



Tuscany Group FOOD & FUN

Join Sandy Delion on this amazing tour!

itinerary Sept. 11 – 19th, 2010

book now!

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amazing tour price

in CDN Dollars, based on Double Occupancy

Price per person: \$3079.00 plus tax \$475

Price includes:

- . 6 nights hotel accommodations in Tuscany – Borgo di Cortefreda or similar (4 star), 2 nights hotel accommodations in Florence – Grand Hotel Baglioni or similar (4 star), Daily buffet breakfast, Hotel taxes and service charges
- . 2 dinners (arrival and departure)
- . 5 lunches 1 cooking lessons
- . Excursion with local guide as indicated and entrance fees
- . Wine tasting as per itinerary
- . Transfer to and from Florence
- . Transfer from Florence Hotel to Airport
- . Vespa Tour

Insurance is highly recommended.

Day 1 – Sept 11th – Florence/Tuscany Upon your groups arrival into Florence airport, you will be met by your escort and transferred to your Hotel in Tuscany .. Borgo di Cortefreda. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

Day 2 – Sept 12th – Siena and San Gimignano Tour Have your very own Under the Tuscan Sun experience visiting the magnificent town of San Gimignano and see one of the most beautiful medieval towns in Italy, Siena. Your driver will take you on a scenic journey to San Gimignano, recently the landmark for this highly successful movie. Breathtaking Tuscan countryside views await you as you explore this beautiful town independently. View the "Manhattan of Tuscany" skyline, bristling with a large number of towers dating back to the 11th and 13th centuries. Fifteen out of the 72 towers remain unbroken, giving an unmistakable mark to this wondrous town. Enjoy a typical local meal in a nearby farmhouse, *Fattoria Poggio Alloro*, (or similar) tasting a typical lunch followed by wine tasting, before heading to the enchanting town of Siena. Amazingly rich in masterpieces of art and rising above three hills, you can easily explore Siena taking you to the Piazza del Campo. After this interesting visit return back to the Hotel. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 3 – Sept 13th – Luca Cooking and Touring This morning, transfer to Lucca where you will begin with a traditional cooking lesson of Tuscany's famous dishes. After preparing your meal, enjoy the fruits of your labour. Following lunch, enjoy your afternoon visiting Lucca. A viewing of the walls of Lucca, Church of San Paolino, Puccini's House, Church of San Michele, the Cathedral of San Martino, Guinigi Tower, Amphitheatre, Church of San Frediano and Via Fillungo. Make your way back to your hotel for overnight.

Day 4 – Sept 14th – Vespa Fun!!! Hit the open road on the Vespa scooter on this guided tour of Tuscany's Chianti wine region. Travelling by Vespa is fun and easy. Our new scooters have an electric start and automatic transmission. Your local guide will lead you along quiet back roads amongst olive groves and vineyards to storybook castles and hilltop villages. This is a great experience which combines the freedom and exhilaration of touring by Vespa with the delicious food, wine, and romantic landscapes of Tuscany.

Day 5 – Sept 15th – Cortona "From a high Tuscan hill, fifty miles from Florence between Arezzo and Perugia, rises the equally ancient and nobile city of Cortona. Before the city lies a vast and beautiful plain, it is flanked on either side by distant hills and valleys while behind it are towering yet fruitful mountains. After a morning of touring the city, enjoy lunch at the Castle del Marchese where you will enjoy the best Fiorentina in the region. After lunch enjoy a wine tasting and tour of the Avignonesi vineyard. Back to your hotel and the rest of the evening at your leisure.

Day 6 – Sept 16th - Day at leisure. Today relax and enjoy the hotel facilities including the swimming pool, fitness centre, sauna, Jacuzzi. Or optional excursion are available including hot air balloon rides!

Day 7 – Sept 17th - Tuscany to Florence This morning, depart for Florence, along the way stop for a visit of the Castello di Verazzano where you will tour the vineyard have lunch and sample some wines. Continue on to Florence for your stay at the Grand Hotel Baglioni.

Day 8 – Sept 18th – Florence This morning enjoy a walking tour of Florence, including such famous sights as the Piazza del Duomo, where you can admire the Cathedral (inside visit) and its dome by Brunelleschi, the bell-tower by Giotto, Saint John Baptistery with its Paradise Door. Next to it the Uffizi Gallery, one of the most important museum all over the world. The tours end with a visit to the Accademia Gallery where you will view the "David". The rest of the day is at your leisure. This evening gather for your farewell dinner at a typical Florentine restaurant.

Day 9 – Sept 19th - Florence /Home Your return flight home.