



## 7 DAYS TUSCANY ON A VESPA

### 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

\*Airtfares \*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 7 nights in our fully renovated, traditional Tuscan farm house
- Our bilingual hosts will be on hand throughout the tour to assist you
- You'll enjoy carefully structured tours as detailed in your itinerary
- You will have provisions included in your apartment for breakfasts
- This tour includes 3 exciting lunches
- You will also partake in 6 dinners, with wine included with your meals
- Your Vespa tours will include a helmet & your guide will be on hand to help
- This trip also includes a guided tour in both Cortona and Siena
- A cooking lesson, which will be as exciting as it is informative
- You'll get the chance to enjoy tantalising, locally produced wines at local vineyards and establishments
- We will take care of your travel to and from your accommodation as detailed on your itinerary
- For your tour-free day, we can transfer you to the local station
- We will collect you and drop you back off to the station when you arrive and depart
- You'll also have the option to be taken into Cortona on your tour-free day

**US \$3,550 per person, twin share**  
**Single Occupancy \$450**

There's no denying that Tuscany is one of the most beautiful parts of Italy, but even we'll agree that there are some parts that are best enjoyed on the back of two wheels. With our Tuscany on a Vespa Tour – we're sure that you'll feel as exhilarated as you are satisfied.

### **SAT / ARRIVAL**

Whether you're here for 3:30 or 5:30pm pick up, we'll arrive at the station to collect you and your possessions ready to be taken to your accommodation. You'll undoubtedly want to explore the villa and its surroundings - and once you arrive, you'll be able to do exactly this whilst settling in and unpacking. With your appetite likely stimulated, we'll take you into the stunning town of Cortona for dinner.

### **SUN / CORTONA BY VESPA**

At 9:30am, we'll pick you up from your apartment and begin our journey back into Cortona. An exciting Vespa tour is the first thing on the cards. Whether you're riding alone or with a pillion passenger - we're sure that you'll love witnessing the majestic sights and sounds of the nearby countryside around Cortona. To unwind from your moped experience, we'll enjoy some lunch followed by a couple of hours of free time to explore the town, or take a look at the local attractions. Rather than transporting you home, you'll get to enjoy the journey back to the villa by Vespa, where you'll be able to spend a few hours pool-side, taking a walk in the nearby region, or anything else that piques your interest. When it comes time for dinner, we'll head back into Cortona where you'll be treated to a tantalising meal with complementary wine.

### **MON / SAN GIMIGNANO & SIENA**

San Gimignano is a town so iconic that you have to see it to truly believe it - and this is where we'll be headed at 9am. Upon arrival we'll have a brief coffee break and you will be given an overview of the town and its rich history. Shortly after your introduction, you'll have free time to explore, ingratiate yourself with the locals and partake in activities at your own leisure. We'll then travel to Siena, where you'll meet your tour guide who will fill you with knowledge, expose you to the traditional lifestyle and allow you to get to grips with the town first-hand. To allow you to take in as much as possible, you'll have a little more free time before your evening meal.

For dinner, you'll be taken to one of the local restaurants in Siena, where you'll get to taste the mesmerising flavours of the region.

### **TUE / PIENZA & MONTEPULCIANO BY VESPA**

We have another exciting Vespa tour planned for today - this time across Pienza and Montepulciano, we'll stop in both towns as well as stopping off at a local organic farm where you'll get to grips with the Tuscan way of life, whilst enjoying a tasty lunch. By mid-afternoon, we'll be returning to your accommodation where you can relax in the pool, enjoy a spot of reading, or anything else that you'd like. We're sure that after such a full day you'll be excited for dinner, so we'll head back into Cortona at 7pm for a meal and to unwind for the evening



### **WED / VESPA RIDE TO LAKE TRASIMENO & COOKING EXPERIENCE**

Lake Trasimeno is one of the most iconic locations for fans of two wheels and we'll begin your day with a Vespa ride around the lake and local terrain. You'll then get to relax at home for just over an hour before we head out to your next adventure - an exciting cooking class. We'll get you to the lesson for 3pm, where you'll meet your chef and prepare yourself to enhance your Italian culinary skills. Your Traditional Tuscan Cooking Class will then begin and you'll be creating a 4 course meal before enjoying it in the company of your chef

### **THU / CHIANTI**

This morning we have an exciting tour of Chianti on the cards. We'll be stopping in Castellina for a coffee and the exhilarating opportunity to explore the town and all it has to offer. We then have an extended lunch and tasting session planned at an exquisite organic winery, where there will be the opportunity to meet the winemakers.

### **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.

"We had a wonderful week, enjoyed all the locations, had a ball on our Vespa & Cooking days, and loved the evening visits to the local restaurants. Would highly recommend to anyone."

GEOFF & DI – AUSTRALIA

# Frequently Asked Questions

**What cc are the Vespas?** The Vespa are 125cc.

**I've never ridden a Vespa or a Motorbike before, can I still join this tour?**

Of course you can, however for your safety you will ride pillion with the guide.

**What happens if it rains?**

We always keep track of the weather forecast, should it rain we will do our best to re-schedule for another day if possible.

**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.