



# Tours OF Tuscany

- 7 DAYS -  
TASTE OF TUSCANY

## ACCOMMODATION

Our accommodations are nearby the historical centre of Cortona and set on wonderful grounds which include a swimming pool. The apartments within the villa comprise one/two/three bedrooms, living area, kitchen, bathroom and laundry facilities, comprising air-conditioning and Wi-Fi. Located in the valley approximately 10km from the historical centre of Cortona, the accommodations, which are restored Tuscan farmhouses with old world rustic charm, become home base for the duration of the tour, allowing the traveller to settle into their own private apartment and commence their Tuscan experience.

## GETTING THERE

The tour begins near the historical centre of Cortona. Arrival to Camucia-Cortona is easily accessible via train from either Rome or Florence stations. Either of these two major cities are a good option for your arrival into Italy and then travel to our location.

Upon arrival we will meet you at our local train station Camucia-Cortona and will transfer you, via vehicle to the villa.

Private vehicle transfers can be arranged from Airports/Hotels and transfer you directly to the accommodation. Quote available upon request.

## CHECK IN / CHECK OUT

### Check In is from 3:30pm

There will be a transfer from Camucia-Cortona train station at 3:30pm. Transfers outside of these hours will be at an additional cost of €50 per transfer.

### Check Out is at 9am.

There will be transfers to Camucia-Cortona train station at 8am & 9am. Transfers outside of these hours will be at an additional cost of €50.

## EXCLUSIONS

\*Airlines \*Travel insurance (we'd advise taking out cover ahead of time). \* Entry fees to visit any museums, galleries, or public premises, not listed on the itineraries. \*Any meals outside of those listed within the itinerary.

## INCLUSIONS

- 7 nights in a traditional farmhouse complete with modern amenities
- Our bilingual hosts & tours leaders will be on hand throughout the tour to assist you
- We've taken care of the itinerary, so that you can sit back and ingratiate yourself with the Tuscan lifestyle
- Your apartment will be stocked with all necessary provisions for breakfasts
- 3 unique lunches are provided throughout the duration of your trip
- You'll get to enjoy 6 dinners at local Trattorie where wine is included
- Take part in our exciting guided walks across the stunning towns of Cortona and Siena
- Take part in an exciting, first-hand cooking session with fresh, locally sourced ingredients
- For fans of wine tasting, we have a selection of events to take in at local vineyards and establishments
- Your trip will include all necessary travel to & from your accommodation
- On days where no tours are scheduled, we'll transport you to the local station so that you can explore at your own pace. You'll also have the option to be taken to Cortona on a tour-free day
- We'll also ensure that you are collected from the station on arrival, and taken back safely ready for your return home

**US \$3,700** per person, twin share  
Single Occupancy **\$750**

Our Taste of Tuscany tour is by far one of our most popular. With a first-hand look at some of the most vibrant and traditional locations in Tuscany, from Cortona to Siena, you'll have the opportunity to indulge in the finest wines, partake of the local cuisine and even stimulate your culinary skills with a 4 course cooking lesson.

## SAT | ARRIVAL

We transfer you from our local train station to your accommodation and allow you to settle in and familiarise yourself with your new surroundings which will be 'home' for the next 7 days. Dinner in Cortona.

## SUN | CORTONA

This morning we drive past 'Bramasole' from 'Under the Tuscan Sun' and visit Chiesa di Santa Margherita. We then make our way to the historical centre for a Caffè and brioche after which you have free time to enjoy the many boutiques, art galleries and all Cortona offers. We will regroup and enjoy lunch at a typical trattoria. Later in the afternoon there will be the option to return to the villa for some relaxation prior to stepping out to dinner. Dinner in Cortona.

## MON | SAN GIMIGNANO & SIENA

We visit San Gimignano for the morning. This township houses many stores which offer a very broad range of painted ceramics as well as leatherware and alabaster. After our Caffè the morning will be yours to explore this city, two wonderful piazzas, visit a museum, climb a tower for a breathtaking view of the Val d'Elsa or enjoy a delicious gelato. At 1pm we will travel to Siena. You will have the afternoon to explore Siena; a visit to the spectacular Piazza del Campo, or visit Il Duomo, The Mangia Tower or simply stroll the streets and enjoy the ambience and the various delights Siena offers, from the little food stores with many tempting treats to the beautiful selection of stores/boutiques. Dinner in Cortona.

## TUE | LAZY MORNING & COOKING EXPERIENCE

For fans of cooking, this part of your tour will introduce you to the art of making Italian cuisine. You'll have the opportunity to enhance your culinary skills with a Traditional Tuscan Cooking Class where you'll prepare 4 courses and then get to enjoy eating with the chef.

## WED | PIENZA & MONTEPULCIANO

This morning we travel through the Val D'Orcia a UNESCO world heritage valley. Our first stop is Pienza, the birthplace of Pope Pius II, a small township famous for Pecorino cheese and beautiful boutiques. We will enjoy a Caffè together and you will have the opportunity to explore independently. At midday we regroup and travel to Montepulciano where we will have lunch and wine tasting in a local underground cellar within the historical centre. You will have the opportunity to visit this wonderful city during the course of the afternoon. Dinner in Cortona.

## THU | CHIANTI

A leisurely day of taking in the most amazing views, whilst driving through this most famous wine growing area of Tuscany. During the morning, we will visit the village of Castellina; we will enjoy a Caffè together after which you will enjoy free time to explore this village which offers a selection of varied stores. We will then visit a vineyard a short distance away, interact with the winemakers and savour lunch and a wine tasting whilst enjoying spectacular views of the vineyards and olive groves. Return to villa late afternoon. Dinner in Cortona.

## FRI | TOUR FREE DAY

You may choose to 'stay in' enjoy the grounds and relax, visit Cortona or another local township. Alternatively, you may choose from one of our additional activities: Vespa tour, cycling tour, cooking experience, cheese making class, gelato making class, painting class, hot air ballooning. Dinner in Cortona.

## SAT | DEPARTURE

In the morning, we'll take you back to the local station where you can commence your return journey with plenty of Tuscan memories to savour for a lifetime.

*"A big 'Thank You' to Ines, Monique and Erica for a thoroughly enjoyable 'Taste of Tuscany'. Amazing food, experiences and charming accommodation in the Italian farm style apartments. A very warm friendly and memorable experiences 'Grazie Mille' to all."*

DIANNE - AUSTRALIA

# Frequently Asked Questions

## When is the best time to travel?

July, August, September is peak season, both from the number of travellers and the Summer heat. May, June and September/early October are good options for milder weather.

## Will I get to see sunflower fields?

The sunflowers bloom very late June/early July through to the end of July. This however can vary depending on the weather.

## What is the average age of those in your groups?

Our guests vary in age from 30 through to 75 years of age.

## What time do our day trips start?

Our touring day generally commences at 9am.

## Do I need travel insurance?

We highly recommend travel insurance and all who book with Tours of Tuscany require proof of travel insurance. You are required to purchase your own travel insurance to cover cancellation coverage, airline tickets, trip delay, lost luggage or any potential medical expenses.

## Is there any free time?

We have scheduled tour free days within our respective itineraries and there is also the opportunity of spending time on your own on any of the scheduled day tours.

## Is there air-conditioning in the apartments?

Yes, all apartments are air conditioned.

## Is there a lot of walking?

Walking is part of the tour itinerary and although there may be stairs to climb and walking over cobble stoned streets is common, the walking is quite leisurely and you are able to stop and take a break if required.

## What can I do on a Tour Free Day?

You can choose from a variety of additional activities that we have on offer, these range from cheese making, cooking classes, horse riding, Vespa/cycling tours and many more. Booking prior to the tour is recommended. Alternatively you can visit another township via train or spend the day in Cortona.

## Is there access to Wi-Fi?

There is Wi-Fi at all of the accommodations. However please remember that some of these places are in the countryside and although the Internet generally works quite well, it may not be the speed to which you are accustomed.

## Can I make changes to my itinerary before or during the trip?

Itineraries are provided in order to ensure all our guests have the utmost travelling experience and we therefore do not amend itineraries once your tour has commenced.

## How are the meals provided?

Within your apartment you will find all necessary items to make either a continental or cooked breakfast at your leisure prior to leaving for the day. Lunches are generally at a Caffe or restaurant where you choose one course from the menu, this is generally a light lunch.

All dinners are at a local restaurant or Trattoria. Dinner is 2 courses chosen from an a-la-carte menu. Local wine is included with dinner.

## What will the food be like?

The food is typically Italian; all the meals provided are from a-la-carte menus which have ample varied selection.

## What if I'm vegetarian or require a particular diet?

You are able to choose from an a-la-carte menu for all meals and the selection is varied and caters well for vegetarians.

## What is the dress code?

Comfortable clothing and walking shoes for daily tours and smart casual for dinners.

## What happens if I need to cancel?

Please see our terms and conditions.

## Is the accommodation in walking distance to the town centre?

The accommodation is approximately 10 km from Camucia- Cortona.

## Are there laundry facilities?

Yes.

## Is Tours of Tuscany insured?

Tours of Tuscany is an Australian company registered with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission and carries Public Liability insurance & Professional Indemnity insurance.



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