

Fall in Love with Tuscany: Lari & Villa Delia Between Olive Groves and the Joy of Living

Program

Day 1 – Arrival in Tuscany

Optional Excursion

Arrival at Hotel Villa Delia in Lari. After check-in, we will be warmly welcomed with a refreshing welcome drink. In the evening, we enjoy a shared dinner at the hotel, followed by an overnight stay.

Day 2 – Flavours and Traditions in Lari & Peccioli

Optional Excursion

After breakfast at the hotel, we set off for Lari – a picturesque village renowned for its culinary traditions. Our discovery begins with a visit to the famous Martelli pasta factory, where we learn how this celebrated pasta is still crafted by hand using traditional methods.

We then step into the fascinating world of the Castello di Lari, an imposing fortress with centuries of history. In the charming castle courtyard, we enjoy an open-air wine tasting – a truly special experience with panoramic views over the Tuscan countryside. Afterwards, we sample a selection of typical liqueurs from Lari, a sweet and aromatic surprise.

Lunch awaits us at the welcoming Ristorante Il Canfreo, where we are treated to authentic Tuscan cuisine. But the culinary journey doesn't end there: after lunch, we visit the Balestri butchery, famous for its high-quality cured meats, and enjoy a tasting of ham and salami straight from the producer.

In the afternoon, we continue to Peccioli, a charming medieval village with a modern artistic spirit. As we stroll through the old town, we discover not only historic alleys but also contemporary art installations that give the place a unique character.

To round off this day of indulgence, we enjoy a rustic dinner in a panoramic brewery overlooking the village. On the terrace with its breathtaking views, we are served schiacciata (Tuscan flatbread), selected beers, cured meats, and cheeses – a relaxed and authentic finale in good company. Return to the hotel for overnight stay.

Day 3 – Art, Culture and Fine Wines in Florence

Optional Excursion

After a hearty breakfast, we head to Florence, the capital of Tuscany, cradle of the Renaissance, and one of Europe's most captivating cities. From the moment we arrive, we feel the magic of this unique city, rich in history, art, and architecture.

Accompanied by a local city guide, we explore its most famous landmarks: the imposing Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore with its majestic dome, the medieval Baptistry, Piazza della Signoria adorned with magnificent sculptures, and the Ponte Vecchio – the city's oldest bridge, home to goldsmiths' shops for centuries.

During our guided tour, we immerse ourselves in the golden age of the Medici and experience first-hand why Florence was – and still is – a centre of culture and commerce. At every corner, the city tells its stories: of artists such as Michelangelo, Botticelli, and Leonardo da Vinci; of power and wealth; but also of beauty and sensuality.

After this inspiring journey through the centuries, another highlight awaits us: a wine tasting in a historic enoteca in the heart of Florence. Surrounded by shelves filled with fine vintages, we savour selected Tuscan wines – from

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ruby-red Chianti to elegant white varieties – accompanied by small regional delicacies. A true moment of indulgence in an authentic setting. In the late afternoon, we return to the hotel, where we round off the day with a shared dinner in the hotel restaurant.

Day 4 – Between City Walls and Vineyards: Lucca & Montecarlo

Optional Excursion

After breakfast at the hotel, we set off for Lucca, an elegant and prosperous city renowned for its unique charm and its impressively preserved city walls. On a guided walking tour, we discover the highlights of this fascinating destination: the imposing fortifications, fully accessible on foot; the oval-shaped Piazza dell'Anfiteatro, reminiscent of a Roman arena; and the San Martino Cathedral with its elaborate façade.

Lucca enchants with its stylish atmosphere, quiet streets lined with boutiques and cafés, and the ever-present touch of music in the hometown of composer Giacomo Puccini. Our guided tour takes us deep into the history of a city that, through the ages, has preserved its authentic character.

We then continue to nearby Montecarlo, a picturesque hilltop village overlooking vineyards and olive groves. Here, we visit the Cantina Carmignani, a traditional winery with deep family roots. In its historic cellars, we enjoy a tasting of selected local wines – elegant reds and whites that truly reflect the terroir of the Tuscan hills. The atmosphere is warm and familial, the enjoyment authentic and unpretentious.

For dinner, we travel to Marginone, where we are welcomed at the idyllic country estate Antico Casale La Piaggia. In a rustic setting – surrounded by olive trees and cypresses – we enjoy a typical Tuscan menu, lovingly prepared with fresh local ingredients. A fitting and atmospheric end to a day dedicated to culture, nature, and fine flavours.

Return to the hotel for overnight stay.

Day 5 – Culinary Arts, Truffles and Towers: A Day Full of Tuscan Experiences

Optional Excursion

Today begins with a truly special experience: at our villa, we take part in an entertaining cooking class where we roll up our sleeves and, under expert guidance, prepare typical Italian dishes – from fresh pasta to flavourful sauces. Afterwards, we gather to savour our delicious creations in good company – a moment of genuine Italian joie de vivre.

In the afternoon, we venture into nature: accompanied by an experienced truffle hunter and his dog, we take part in an exciting truffle hunt – a fascinating experience that reveals the secrets of this precious delicacy. We then enjoy a tasting of delicious truffle crostini, showcasing the rich and distinctive flavour of the truffle.

Our journey continues to San Gimignano, the famous “Town of Towers”, where a guided tour of this UNESCO World Heritage Site awaits us. Within its medieval walls, narrow streets, and sweeping views, we discover the history and charm of this extraordinary place.

The grand finale of the day takes us to the Poggio Alloro winery, set in a picturesque location overlooking San Gimignano. Here, we enjoy a wine tasting paired with a traditional dinner, savouring the region's typical flavours in a relaxed and authentic atmosphere.

After this eventful day, we return to the hotel – filled with memories and taste experiences that will linger long after.

Day 6 – Departure

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