

From Rome to the Tuscan hamlets



"Italy is a dream that keeps returning for the rest of your life" *Anna Akhmatova, poet*



PROGRAM

Day 1

Arrival at Rome Airport and private transfer at 4*Hotel Diana Roof Garden, an historical property opened in 1939 by Benedetto De Angelis, founder of one of the oldest and most famous families of the Roman hotellerie, which is still managing the hotel nowadays.

Lunch at the hotel roof restaurant, a veritable terrace garden immersed in the green of colorful Mediterranean plants, olive and lemon trees.

In the afternoon meeting with your professional photographer, and make an interesting and original photographic reportage of Rome, along picturesque routes with viewing points, landscapes and interesting subjects to photograph.

Dinner at leisure.





Breakfast in the hotel and meeting with the guide, to discover Rome most symbolic and loved masterpieces: visit the Colosseum and its underground; stroll along the paths of the religious and political centre of Imperial Rome, the Roman Forum; finally visit the Palatine Hill.

Lunch and afternoon at leisure.

In the evening, enjoy a pleasant cruise along the Tiber river, to enjoy Rome, its bridges and monuments from a unique perspective.

You will enjoy a candlelit dinner onboard, with typical Italian recipes and wines.

Day 3

Breakfast in the hotel and transfer to Tivoli, to visit Villa Adriana, a Roman archaeological complex inspired by Greek and Oriental architecture, with extraordinary sculptural and architectural decorations, residential buildings, spas, theatres and gardens. Then move to the magnificent Villa d'Este, to stroll in its beautiful gardens surrounded by the sound of water flowing through the hundreds of magnificent waterfalls, fountains and ornamental ponds. Lunch in a typical *trattoria*.

Private transfer to Florence and check in at 4* Hotel Monna Lisa, an ambience of irresistible charming luxury with the most modern comforts, still conserving sculptures and original paintings from the XV century, when the hotel was built.

Dinner at leisure.



Florence at sunset



In the morning, private transfer and meeting with the Chef Giovanni for a small-group cooking class immersed in the beauty of the Tuscan countryside, in an intimate and friendly atmosphere.

The activity starts with a little walk in the city center and a visit to the Florence Farmers market. In the comfort of a minivan, you will reach a noble Villa in the Chianti countryside, welcomed by a delicious tasting of typical Tuscan products and a glass of Prosecco wine, before starting the hands-on cooking lesson. The class ends with a lunch to prove your kitchen skills, with different Tuscan wine tastings, including a great typical dessert wine.

Private transfer back to Florence, rest of the day and dinner at leisure.

Day 5

In the morning, meeting with your private guide and private transfer to discover Siena, with its famous *Piazza del Campo*, the main square in the city centre, where the famous *Palio* horse race takes place every year. Explore the quieter backstreets and learn everything about the 17 neighborhoods of the city, the *Contrade*.

After lunch, at leisure, the journey continues with a visit to the walled hill town of San Gimignano, a village famed for its medieval skyscrapers, high walls and narrow streets, that still perfectly preserves more than ten tower houses.

The day ends with a dinner in a vineyard on the way back to Florence, with an unforgettable landscape. Private transfer back to the hotel.





Morning and lunch at leisure.

In the afternoon meeting with your private guide, to discover Florence masterpieces, with a break at Florence's Tower Bar for an ice-cream tasting.

Rest of the the day at leisure.

Dinner at Lungarno Bistrot Restaurant.

Day 7

Breakfast in the hotel and private transfer to Bologna.

Check-in at 4* Art Hotel Commercianti, an enchanting medieval building placed in a unique location, in the shadow of Basilica di San Petronio, at walking distance from museums, theatres and shopping areas. Meeting with your private guide for the *Streets to Savour* tour. Bologna, also known as *Bologna*, the fat one, a nickname coined in the Middle Ages, has always been known as the capital of great food. Historical shops, side streets and the famous local taverns, the *Osterie*, will provide the backdrop to this fun and "tasty" stroll.

After lunch in a typical osteria, the tour continues visiting Bologna's old centre, one of the best preserved in Europe. A walking tour through fascinating squares, large pedestrian areas, endless arcades, churches and historical buildings, all of which are free of charge. You finally will have the chance to admire the "city of towers", from the top of one of the tallest.

Dinner at leisure.





Day at leisure.

Day 9

In the morning, private transfer and visit to an *Acetaia*, a typical farm for balsamic vinegar production. After an excellent tasting of parmesan cheese with Modena balsamic vinegar drops, enjoy a sublime lunch.

Private transfer to Pisa and meeting with your private guide to discover the two main squares of the city: Piazza dei Miracoli (*Square of miracles*), where the Leaning Tower stands and Piazza dei Cavalieri (Knight's square). Private transfer to the hotel.



Day 10 In the morning, private transfer to the airport. End of the services.

Total quotation for the couple: starting from € 8.000,00.