

“We Love Tuscany”

With The Inspired Tourist

Join us in Tuscany September 2023!



Calling all Antique lovers! Again, we are heading to one of our favorite spots on earth! Antiques, Cooking, Wine tasting and GREAT Company!

We will spend 5 nights in the hills of Tuscany

September 15-20th 2023

In September of 2023 we will be traveling to the heart of Tuscany to shop, explore, eat, learn and share. Join us in a Tuscan hillside town for a week of creativity, cooking, wine tasting, community, antiquing and more.

You will be cultivating community with others, and taking part in the relaxed Italian way of life. Perhaps the best part is that you will share the experience with others and make friendships that will last a lifetime. This trip will leave its mark on you!

The retreat will be hosted in a Liberty Style Villa and a Large Palazzo Home located 30 minutes north of the walled city of Lucca, among farms, hillside towns, and ancient castles. In this setting, we will experience the charm of Italy and enjoy community and inspiration.

Some of the Details:

What does the trip cost for Tuscany cover?

- Your room for 5 nights including breakfast
- Private Shuttle to and from Florence to our destination town
- Welcome night dinner and dinner on our last night together-other nights you will be on your own in town with lots of options
- Wine Tastings with lunch
- Private transport to Lucca for the **Antique Market** and other shopping
- Other fun activities-or just RELAXING!
- Local Cooking Class (SO fun)
- Lots of opportunities to journal, photograph, paint, draw, etc.
- The trip starts at* \$2895 pp for a shared room, *not including airfare*
*Room choices vary

[Contact us to get on the list and for more information](#)

Itinerary

Subject to possible change, more detailed Itinerary as we get close!

Thursday 9/14

SUGGESTED: Arrival in Florence, we will be providing a map of vintage shops in town, as well as connecting for a Prosecco Toast. More details to follow but it will be fun to get in early to connect and get our treasure hunting underway!

Friday 9/15

- Shuttle will pick up at approximately noon in Florence
- Arrive at destination, check-in, unpack relax
- Group Dinner at Villa (included)
- Walk around town, sip and chat and Gelato!

Saturday 9/16

- 9:00 a.m. Private Bus to Antique Market in Lucca-all day
- Dinner on our own (lots of local restaurants to choose from)
- Sip and chat and SHOW AND TELL our Antique Treasures!

Sunday 9/17

- Relaxing morning then visit Casa Cordati Museum and tour the town
- Cooking class in the afternoon/evening-it's **FUN**

Monday 9/18

- Private Bus to Wine and Olive Oil Tasting in Montecarlo
- Group lunch (Included)
- Evening Sip and Chat

Tuesday 9/19

- Relaxing day, Walk to Local Winery, Tasting and Light Lunch possible
- Evening Farewell dinner at the Villa

Wednesday 9/20

- 10:00 a.m. check out and departure for Florence

Some Questions Answered

- **Who's coming?** We always have a great group of folks, mostly women but men are ABSOLUTELY welcome! We attract antique lovers because of our trip to the FABULOUS Lucca antique market but there are lots of other activities!
- **Our Stay in Italy:** We have private shuttle pick up and drop-off in Florence, we can suggest hotels for you. You can arrive and depart at any location in Italy as long as you are in Florence at the time of pickup. I always recommend that you give yourself AT LEAST one full day on either end of your trip in case of flight delays etc. Besides, you are in ITALY! You might as well see some other sights while you are there. Our shuttle is a courtesy to our guests, if you miss the pickup or choose not to take it, we can suggest private car service that will get you to our location.
- **What's included in the price?** Your stay will include 5 nights at the hotel including breakfast every morning (breakfast varies based on hotel), and dinner on our first and last night. Private Shuttle to and from our location to Florence. It will also include wine tasting and lunch one day, a trip to the Antique Market in Lucca and a tour of the town. The cooking class is always a highlight!
- **What is the cost?** The trip starts at \$2895, per person double occupancy (based on room selection-they are all different) and not including airfare. The deposit is \$800. Single room for the trip is an additional \$800
- **How many people will be on this trip?** Not usually more than 10 (not including staff)
- **How do I get on the list or contact you?** You will see a link for an application above, the payments can be made using check or credit card through our payment portal. This trip has limited space.
- **What is the rooming situation?**

GREAT QUESTION: The trip is priced at double occupancy but we will be able to book single rooms on a limited basis for an extra cost (see above) One of the reasons that we have chosen to spend time in the countryside is for the opportunity to enjoy Tuscany while still making the most of the outdoors. **We now require trip insurance!** As you know, the airlines have made it much easier to cancel your flight without penalty. As with all of our trips, if at any time you choose not to join us for a dinner or an event, that is totally fine. There will be many opportunities to paint, take photos, write and explore, always do what makes you feel comfortable. Italy is WIDE open to travelers!

- **Does this location accommodate the handicapped or those with physical limitations?**

Unfortunately no, Italy has LOTS of cobblestone streets, stairs and hills. We would love to have you join us but please know your enjoyment or the experience would be limited. There is a LOT of walking on this trip, some of it uphill and the lodging does not have an elevator.