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PERSONALISED SMALL GROUP TOURS



WELCOME TO TOURS OF TUSCANY

A company dedicated to creating your perfect Tuscan experience.

Our personalised tours take you to Tuscany's most significant historical and cultural destinations creating unique memories to last a lifetime.

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ABOUT US

Join us on an unforgettable journey as we capture the essence of Tuscany. Its rolling hills, picturesque valleys dotted with farm houses, spectacular sunflowers in the Summer, harvested fields as the Autumn approaches, olive groves and vineyards.

We live in the Tuscan region during spring and summer and personally accompany our groups on daily tours in the region. Our Italian heritage and fluency in the language provides a unique and authentic way for you to discover the Tuscan region and its people; as a local, not a tourist!

Small groups of no more than 12 make up the weekly tours and the itineraries are structured in a manner which provides the traveller the ability to explore independently or remain as a group during the course of daily travels. An excellent blend of stunning locations, culture, shopping, food, wine and relaxation are a part of each day.

We aspire to have this unique journey bring you closer to being a local during your stay in the region and create unforgettable memories.



"Our heritage and inner calling has lead us back to our roots in Tuscany. Our passion for Italy inspires us to share the wonders and the beauty of Tuscany with those who tour with us."

Ines & Monique

WHERE IN TUSCANY

Getting there

TOUR BEGINS: **CORTONA**

Cortona is located 110kms South of Florence and easily reached from all main airports and train stations.



ACCOMMODATION

Our accommodation options provide everything you need for a truly memorable Italian escape. Located in the valley approximately 10km from the historical centre of Cortona, the accommodation, a Tuscan villa with old world rustic charm, is your home base for the duration of the tour. Unpack, settle in to your own private apartment and commence your Tuscan experience.

Set on wonderful grounds with a spectacular pool and all modern facilities, including laundry, it overlooks the Val di Chiana and the historical centre of Cortona. The apartments within the villa are fully self-contained and will be entirely for your use, either one, two or three bedrooms, spacious living area and fully equipped kitchen, bathroom and laundry facilities.

Experience Tuscany as a local with Tours of Tuscany



A TASTE OF TUSCANY 7 DAY TOUR

Our 'Taste of Tuscany' tour spans 7 days and takes you to some of Tuscany's most renowned locations allowing you to experience some of the many treasures this wonderful region has to offer.

Spectacular locations, sumptuous regional food & wine and connecting with the locals, has you living the Italian way whilst in the region.

Be delighted and inspired by the atmosphere and beauty of timeless Cortona one of the pearls of Tuscany. The beautiful city of Siena, famous for 'Il Palio' bareback horse race, enjoy lunch in the spectacular Piazza del Campo whilst watching tourists and locals going about their daily lives. San Gimignano, famous for its towers and excellent white wine 'Vernaccia'. Florence, imbibing arts and culture, shopping and the famous Ponte Vecchio over the Arno River. Chianti, the spectacular countryside in this world famous wine growing area, with vineyards, olive groves, farm houses and castles, will leave you breathless.



ITINERARY

Day 1 – Arrival – Settle in & familiarisation
 Day 2 – Cortona
 Day 3 – Siena & San Gimignano
 Day 4 – Montepulciano
 Day 5 – Florence
 Day 6 – Chianti
 Day 7 – Tour Free Day
 Day 8 – Morning Departure

INCLUSIONS

7 nights' accommodation in a Tuscan Villa
 All Breakfasts, 4 Lunches, 7 dinners at local trattoria/restaurants (wine included)
 5 Day Tours – maps provided
 Various Wine Tastings
 Transfers to/from local train station on arrival/departure days
 Transfers to local train station or Cortona on tour free days
 Bi-Lingual Hosts
 Complimentary Wine & Italian beer
 Train tickets for independent travel to Florence.
 Free access to Wi-Fi at the Villa

Let us take you on the journey!



SOGGIORNO IN TUSCANY 14 DAY TOUR

Our 'Soggiorno in Tuscany' tour spans 14 days and is for travellers who have the time to truly indulge in this wonderful region. Living in Tuscany for 14 days gives you the opportunity to connect with the region in a special way, whilst not touring you will have the opportunity to relax by the pool and learn how to cook traditional Tuscan dishes by one of our local chefs.



Be delighted by the atmosphere and beauty of timeless Cortona one of the pearls of Tuscany. Beautiful Siena, famous for 'Il Palio' bareback horse race and spectacular Piazza del Campo. San Gimignano, famous for its towers and excellent white wine 'Vernaccia'. Florence, imbibing arts and culture, shopping and the famous Ponte Vecchio over the Arno River. Chianti, spectacular countryside in this world famous wine growing area, vineyards, olive groves, farm houses and castles. Montepulciano famous for its Vino Nobile (Noble Wine) and wonderful Pecorino cheese. Lucca, the home of 'Puccini', a beautiful city with many wonderful sites. Orvieto, St Patricks well and its world famous Duomo will have you spellbound. Lucignano is a tiny gem located in the Val di Chiana.

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Day 1 – Arrival – Settle in & familiarisation
 Day 2 – Cortona
 Day 3 – Siena & San Gimignano
 Day 4 – Tour Free Day
 Day 5 – Florence
 Day 6 – Chianti
 Day 7 – Tour Free Day
 Day 8 – Arezzo
 Day 9 – Montepulciano & Pienza
 Day 10 – Lucca
 Day 11 – Cooking Experience
 Day 12 – Orvieto
 Day 13 – Lucignano
 Day 14 – Tour Free Day
 Day 15 – Morning Departure

INCLUSIONS

14 nights' accommodation in a Tuscan Villa
 All Breakfasts, 8 Lunches, 13 dinners at local trattoria/restaurants (wine included)
 10 Day Tours – maps provided
 Cooking Class
 Various Wine Tastings
 Transfers to/from local train station on arrival/departure days
 Transfers to local train station or Cortona on tour free days
 Bi-Lingual Hosts
 Complimentary Wine & Italian beer
 Train tickets for independent travel to Florence.
 Free access to Wi-Fi at the Villa

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FLAVOURS OF TUSCANY 7 DAY TOUR

A memorable week in Tuscany visiting iconic sights and immersing yourself in the Tuscan cuisine and wine including gourmet cooking classes.

A balance between the ultimate culinary experience and the best of our 'Taste of Tuscany' tour, includes stunning scenery of rolling hills, vineyards, olive groves, memorable locals, events and the unpretentious beauty of the region.

Our 'Flavours of Tuscany' tour includes gourmet cooking classes as well as daily touring. Classes will vary from pasta/gnocchi making through to traditional meat/game dishes, desserts and cakes. Many of the recipes are family traditions and you will be privileged to share in these traditions. There will be the opportunity to be hands on during all aspects of the classes or standing back and observing the masters at work, whilst of course enjoying a glass of local wine. We also visit Siena, Montepulciano and the famous wine growing area of Chianti.



ITINERARY

Day 1 – Arrival – Settle in & familiarisation
 Day 2 – Cortona
 Day 3 – Siena & Cooking Experience
 Day 4 – Montepulciano, Pienza & Pasta Making Class
 Day 5 – Cooking Experience & Winery Visit
 Day 6 – Chianti & Cooking Experience
 Day 7 – Tour Free Day
 Day 8 – Morning Departure

INCLUSIONS

7 nights' accommodation in a Tuscan Villa
 All Breakfasts, 4 Lunches, 7 dinners at local trattoria/restaurants, or part of the cooking experience (wine included)
 5 Day Tours – maps provided
 4 Cooking Experiences
 Various Wine Tastings
 Transfers to/from local train station on arrival/departure days
 Transfers to local train station or Cortona on tour free days
 Bi-Lingual Hosts
 Complimentary Wine & Italian beer
 Train tickets for independent travel to Florence.
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CYCLING IN TUSCANY 7 DAY TOUR

Our leisurely cycling tour will meander through this beautiful land of vineyards, olive groves and stunning scenery with medieval villages in the distance shaping the landscape and mesmerizing you to another time. Stopping for a picnic lunch or at a local trattoria will energize the body for your onward journey.

This tour combines your cycling passion with an authentic experience of the Tuscany highlights. Absorb the tranquility of the Tuscan landscape and let your mind take you to another era.



ITINERARY

- Day 1 – Arrival – Settle in & familiarisation
- Day 2 – Cortona Hillside Cycling & Township
- Day 3 – Siena & San Gimignano
- Day 4 – Cycle to Lake Trasimeno
- Day 5 – Tour Free Day
- Day 6 – Chianti & Cooking Experience
- Day 7 – Cycle Cortona Countryside
- Day 8 – Morning Departure

INCLUSIONS

- 7 nights' accommodation in a Tuscan Villa
- All Breakfasts, 5 Lunches, 7 dinners at local trattoria/restaurants (wine included)
- 5 Day Tours – maps provided
- Cooking Experience in Chianti
- Bikes & Helmets (drink stops included)
- Various Wine Tastings
- Ferry tickets for travel to Isola Maggiore
- Transfers to/from local train station on arrival/departure days
- Transfers to local train station or Cortona on tour free days
- Bi-Lingual Hosts
- Complimentary Wine & Italian beer
- Train tickets for independent travel to Florence.
- Free access to Wi-Fi at the Villa

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TUSCANY ON A VESPA 7 DAY TOUR

What better way to experience Tuscany than on a Vespa! Ride through the hills of Tuscany to iconic locations taking in the true beauty of this region. During this tour you will also experience the best of our 7 day 'Taste of Tuscany' tour connecting you with the locals, discovering hidden gems, regional food, wine and all things Tuscan.

Enjoy the feeling of freedom travelling through the Tuscan countryside on a Vespa! From the hillside of Cortona exploring this wonderful gem of a town; Cortona to Montepulciano, visiting cantinas dating back to the 13th century; Cortona to Lago Trasimeno where you will have the opportunity to take the ferry across to Isola Maggiore. Expand your culinary experience by participating in a traditional Tuscan cooking class with a local chef in Chianti and then enjoy lunch overlooking the vineyards. Don't miss out on this Italian experience.

This tour is for everyone! If you're worried about riding a Vespa but would love the experience we can organise a driver for you.



ITINERARY

- Day 1 – Arrival – Settle in & familiarisation
- Day 2 – Explore Cortona Hillside, Countryside and Town by Vespa
- Day 3 – Siena & San Gimignano
- Day 4 – Cortona to Montepulciano by Vespa
- Day 5 – Vespa ride to Lake Trasimeno
- Day 6 – Chianti & Cooking Experience
- Day 7 – Tour Free Day
- Day 8 – Morning Departure

INCLUSIONS

- 7 nights' accommodation in a Tuscan Villa
- All Breakfasts, 5 Lunches, 7 dinners at local trattoria/restaurants (wine included)
- 5 Day Tours – maps provided
- Cooking Experience in Chianti
- Vespa hire for touring days only
- Various Wine Tastings
- Ferry tickets for travel to Isola Maggiore
- Transfers to/from local train station on arrival/departure days
- Transfers to local train station or Cortona on tour free days
- Bi-Lingual Hosts
- Complimentary Wine & Italian beer
- Train tickets for independent travel to Florence.
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TAILORED TOURS

Design a tour to visit your desired locations.

Celebrating a special event? Let us mark the occasion in a truly memorable manner. Tours of Tuscany will help you celebrate an anniversary, milestone or the simple joy of togetherness in style.

Our tailored tour option allows you to specifically design a tour to your requirements.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Flexibility of destinations
- Choice of activities
- Tailored Itinerary
- Small or large groups
- Extended tour options
- Iconic locations & hidden gems
- Connecting with the locals
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For small or large group travel, intimate dinners or group functions, write to us about the places within the Tuscan region that you would like to have on your itinerary and we will tailor a tour specifically to your requirements.



Let us take you on the journey!



SOME OF OUR FAVOURITE PLACES

CORTONA



Stroll along the narrow medieval streets and onto the main piazza which offers stunning views over the Val di Chiana and Lago Trasimeno. Visit the world-famous Museo dell'Accademia Etrusca di Cortona and explore the many ancient Vicoli lined with wonderful boutiques, clothing, ceramics, leatherware and jewellery. Easily explored on foot, the atmosphere and beauty of timeless Cortona make it one of the pearls of Tuscany.

AREZZO



Elegant shopping opportunities as well as the wonderful art and culture of the city which is well known for its antique and gold stores; the filming of *La Vita e Bella* (A Beautiful Life) took place in this city.

MONTEPULCIANO

The main street of Montepulciano stretches almost 2 kilometres from Porta al Prato to the Piazza Grande. Located in the Val d'Orcia, Montepulciano is well known for its *Vino Nobile*. The Cantina Contucci on the Piazza Grande have been winemakers and owned vineyards for over 1000 years. This hill town offers, great shopping, a significant number of artisan workshops and wonderful Trattorias, Cantinas and Sulumerie for wine and cheese tastings.



FLORENCE

Capital of Tuscany is the most populated city in the region. The historical centre attracts millions of people every year and was declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1982. It has the richness of Renaissance art and architecture and boasts many museums and galleries such as Uffizi and Palazzo Pitti and the statue of David, by Michelangelo stands proudly in L'Accademia gallery. The most luxurious boutiques can be found along Florence's prestigious Via de' Tornabuoni.





CHIANTI

This famous wine-growing area of Italy would have to be one of the most beautiful in the region. With its main borders being Siena & Florence this stunning sub region also extends further beyond. With over 200 Cantine this is truly a wine lovers' haven.



PIENZA



Situated between Montepulciano and Montalcino. Pienza is a UNESCO World Heritage Site which dates back to the 14th century and very famous for its Pecorino cheese.

It was the home of of Aneneas Silvius Piccolomini who later become Pope Pius II and had the village rebuilt into a Renaissance town.

SIENA AND SAN GIMIGNANO

Experience the beautiful city of Siena, famous for 'Il Palio' bareback horse race. Spend time in the spectacular Piazza del Campo where you can enjoy lunch or an espresso whilst watching the passing parade. Visit The Mangia Tower and the spectacular Duomo, the Museum, Crypt and Baptistry. Step back in time to visit the medieval town of San Gimignano, famous for its many towers and excellent white wine 'Vernaccia di San Gimignano', climb the 200 internal steps of La Torre Grossa and experience the breathtaking views of the Elsa Valley.



LUCCA



The home of the composer 'Puccini'. A compact and beautiful city with many wonderful sites including Il Duomo di San Martino, dating back to 6BC and il Duomo di San Michele. Walk or cycle around the walls of this gorgeous city, or simply get lost in its beauty.