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VACATION IN TUSCANY WITH CHEF FRANCO!

Tuscany...An enchanted land of vineyards, friendly people, great food and shopping!



Simply put...this may just be the most fun and casual vacation you will ever experience! With Tuscany as the backdrop, and the Franco Contaldo as your personal guide, you will witness and experience the true tastes, sounds and treasures of this wonderful region.

Your home for the next 6 days will be the Agriturismo Olivello, a restored farmhouse built near the Etruscan village of Murlo and Vescovado and just minutes from the magnificent city of Siena.

Olivello* remains a precious jewel. It has been carefully restored by the Vanni family, blending its agricultural history with modern day comforts. Many of the rooms contain antiques and look out on to the rolling hills of Mont Amiata.

Every apartment is tastefully decorated with a private bathroom. In addition, there is a pool for your enjoyment during the summer months. The charm of this rustic farmhouse property belies its accessible location. Just 25 minutes outside of Siena and within 1 hour of almost every major attraction in Tuscany, Olivello sits amidst the areas vineyards and olive groves with the Chianti region to the north and the Brunello region to its south.



Bella Italia

Itinerary

Day One -

- We arrive Rome airport (FCO) and drive to our accommodations in Tuscany.(about 2 hours)
- Relax after your trip with assorted beverages and wine made at Olivello
- Introduction and initial orientation to your Tuscan Vacation
- Dinner will be served alfresco in the courtyard at Olivello



Day Two -

- Breakfast (bread, tea, coffee, fruit, milk, juice, jams, honey, cookies, yogurts etc.)
- 1st Stop-Montepulciano-explore the Crown jewel of the Tuscan countryside
- Have lunch at any of the many fabulous trattorias the town has to offer
- We will visit a family-owned winery and

Etruscan tomb as well as experiencing this incredible Tuscan hill town with all small family owned artisanal cheese and wine shops.

-After your day of sightseeing and shopping, we return to Olivello but not before dinner at Bella Mariana which features true Neapolitan cuisine.



Day Three –

Breakfast

- After breakfast, meet in the courtyard for more of the history and mystery of our next destination
- Today we travel to the hill towns of San Gimignano and Volterra.
- After lunch depart for an excursion to the famous Chianti wine region where you will have time to explore a charming winery and taste some of Tuscany's finest vino.
- Return to Olivello and relax for a bit... then it's time for your first Aperitivo! A wine tasting and small plates hosted and prepared by Chef Franco

Day Four -



Breakfast

-As you relax over your morning coffee, learn interesting facts about your next stop; a day long excursion to Siena, one of the most beautiful cities in Tuscany. Renaissance architecture, the incredible Piazza del Campo and the Duomo can be found in this most magnificent of Tuscan cities. Walk through the historical center and picturesque alleys with shops to rival those of Florence and Lucca.

-Your afternoon is free for shopping, exploring or just relaxing

-Return to Olivello, where tonight you will enjoy *Aperitivo* and another fabulous dinner in the Olivello alfresco area.



Day Five –

Early Breakfast

-After breakfast we embark on a day trip to visit the “City in the Clouds” Civita di Bagnoregio.

-At approximately 7:30 PM you will meet in the al Fresco area of Olivello for a wine tasting to try the wines you have discovered today.

-Dinner, tonight, will be at Campanino, a fabulous trattoria featuring local fare and incredible brick oven pizza



Day Six -

Breakfast.

-Afterwards, prepare for a full-day excursion to Cortona discovering the beauty of this perfectly preserved medieval town and site of the movie “Under the Tuscan Sun” Lunch at La Grotta or any of Cortona’s wonderful restaurants.

-In the late afternoon return to Olivello.

-Farewell dinner tonight



Day Seven -

Breakfast and return transfer to Rome airport.

-Return Home

Included in your 6-night vacation:

-6 nights' accommodations

-Daily breakfast consisting of coffee, tea, milk, seasonal fruits, Italian pastries and yogurt

-5 hands-on Culinary arts dinner parties with Chef Franco including wine and beverages

-Market visits and shopping. Please allow 8-10 Euros daily, for local ingredient purchases required for your dinner parties (not incl.)

-Tuscan wine tasting and Vineyard tour

-Half-day excursions to Chianti and Brunello regions with wine and local product tasting

-Full-day excursion to places such as Siena, Cortona and other Tuscan hill town locations

- All transportation throughout the vacation
- All taxes and service (gratuities not included)
- Arrival transfers to and from Rome-FCO airport
- Compilation CD created from photos of your Trip

Plus many more surprises await on your Franco's Italy Vacation to Tuscany!

*Agriturismo accommodations have 3 individual apartments. Each apartment has 2 bedrooms sharing one private bath.

Note: Itinerary may change due to weather and or other considerations.

The Agriturismo is not air-conditioned. The hilly areas and valleys usually allow for mild and comfortable accommodations and is part of the overall Tuscan experience.

However, individual rooms can be warm during the summer and evenings can be cool.

Travel insurance is strongly suggested

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