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TUSCANY TOUR

AN ITALIAN ENCOUNTER

7-NIGHTS

Chianti and Pasta, Sunflowers and Cypress! The food and wine of Tuscany, marvelous art, medieval walled cities and some of the most inspirational landscapes for any aspiring artist is all part of your Italian Encounter. Your luxury hillside villa provides an unparalleled view of the countryside – an ideal location to soak up the Tuscan sun.

Cities and Historical Sights:

The view that greets you when you arrive at your villa in Tuscany is breathtaking, only to be complimented by the sights and experiences awaiting you during the forthcoming week. Florence; Sienna; San Gimignano; Cortona; Arrezzo; Montepulciano and the delightful hilltop villages of Monteriggioni and Anghiari are all part of your Italian Encounter. For those who like to cook, take advantage of a one-day Tuscan Cooking course, beginning with a visit to the local market to buy your fresh produce. Later in the week, enjoy the wines at a local wine festival in the Chianti region.

Included in the cost of the tour:

- Accommodation on a bed and breakfast basis in a luxury private villa with pool
- Meet and drop off at Florence airport
- Welcome reception lunch
- All land transport
- Entries to museums and events (as detailed on the itinerary)
- 3 x Lunches
- 5 x Dinners

Optional extras :

One day cooking course (minimum of 4 participants)

This is an intimate tour limited to 10 guests only. For more information and your registration form, please feel free to e-mail or call. Your deposit and completed booking form will secure your place on the trip, without disappointment.



AN ITALIAN ENCOUNTER ITINERARY

Flight departure from the US to Florence, Italy.

DAY 1

Arrive into Florence Airport. Your guides will be there to meet you and transfer you to your luxury villa in Tuscany with a welcome luncheon reception. The rest of the day is at your leisure to enjoy your villa and surroundings. (L,D)

DAY 2

A leisurely start to the day with a visit to the charming village of Greve in Chianti, with a late afternoon return to the villa in time to enjoy the pool and sunset over Tuscany. (B, D)

DAY 3

*A full day excursion into Florence, by train from Arezzo. Your tour includes tickets for **any two** of the following museums:- The Uffizi Gallery, Accademia Museum or Boboli Gardens. Additional guided tours for the Uffizi, Vasari Corridor, Accademia Gallery or a boat trip on the Arno are available, please enquire on pricing. (B, 2 x Museum Entries)*

DAY 4

The optional 1-day cooking course is scheduled for today. Transport to and from your course will be provided. (Minimum 4 participants required) (B,D) (lunch is included as part of the course)

Those not participating in the cooking course will visit San Gimignano, a small hilltop town famous for its beautiful 1000-year old towers and perfect for exploring on foot.

An early afternoon visit to a medieval walled village called Monteriggioni with breathtaking views and Romanesque church. (B,L,D)

DAY 5

Siena, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, will be today's destination. Explore this beautiful city at your leisure. (B,D)

DAY 6

Montepulciano, a medieval renaissance city (there are lots of them!) is renowned for its food; cheese, honey, pork and of course its wine. This afternoon is the start of the "Vino al Vino" wine festival in Panzano, Chianti, a fun event with good food and wine. (B)

DAY 7

Visits to the local neighboring towns of Cortona and Anghiari, with plenty of time to soak up that last minute Tuscan sun (B,L,D)

DAY 8

Transportation will be provided for your morning departure to your onward destination. (B)

(B – Breakfast, L – Lunch, D – Dinner)