



ROCCO FORTE HOTELS

**DISCOVER THE AUTUMN HARVEST WITH ROCCO FORTE HOTELS, ITALY**



*Introducing seasonal Italian culinary journeys*

This October, the Rocco Forte hotels in Italy will take guests on a culinary journey to discover the local gastronomic specialties the famous autumn harvest produces in the diverse regions of the country. From truffle hunting in Florence to the olive harvest in Puglia, curated culinary experiences will be available for gourmands to learn the specialty of each region and how to use their newly discovered ingredients to create authentic Italian dishes.

[Masseria Torre Maizza](#), the recently opened and redesigned 40 room, charming retreat located in the heart of Puglia, will guide guests through the centuries-old autumnal tradition of olive harvesting. Here, among the resort's ancient olive groves, celebrity chef Fulvio Pierangelini will explain the techniques and significance of the olive harvest as well as bring guests to a nearby oil mill to demonstrate the traditional process of oil extraction. On the second day, Fulvio will conduct a cooking class where closely guarded local recipes will be revealed.

Not all Italian olive oil is created equally, and in Sicily, where the temperature is still considerably warm in the autumn season, [Verdura Resort](#), an oasis located on the Mediterranean coastline, will show guests the ancient ritual of producing oil. A *U Canuscituri*, the hotel's local insider and a deep lover of Sicily and its traditions, will accompany guests up the Sicani Mountains to meet one of the local families of the little village of Sant'Angelo Muxaro to show how they use rake-like sticks to harvest the olives. Once the harvest is over, guests will prepare a special lunch with the family featuring the freshly produced olive oil.



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In Tuscany, for a different type of Italian harvest, autumn is a key period for gastronomy and truffle season is highly anticipated by food connoisseurs around the world. Recently redesigned by world-renowned designer, Laudomia Pucci, [Hotel Savoy](#) is located on the magnificent Piazza della Repubblica in Florence - the perfect base for exploring Tuscany. This season, guests can take part in the ultimate truffle hunting experience - a white truffle hunt, the rarest of truffles, led by an expert Tuscan huntsman and his dog. Following the hunt, guests will be treated to a three-course wine pairing dinner at Irene, the hotel's restaurant, featuring their freshly-picked truffles.

The harvesting of the wine grapes in Italy is not to be missed and when staying in the newly opened [Hotel de la Ville](#), guests can take a private car through the enchanting Roman countryside to the rolling hills studded with vineyards. In the Lazio region where vineyards go back to the Roman Empire, guests will learn the history of the grapevines while tasting wine and enjoying a selection of local cheese.

Roman cuisine is just as distinctive as the other regions, and in the Eternal City, the real essence of Rome will be learned as guests of Rome's most iconic hotel, [Hotel de Russie](#), navigate the charming streets visiting lively, colourful markets to pick out the best of the autumn produce. Taste the freshly harvested ingredients ranging from broccoli to pumpkins and figs as you wander the city like a local.

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### Notes to editors

#### **Masseria Torre Maizza**

##### [A Culinary Journey in Puglia](#)

- Welcome aperitivo
- 3-night stay at Masseria Torre Maizza
- A daily buffet breakfast at Carosello restaurant
- A cooking class at Masseria Torre Maizza with Chef Fulvio Pierangelini
- An olive-harvesting session with Fulvio Pierangelini, inclusive of a traditional picnic
- A visit to a local oil mill, including fresh seasonal food tasting
- To book: [Culinary Journey in Puglia](#)



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## **Hotel Savoy**

### **Truffle Hunting Experience**

- Round trip transfer from Hotel Savoy to “Savini Tartufi” Farm in Forcoli, Pisa \*\*
- Welcome at the Savini Museum and introduction to the truffle world and traditions
- Excursion to the woods, truffle hunt, lunch and local truffle dishes with local wines and products by Savini Tartufi
- Pricing: Group €115 per person; private €315 per couple
- To book: [Truffle Hunting Experience](#)

## **Rocco Forte Hotels**

Established by Sir Rocco Forte and sister, Olga Polizzi in 1996, Rocco Forte Hotels is a collection of 12 individual hotels and resorts. All of the hotels are landmarks, both old and new, occupying magnificent buildings in exceptional locations. Led by a family who has been in hospitality for four generations, the hotels are united by their distinctive approach to service ensuring guests experience the best of the cities and surrounding areas.

Rocco Forte Hotels comprises: Hotel de la Ville & Hotel de Russie, Rome; Hotel Savoy, Florence; Verdura Resort, Sicily; Masseria Torre Maizza, Puglia; The Balmoral, Edinburgh; Brown’s Hotel, London; The Charles Hotel, Munich; Villa Kennedy, Frankfurt; Hotel de Rome, Berlin; Hotel Amigo, Brussels and Hotel Astoria, St Petersburg.

Future openings: The Westbund Hotel, Shanghai and Villa Igiea, Palermo in 2020

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