Are you looking for an authentic Italian experience?

Be Italian for a week!

October 27 – November 3
or
November 3 – November 10

Spend a blissful week this fall a magical landscape of ancient Umbrian olive groves, medieval hilltop villages and undulating vineyards; slow down and experience the true Italian lifestyle – the meals, the wine, the olive oil, the art, the people. The Umbrian Olive Harvest Adventure brings you Umbria and Tuscany on a plate (and in a bottle) and invites you to relish the pleasures and treasures of Central Italy at an unhurried pace. You will take home memories of a lifetime!

Fall is an engaging, but less-traveled season. The countryside abounds with numerous festivals highlighting the gorgeous autumn produce and riches from the forests and fields, from truffles to olive oil to wine to pecorino cheese, and you can experience this joyful Umbrian celebration of the final, glorious end to summer without a throng of tourists. They've all gone home, leaving you with the locals, living the seductive Umbrian lifestyle.

But Umbria is more than just corporeal pleasures of good food and excellent wine; its mystical green hills have traditionally supported a life of tranquility, peace and spirituality, perhaps personified most in the gentle St Francis of Assisi. Relax, rejuvenate, and unwind in a setting that inspires reflection and contentment. Join Carol Firenze, whose expertise embraces a major foundation of Umbria life – its olive oil.

The price is $3,200 per person double occupancy. A single supplement is $500.00. This is land only; air travel is not included and transfers to and from the Villa are not included (but we can help arrange them). Contact carol@thepassionateolive.com for details on the itinerary.
Highlights of the Olive Harvest Adventure

- **Seven nights** at Villa Gioianna; each guest enjoys a beautifully-appointed room with bath near Castiglione del Lago, Umbria
- **All Breakfasts at the Villa**
- **Two Lunches** - one lunch at the Villa (on olive harvest day), one at an elegant restaurant in Torgiano (meal and wine included), other lunches are on your own on touring days
- **Six Dinners** - five dinners at the Villa (with wine) and one at a local restaurant (meal included, beverages separate)
- Visit a local market to prepare your own snack for dinner on the day of the elegant lunch
- ½ - 1 day of olive harvesting (or more if you’d like)
- Private winetasting at Poggio Bertaio winery (next door to the Villa)
- Visit to a frantoio (olive mill) to watch your harvest in action
- A **250 ml bottle of olive oil** (from the Villa’s olives)
- Enjoy Deruta, the ceramics capital of Italy and take a private tour of a small, unique ceramics factory and watch the individual majolica artists create wonderful ceramics
- Share in the wonders of the “crown jewel of the medieval hill towns,” Assisi
- Visit Cortona and feel the energy Under the Tuscan Sun
- Explore the caves and cellars of Montepulciano, a famous medieval town
- Visit the world famous Lungarotti Olive Oil Museum in Torgiano
- Celebrate the artisan foods of Umbria at the White Truffle Festival
- **Two Cooking Lessons** and **One Cooking Demonstration**
- Olive oil tasting seminar with Carol Firenze
- Land transportation for the week in a van/cars (excluding transportation to/from the Villa)