it starts cool and warms up
14°C in the morning forest, 18°C by Piazza Grande aperitivo. A fleece or light jacket over a shirt works perfectly for the whole day.

A tote bag or small backpack
You'll be buying wine bottles at Antinori and Contucci. Something to carry them back in without stress.

PACK YOUR BAG

Everything You Need for the Day

- ✦ **Truffle hunt booking confirmation** — screenshot or email from truffleintuscany.com
- ✦ **Antinori tasting reservation** — QR or booking reference from antinori.it
- ✦ **Cash — €40–60 per person** — For bottles at Contucci and the aperitivo at Piazza Grande. Entry to Contucci itself is free.
- ✦ **Camera or phone with space** — The Antinori winery is visually stunning — five underground floors of cave architecture.
- ✦ **Water bottle (refillable)** — Long day in the countryside. Stay hydrated between tastings.
- ✦ **Clocks go back one hour tonight** — Italy leaves summer time at 3:00 AM on Sunday, so the 8:30 AM truffle hunt is a fresh 8:30. Set your alarm for the new time.

INSIDER TIPS

Make the Most of It

01

Buy the birthday bottles at Antinori

The Tignanello and Chianti Classico Riserva are the ones. Estate prices — you'll never find them cheaper in Italy. This is the day to stock the villa for George's dinner.

02

Don't underestimate Contucci

The tunnels under Piazza Grande are medieval. You taste barrel samples directly with the Contucci family. Free to enter, no reservation needed — and the wine costs a fraction of any restaurant.

03

The drive through Crete Senesi

One of the most beautiful drives in Italy — rolling clay hills, cypress-lined roads, medieval farmhouses. About 1h 30min north from the truffle forest to Bargino in the Chianti Classico zone, on the Cassia through the Sienese countryside and then the Siena–Firenze expressway. Windows down.

04

Piazza Grande at golden hour

After Contucci, walk up to the piazza. 360° views over the Val d'Orcia. The vineyards below turn amber at 4:30 PM. Aperitivo at a café on the square. This is the postcard of Tuscany.

"Wine is sunlight held together by water."