



7 DAYS FLAVOURS OF TUSCANY

Tour Commencement Dates for 2020
2nd May | 13th June | 11th July | 8th August | 3rd October.

Chat to us if you are looking for a tour outside of these dates.

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 transfers from Camucia-Cortona train station at 3:30pm & 5:30pm.

Transfers outside of these hours will be at an additional cost of €30.

Check Out is at 10am.

There will be transfers to Camucia-Cortona train station at 9am & 10am.

Transfers outside of these hours will be at an additional cost of €30.

As we are unable to store luggage, it is essential this be taken into consideration when making travel arrangements for arrival and departure days.

EXCLUSIONS

*Airfares *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

- Enjoy your own apartment in a Tuscan farmhouse villa for 7 nights
- Our bilingual hosts & tours leaders will be on hand throughout the tour to assist you
- You'll find provisions in your apartment for snack and breakfasts
- This trip includes no less than 4 tantalising lunches - ideal for fans of food
- For lovers of wine and Italian cuisine, you'll be pleased to hear that 5 dinners are a part of this package
- Enjoy a Truffle Hunt, followed by a cooking experience where you'll learn to make pasta and traditional Italian desserts
- Our guided walking tours in Cortona and Siena are some of our most popular features
- We'll enjoy wine and olive oil tasting in Montepulciano
- Take part in wine tasting activities at local vineyards and establishments
- We'll cater for all of your itinerary travel
- On your free days we'd be happy to transport you to the local station
- We'll pick you up to start your trip and drop you back off safely for your departure
- If you'd like to travel back into Cortona on your tour-free day, we can help with this, too

US \$3,495 per person, twin share
Single Occupancy \$450

Our Tantalising Tuscany tour combines the very best of culinary experiences and our incredibly popular Taste of Tuscany tour. If you're a fan of food, fine dining, traditional cooking techniques and the history of Italian cuisine; this is the trip for you.

SAT / ARRIVAL

You'll be personally picked up and transported to your accommodation. Once back at the villa, you'll be given the opportunity to unwind and settle in. For dinner, we'll take you into Cortona where you can enjoy your first traditional Tuscany dining experience..

SUN / CORTONA

To get the first full day of your tour off to an exciting start, we'll head into the nearby town of Cortona; where we have plenty of things for you to see and do! Our enthusiastic tour guide will take you on an enjoyable walk of the town, with coffee included. To integrate you with the Tuscan lifestyle, you'll experience lunch at a local trattoria. With your stomach full, you'll have the opportunity to sit and relax to your heart's content or explore the town in greater detail.

Mid-afternoon If you feel ready to return to your apartment, we'll give you the option to be collected and transported at this time. If you chose to stay in Cortona or travel back home to the villa - we'll meet back up and take you into town in preparation for your evening meal. What better way to savour the flavours of Cortona than with a traditional aperitivo in the Piazza, followed by dinner!

MON / TRUFFLE HUNT, CHEESE & COOKING CLASS IN PIENZA

Today promises to be incredibly exciting, with plenty of adventures on the agenda. We'll travel to Podere il Casale to get our activities underway. You'll then get to take part in an exhilarating truffle hunt, followed by a cooking class where you'll learn how to prepare dishes with an Italian touch. Once your lesson has finished, you'll relish the free time in the Pienza, where you can explore to your heart's content. At 5pm we'll take you back to your accommodation. You might want to pick up some ingredients for dinner, or a bottle of wine to enjoy in your apartment - or by the pool as you watch the sunset.

TUE / OLIVE OIL & WINE IN MONTEPULCIANO

To get today off to a flying start, we'll be visiting the stunning hilltop town of Montepulciano. Once we arrive, you'll be greeted with a coffee and given an overview of the beautiful region. If the idea of an authentic wine tasting session appeals to you, you'll be pleased to hear that we'll be heading underground into an authentic wine cellar, where you'll also have lunch. Montepulciano is famous for its luxurious olive oil, so we'll make a stop to allow you to savour the subtle tones produced by some of the world's most popular oil makers. At 5pm, we'll head back to your accommodation where you can spend an hour or two relaxing by the pool or taking a walk around the local area. For dinner, you'll feel truly immersed in the Tuscan lifestyle, we intend to visit a traditional pizzeria.

WED / SIENA

The next town on our tour is Siena. We'll head there bright and early to allow you to take in the stunning sights as we travel. You'll then get to enjoy a walking tour of the town, much of which dates back centuries. In your free time, you can shop, engage with the locals, catch a quick bite to eat for lunch, or relax near one of the local landmarks. There are plenty of attractions in the town to enjoy and you'll have several hours to do so. We plan on heading back to your accommodation at 3:30pm to allow you to unwind and enjoy a little leisure time. Many of our guests take this opportunity to capture memories with their camera in the nearby scenery. At 7pm, we'll head into Cortona for a stylish dinner, complete with locally produced wine to further immerse you in the Tuscan way of life.

THU / WINE TASTING IN CHIANTI

If you're looking for an ideal gift for a loved one, the traditional and instantly recognisable bottles of Chianti wine may well be the way to go. We'll be heading to this traditional town early in the morning. We'll make a stop at Castellina for coffee where you'll be able to get your bearings and look forward to the day ahead. You will be enjoying lunch at the Antica Macelleria Cecchini in Panzano - a traditional eatery that specialises in a variety of Italian dishes and more. To tingle your taste buds, we'll then take you to a wine tasting session in Chianti, where you'll get to savour the unique flavours and talk to the makers about their processes.

FRI / TOUR FREE DAY

As your trip slowly comes to an end, we allocate this time for you to choose the types of activities that you'd like to partake in - from exploring the nearby area, to relaxing by the pool. Whatever you choose to do, we'll ensure that you're back in time for a traditional Italian Aperitivo, followed by a farewell dinner to mark your visit.

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.

**"What a wonderful week I have experienced!
Great work Ines, together with Monique you have created
"Heaven" in Tuscany! I loved everything you people have
done to make my time so enjoyable!
I will certainly find occasions to use the skills and
observations from this weeks 'Flavours in Tuscany'
tour! I felt that I saw so much more of Tuscany with your
planning and expertise - Thank You!!"**

JANE - 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 conditions.

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 Caffè 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.