TUSCANY UNTOUCHED

LA GRANDIOSA TOSCANA TOUR

Discover All the Hidden Gems of Tuscany with our Ultimate Seven-day Tour

HIGHLIGHTS

- Say hello to your new home: a private apartment in an authentic Tuscan farmhouse.
- Start your cultural journey in Tuscan history.
- Step into the old soul of Tuscany with a visit to the Casentino Valley.
- Experience the folklore of an ancient Tuscan village.
- Enjoy the magic of Maremma, the real countryside of Tuscany.
- Go exploring on the fascinating Pratomagno Mountain

Departures-Guarantee with a minimum of 2 guests
From the 27 Apri-19 Oct 2019: Saturdays
Starts/Ends in Figline Valdarno (near of Florence)
Max 8 people

ITINERARY

Saturday: Pick up at Figline Valdarno Station

Pick up —> accommodation

The tour will officially start when you are picked up from the Central Station of Figline Valdarno. You can find our driver at the main entrance of the station. From there, we will take you to your Tuscan home away from home, a quaint apartment in a Tuscan farmhouse. As farmhouse, it is surrendered of a lots of green. It has a farm as well with many animals and of course a big swimming pool, a restaurant for dinners and breakfast, a laundry and wi.fi. The farmhouse has 12 individual apartments. it used to be a tiny village. All guests will stay on the same farmhouse property but they will be in the own private accommodation with their own facilities.

Sunday: The Casentino Valley

Casentino Valley —-> Poppi Castle —> Saint Francis' Monastery

If you're looking to discover a piece of Tuscany that you will forever carry in your heart, you will not be disappointed with the Casentino Valley. We'll give you an insider view of this Tuscan gem as we follow the path of the ancient castles and villages that were developed by the Old Roman Empire. We will uncover the spiritual part of Tuscany that is all too often disregarded on contemporary tours of the region. A Tuscany that is rich in surprise and breathtaking moments awaits.

We will have lunch in Poppi, an unforgettable medieval village that far too many visitors to Tuscany completely overlook. This city is home to spellbinding stories and fascinating mysteries that are waiting for you to uncover. We will end our journey with a trip to the ancient monastery of Saint Francis of Assisi before enjoying dinner in one of the best pizzeria in the area.

MONDAY: Unesco's villages

Montalcino —-> Montepulciano

Today, we will visit Montalcino, which is renowned for Brunello di Montalcino, a red wine that is widely regarded as one of the top three red wines in the world. You'll have an

opportunity to learn more about this wine with a visit to one of the region's most prestigious winery and cellars.

Later, we will visit Montepulciano, a famous medieval village that is replete with Tuscan history and an area of the region that is renowned for its cultural summer festival and fairs.

Our tour will continue with a visit to the city walls, where you'll have an opportunity to watch skilled tradesmen and women at work using traditional manufacturing techniques to shape copper in their old artisan shops. We'll also stop by some of the characteristic enoteche (wine shops).

The day will end in one of the local trattoria or in the restaurant at the accommodation

Tuesday: Cooking class and local villages festivals "sagre"

Cooking class —-> Firenze —> Summer village festivals "sagre"

On the third day of our tour, you can choose between relaxing at the farm or we will take you to the train station from where you can travel to Firenze by train. In the evening you can enjoying a cooking class with our local chef, with whom you will prepare dinner. From June to September we will be joining the local villagers as they enjoy their vibrant summer festivals.

Wednesday: The Chianti Region

Chianti region —> Greve in Chianti

This is a day that the wine aficionados among the group will enjoy because it is entirely dedicated to wine. We will visit a number of castles, wineries and cellars to learn the intimate story of Chianti's famous wine. You will also get a chance to learn about and sample the region's fine extra virgin olive oil.

Once we have sampled the delicious offerings of Chianti, we will progress to Greve, home to the most famous butcher and deli shop in Tuscany and the ideal place for you to buy the best produce of the area.

On our way back, we will stop at a family-run trattoria where you will enjoy an authentic Tuscan meal.

Thursday: La Maremma Toscana

La Maremma —> Etruscan — Castiglione della Pescaia

Today, we will venture into the heart of the Tuscan countryside to enjoy some of its extraordinary landscapes.

We will visit one of the most prestigious winery designed by Renzo Piano, the most famous architect in the world. Here you can have a chance to learn more about the connection between the Etruscan population and history of wine in a modern engineering jewel winery. After a visit of the cellar and a light lunch, we will then progress to one of the nicest beaches in Tuscany, which is located near Castiglione della Pescaia, a wonderful medieval castle that is famous for its delightful views, delicious restaurants and vibrant nightlife. From there, you can experience a day at the beach where you will be able to walk among the locals, enjoy an Italian aperitivo, and enjoy a fantastic dinner at one of the fanciest Italian “corso” (street).

Friday: The Pratomagno mountain

Pratomagno mountain —> Loro Ciuffenna—>Gropina

Today you will have a chance to experience the exclusive beauty and mystery of the Pratomagno, one of the most fascinating mountains in Tuscany. It was here that the Australian explorer and WWI hero Herbert John Louis Hinkler crashed in his attempt to fly from England to Australia. The tour commences with a visit to the quaint village of Loro Ciuffenna and an opportunity to witness the breathtaking beauty of Gropina’s Roman church. We will then visit several of the tiny medieval villages that are dotted across the mountainous landscape where we will have the opportunity to taste the local produce. The day will end at the summit of Pratomagno, where you will enjoy a breathtaking view before the last dinner for the tour.

Saturday: Drop off at Figline Val D’arno Station

Breakfast —> Drop off

The tour ends with a delicious breakfast before we part ways at Figline Valdarno’s station

PRICES 2019, DEPOSITS, AND PAYMENTS:

April – May – July – August – October AUD 3370,00 per person. ALL INCLUSIVE (check the details below)

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A surcharge of **400 AUD** per person will be apply if you request a “private tour”.

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Twin share. (taxes included, US dollars price variable due to dollar conversion). Single supplement: **AUD 200,00**
Once we have checked the regular documentation included your travel insurance, 25% deposit of the overall tour cost, is required. No booking will be reserved until the prescribed deposit is received.
Balance of the payment will be due within 30 days of booking confirmation.
Deposits and balance of payments are accepted by bank transfer or credit card via Paypal with a 4% surcharge.
A payment of a deposit indicates an acceptance of all the conditions.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE TIMES:

All tours are based on a Saturday to Saturday stay with us tour

Pick up at Figline Valdarno Station – Click here for more information: www.trenitalia.com
• Check IN: 3.00 pm
• Check OUT: 10.00 am

Contact us if you need advice to reach the pickup point

TOUR GROUPS:

Our tour groups have been designed for a group of minimum 2 people and no more than 8 people per week to ensure that client needs and enjoyment is always our top priority.

INCLUDED IN TOUR COST:

1. Apartment farmhouse accommodation.
2. All continental breakfasts, 4 lunches and 5 dinners in local traditional restaurants with set menu composed and house wine included.
3. Transfer from the local station to the accommodation and back.
4. Daily transfer with a luxury minivan from the accommodation to the different locations of the tour and back
5. Bi-Lingual Hosts for the duration of your tour
6. 6 day tours to itinerary locations
7. Train tickets for independent travel to Florence
8. On arrival at each location: remain as a group with tour leaders, alternatively explore independently and re-group at a pre-arranged time and location
9. Wine tasting at selected vineyards/ establishments
10. Maps for all itinerary location
11. One cooking class at the farmhouse with the chef Pasquale

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED IN TOUR COST

All items not detailed in inclusions

Personal spending

All transfers other than to the local train station

1. Airfares
2. Airport taxes
3. Travel insurance.
4. Entry fees to museums/galleries and other places wherever entry fees apply
5. All lunches and meals not specifically listed above.
6. All personal expenditure.
7. Refer to specific tour.

OPTIONAL EXTRAS:

Once the tour has been booked, we will send a form with all the details of the tour day per day included extra activities you might be interested.

Activities beyond the specified tours listed on this website are subject to additional costs.