TUSCANY UNTOUCHED

BEST OF TUSCANY

Three-day Full Immersion Tuscany Experience.

Departures-Guarantee every day with a minimum of 2 guests
Starts/Ends in Florence
Max 8 people

Fully Escorted tour in Full Board

B= Breakfast L=Lunch D=Dinner

ITINERARY

Day one: San Gimignano and Siena L, D

Your tour manager and driver will meet you at 9 AM in front of platform 16 at the train station in Florence or at your Hotel. We will go straight to San Gimignano, where you can spend two hours wandering through this astonishing medieval town, visiting its delightful shops offering local crafts, food, and wine, or viewing its astonishing collection of Renaissance and contemporary art. The town's untouched medieval architecture is famous across the world; the town still boasts fourteen of the imposing towers that the aristocracy built as their homes in the Medieval and Renaissance periods; not only do they lend an extra touch of magic to the town's atmosphere, they also provide incredible views of the valley and the town.

At noon, the tour manager will accompany you to a local farmhouse to lunch on the cuisine of the region, perhaps accompanied by a glass or two of Vernaccia, the area's most famous white wine. Vernaccia is one of the most highly rated wines in Tuscany, with a very long historical pedigree. During the Renaissance, the wine from this region became the most sought after in all of Italy. The grapes from which the wine is made are mentioned as early as 1276 in civic records, and it warranted a mention in Dante's *Divine Comedy.*

Having eaten, you will then move on to the magnificent old town of Siena, one of the most perfectly preserved Renaissance towns in Italy. We will give you a chance to visit the central square, the Piazza del Campo, the venue for the world-famous Palio horse race each summer. If you've got the energy, a climb of the 400 steps of the Torre del Mangia will reward you with an astonishing panoramic view of the city, including the unique black-and-white marble of the Duomo. If you want to be a little more relaxed, a saunter through the streets of Siena with its artisan shops, restaurants, cafes, and bars is sure to delight. At the end of the day, your tour manager will bring you to your beautiful villa apartment in a comfortable traditional 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.

Day two: Chianti Classico Wine Tour B, L, D

The perfect day for wine aficionados; your whole day today will be devoted to food and wine. We will take in three vineyards and cellars to find out all about the history and production techniques of the world-famous Chianti wine. You will be able to taste a number of different wines at each stop, and also sample some of Tuscany's famous extra-virgin olive oil.

Having eaten and drunk our fill, we will move on to Greve, the home of the most famous butcher's and delicatessen in Tuscany, a perfect place to stock up on all the products you've been sampling during the day.

Day three: Hot Springs and Val d'Orcia B, L

A wonderful day of relaxation to round off your time in Tuscany. Once you've had breakfast and packed your suitcase, we'll travel to the wonderful outdoor hot springs in San Filippo, where you can immerse yourself in one of the most relaxing environments Europe has to offer. You can wander through the woods, passing waterfalls and charming little pools, until finally, in the heart of the woods, you will find the "White Whale", a 48°C hot spring; immerse yourself there or stroll on and choose whichever

pool you like the look of best. Thoroughly relaxed, take a stroll around San Filippo and go on to lunch in a local trattoria. We will finish your day, and your tour, with a stunning scenic drive through the Val d'Orcia region, stopping off at least two medieval villages, maybe Monticchiello and Montepulciano, along the way.

Your tour will end late afternoon, with your driver/tour manager dropping you back to Florence's Santa Maria Novella railway station.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE TIMES:

Departure: Santa Maria Novella Station, Florence, platform 16, 9 AM or Hotel

Return: Santa Maria Novella Station, Florence or Hotel

TOUR GROUPS:

We never take more than eight people on our tours, as we are dedicated to providing the best personal attention to every individual who travels with us.

Minimum group size: two persons.

PRICE AND PAYMENT:

The tour costs 1870,00 AUD per person.

We ask for a 25% deposit to secure your place, with the balance to be paid 30 days before departure. If the tour is booked within 30 days of departure, the full payment will be required.

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR COST:

- Professional local bilingual tour manager/driver for the whole tour.
- Three full day tour (9 hours service) to different location as from the itinerary.
- Two nights' accommodation in your own private villa or apartment in a comfortable traditional Tuscan farmhouse.
- Two continental breakfasts in the farmhouse.
- Three lunches at the local wineries with a set menu. Two Dinner at the farmhouse with set menu and house wine.
- Collection and drop off at Santa Maria Novella station in Florence or Hotel
- Transport in a comfortable vehicle (either car or minivan).
- GST, tax, petrol, tolls, fees.

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE TOUR COST

- Anything not detailed in the list above.
- Personal spending.
- Any required transfers, apart from those to and from the train station in Florence.