

Saturday · April 23rd, 2022 - Saturday · April 30th, 2022

Together in Tuscany - A Women's Retreat with Camille Day and Pam Mercer

Saturday · April 23rd



WE INVITE YOU TO

Laugh, cook, paint, wander the streets of a Tuscan Village, sit under the Olive Trees and read, sing, create memories, spend time with your sister or best friend or mom, meet yourself in new ways.

We've designed this seven-night Girlfriend's retreat to give ourselves the experience of the beauty of the Tuscan countryside, stunning Italian art, exquisite food and wine and to provide a place for us to experience our own creativity in a welcoming setting.

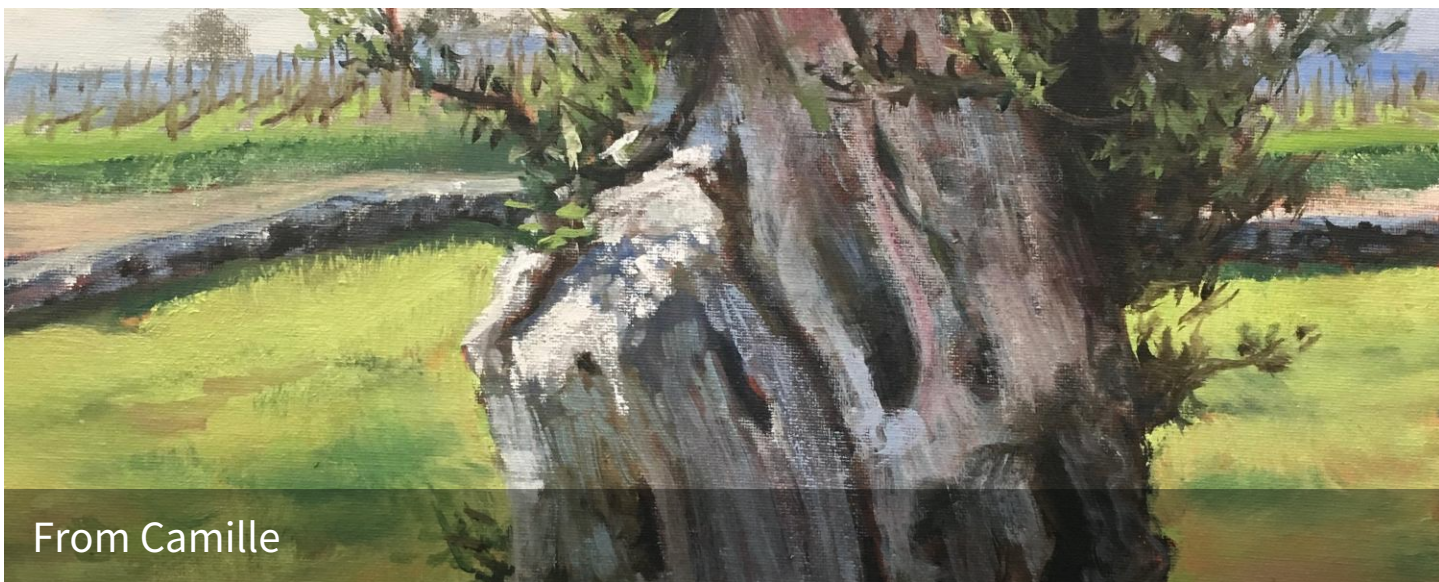
We'll do the things that girlfriends love to do: talk, laugh, visit artisan's shops, learn how to cook some great Italian food, shop the streets of Florence, share wine and bread and cheese. And we'll have time for exploring our own creative impulses through painting, writing and singing. Or just walking in the breathtakingly beautiful Tuscan Hills.

We've created a week together that will take us out into the Tuscan towns of Florence, Siena, San Gimignano and Cortona. We'll visit a local food market and join our friend, Giuseppina and her family as they teach us to cook a four course Italian meal! We'll join our friends Claudio and Alba at their wine estate perched at a beautiful intersection of vineyards, hills and olive tree orchards. We'll visit Cortona where the film, *Under the Tuscan Sun* is set. We'll learn how to make personalized body care lotions and scrubs using recipes from ancient Etruscan woman's daily routines. We'll visit Lucia, a skilled jeweler whose creations are full of energy and beauty.

During the week, there will be time set aside for you to paint, write, hike, read. You choose what you wish. If you want to paint, Candy will be there. If you want to write, we'll provide some simple exercises to get you started and most of all, provide you with the privacy and nooks and crannies where you can tuck yourself away to spend time with your journal or writing notebook.

On the last day we'll be joined by an Italian couple who are the leaders of an Italian Gospel Choir (yes, Italians love Gospel!) and we will sing gospel songs with them to celebrate life and to open our voices and lift our spirits. You can sing if you wish or watch if you wish or lay on the floor and listen! It's up to you but the playful spirit of Luca and Emanuela will encourage you to sing!

We hope you will join us!
Camille and Pam



From Camille Day
<https://www.studiocamille.com/about>

In the year of COVID, I had my painting to keep me company and I used that time to try to improve my skills. I did and the time passed swiftly. Little did I know that it would change me profoundly, like it did so many of us.

Now I feel the need to break out and absorb something new, but *quietly*, not in the same rush of experience we were all accustomed to in our "hurry up" society. I learned this through being quiet and focused. I know now that God sometimes holds us still to teach us something new and bring us out into a fresh, new world.

I want to use the serenity I acquired during that time of isolation to focus on creativity, peace and happiness with people of a like mind as I reemerge into the world. My priorities have profoundly changed. I know that women can accept this type of change in mindset easily when we allow ourselves to *be*, and not to be on call constantly to family, friends and work.

I believe that the spirit of Tuscany holds many keys to unlock some of what we need to feed our souls. Some of us have experienced profound loss, insecurity, fear and being alone. I believe the type of retreat that Pam and I have envisioned with help us regain our joy, creativity, give us hope and a renewal of spirit for the life we are truly here to live. Life is short and the savoring of all the good things it holds is my new goal and will be my way of honoring the life and talents I've been given in the future.



We'll be based for the week at Villa Podere Celli, a picture-perfect luxury Tuscan villa. The old stone walls of Podere Celli blend seamlessly into the vine-laden hills of western Chianti. The outside's timeless appearance conceals interiors that have been restored and renovated to provide exceptional comfort. Hand-painted murals adorn the walls of the large air-conditioned bedrooms.

At the heart of Podere Celli is the open plan living room, divided by archways into intimate sitting and dining areas, boasting two large fireplaces. From the kitchen, step out onto the vast terrace; this courtyard is the crown jewel of the villa - with its charming and spacious dining loggia and shaded living space - basking in the spectacular panoramas of the Chianti countryside.

<https://www.tuscanynowandmore.com/villas/podere-celli>

Transfer

Notes

Your driver will pick you up at the Florence airport and transfer you to your exquisite villa in the Tuscan countryside. Settle in, walk in the countryside, have your first glass of Chianti on the terrace overlooking the valley.

Included

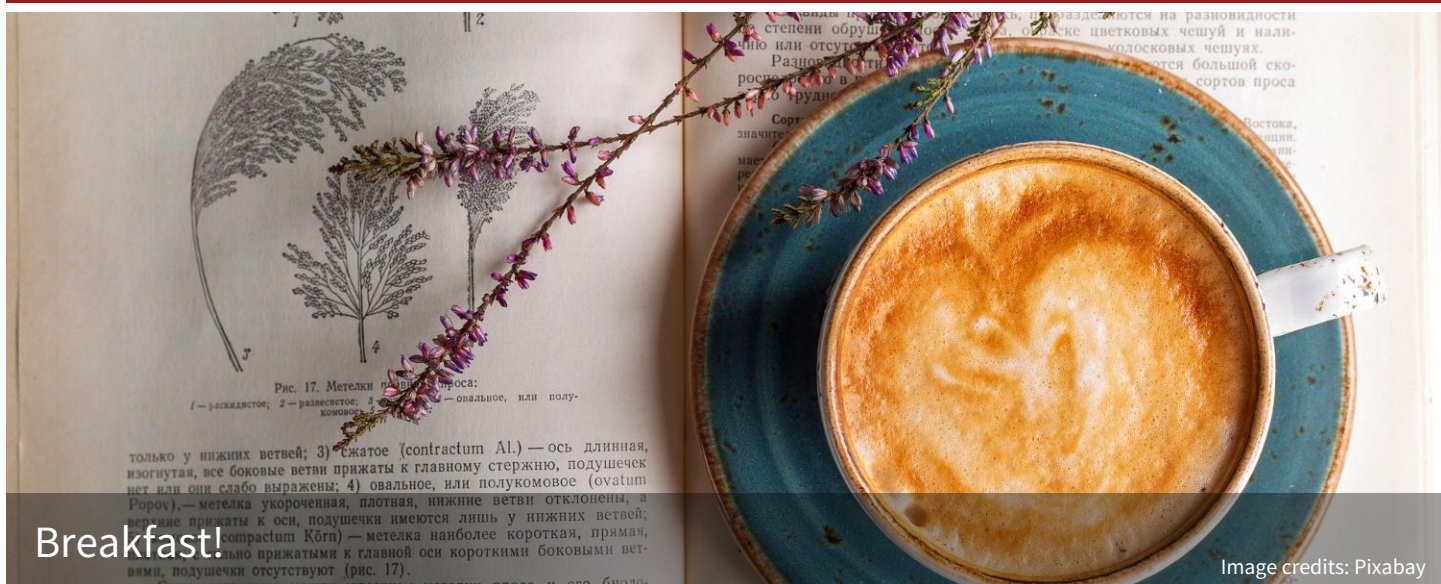
- Transfer from the Florence airport to the villa. Transfers from other locations can be arranged for an extra fee.
- We will be grouping arrivals into four or more passengers.



Introductions, Wine Tasting and Dinner By Giuseppina

The evening we'll gather in the living room with a fire in the fireplace and we'll meet each other and talk about the schedule. Then we'll turn the evening over to our wine guide, Toni and our friend, the amazing Giuseppina, who will cook dinner for you. You will learn all about Tuscan wines and drink them during our first feast together.

Sunday · April 24th



Breakfast!

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8:00 AM

Start Time

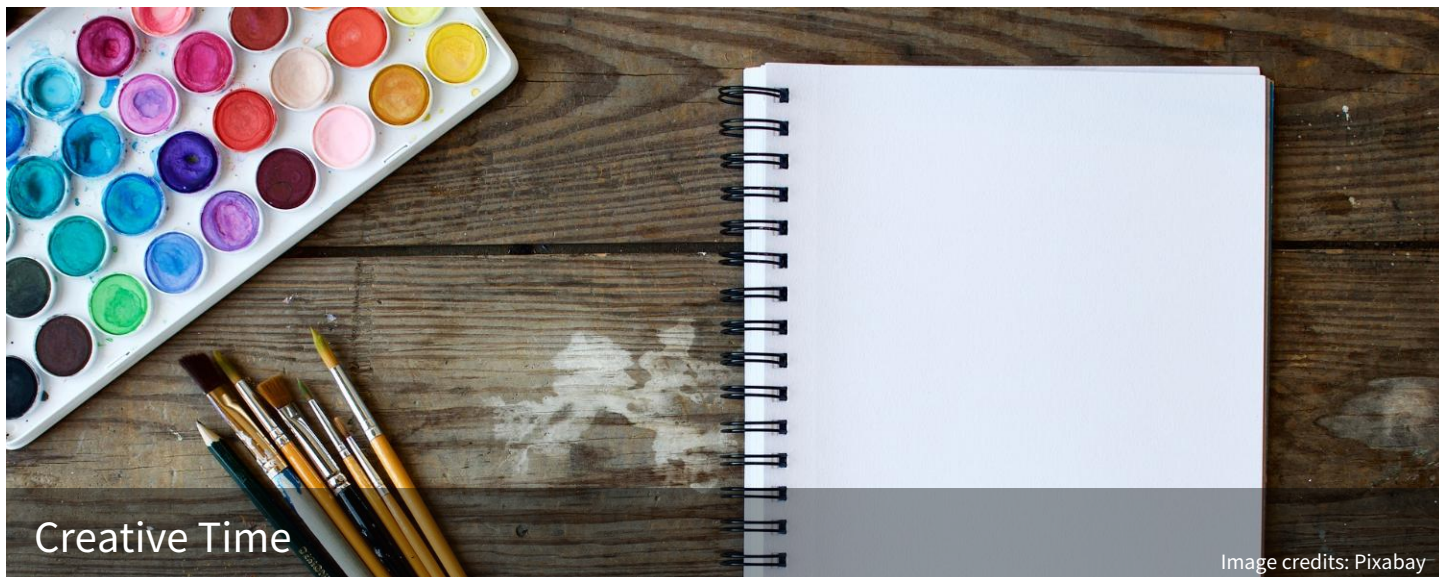
9:30 AM

End Time

1hr 30min

Duration

Breakfast is included every morning and laid out as a buffet and cleaned up by the villa staff. Included in the buffet: Milk, Coffee, Te`, Croissants, Jam, Butter, Cold meats, Eggs, Bacon, Yoghurt, Cornflakes, Fruit and Fruit juice. If you would like to have something else on hand, we can include it for an extra cost. Please be sure to let us know ahead of time.



10:00 AM

Start Time

12:30 PM

End Time

2hr 30min

Duration

Time for painting, writing, reading, hiking, meditating or just sitting!

On Painting with Camille at the Retreat (if you wish to to paint)

<https://www.studiocamille.com/about>

Of course, anywhere I go, I paint! I will be available to teach, demonstrate, discuss and help those of you who want to learn more or just want the companionship of another painter. If you just want to sit and watch me create a painting, that would always be welcomed. Some of you might want to do more photography rather than drawing or painting, and I will be there to guide your efforts through unique ideas and composition.

I will bring enough supplies to let those of you interested try your hand at painting. However, you are encouraged to bring your own materials if you are a more experienced painter. We will be supplying drawing materials and a Florentine paper journal for your artistic Tuscany experience.

Transfer

12:30 PM

Departure Apr 24

1:15 PM

Arrival Apr 24

45min

Duration

Departure Location

The Villa

Arrival Location

Poggio Molina

Notes

Included

Private 28 Post Bus and Driver



Tuscany - Poggio Molina - Wine Tasting with Lunch

Time will stand still as you travel into the countryside to have lunch with an Italian family at their own winery. You'll drive down a back road and pass row after row of grape vines and olive trees. Finally, you'll arrive at a highpoint of rolling, green Chianti hills: the most beautiful intersection of woods, vineyards and olive groves that you'll ever see. You'll be treated to home-cured meats, home-grown produce and home-cooked delights prepared by the family and paired with their outstanding wines. (Wine Spectator loves them!)

Included:

- Visit of the cellar (with an explanation of production methods and aging process)
- 6 wine tasting
- Lunch or Dinner prepared by Alba with fresh and seasonal products picked directly from the vegetable garden and meats processed by the family butcher. Every dish will be paired with care to wines by the Sommelier.

Notes

Included

- Lunch
- Five Wines paired with each course

Transfer

5:30 PM

Departure Apr 24



Picnic Buffett Dinner Prepared by Participants

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On days when we've been out and had a big meal, we'll have a picnic type spread for dinner. We'll all participate in laying out the meal and in washing our own dishes. We'll always have salad makings, bread, cheese, wine, fruit and vegetables on hand! After dinner you may wish to paint, read, play cards, go for a walk. The one thing we won't do is watch TV in the common rooms.

Notes

- Included
- Picnic makings

Monday · April 25th

Breakfast!

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| 8:00 AM Start Time | 9:00 AM End Time | 1hr Duration |
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Short Orientation to the Day

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| 9:00 AM Start Time | 9:30 AM End Time | 30min Duration |
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Transfer

9:30 AM

Departure Apr 25

10:15 AM

Arrival Apr 25

45min

Duration

Departure Location
Villa

Arrival Location
Siena

Notes

Included

- Private 28 Post Bus and Driver



Tuscany - Private Guided Tour of Historical City Center of Siena

10:30 AM

Start Time

1:00 PM

End Time

2hr 30min

Duration

This morning we'll head over to nearby Siena for a visit to the city's splendid cathedral. It's certainly one of Italy's most beautiful: the entire floor (almost two acres!) is composed of etchings done in inlaid marble; there's a gallery of masks of the Popes going all the way back to St. Peter; the interior is done in alternating stripes of black and white marble—in short, it's breathtaking. Next-door is the cathedral museum that contains an astonishingly beautiful altarpiece by Siena's great 13th

century artist, Duccio. You'll also visit the **Piazza del Campo** where the famous horse race, the Palio, is run twice a year and walk this beautiful hill town composed of "contradas" (neighborhoods) which are identified by symbols and flags and which compete each year in the horse race around the main piazza.

Notes

Included

- Private Local Siena Guide
- Admissions to scheduled stops (Cathedral and Cathedral Museum)



1:00 PM

Start Time

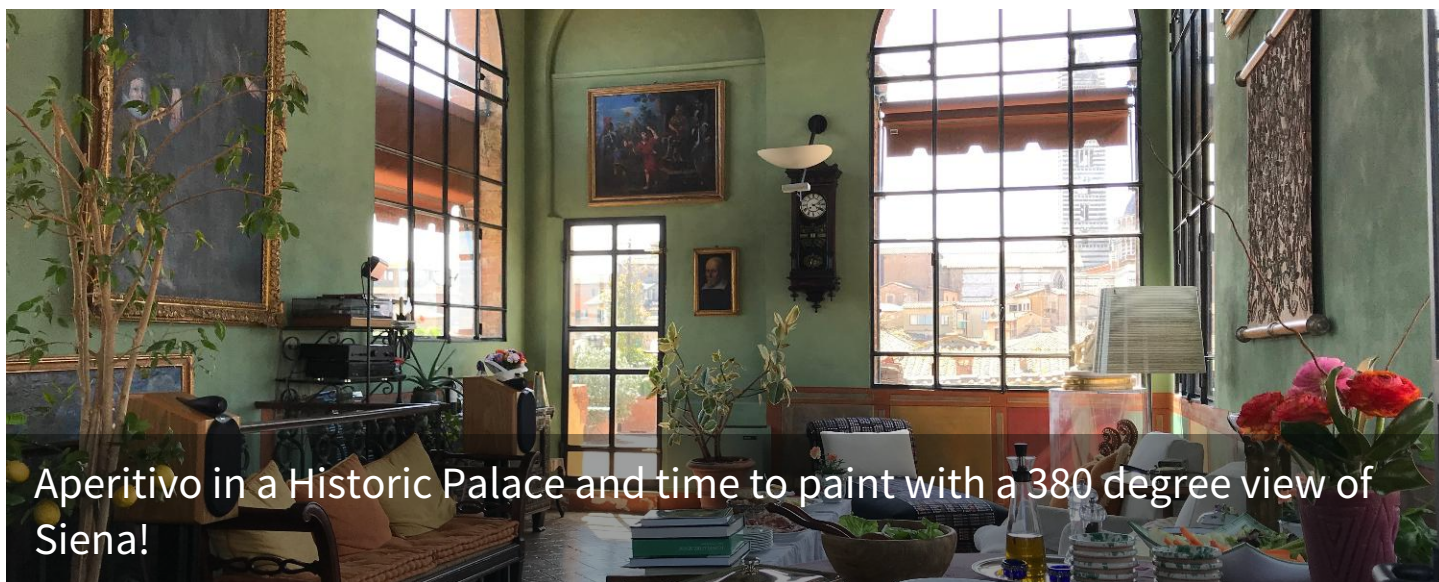
3:00 PM

End Time

2hr

Duration

Enjoy some free time to shop, further explore and have lunch on your own in Siena.



A maze of alleyways, hidden courtyards, the white - gray marble, red brick ... look creeping between trefoils, portals and hidden courtyards. Siena has been called the city of the details. It hides and reveals itself each time you change your plane of observation. Today, we'll visit the roof-tops, where we will find a city view from one of those places that you can usually only imagine: A palace - one of the oldest houses in the town center, where Tiberius Bichi Borghesi, gentleman of the past with a passion for photography, wanted to build 'with large expenditures' his personal atelier. Sit comfortably in sofas and armchairs

or on the terrace enjoying the gorgeous views while enjoying a aperitivo with wine-tasting hosted by the current owner of this glorious palazzo. For those who want to paint, we'll go up at 3 and for those who want to explore Siena more, you can meet us at 4:30 for the aperitivo in the sky!

Notes

Included

- Aperitivo

Transfer

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| 6:00 PM Departure Apr 25 | 6:45 PM Arrival Apr 25 | 45min Duration |
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Departure Location

Siena Parking Lot

Picnic Buffett Dinner Prepared by Participants

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| 7:00 PM Start Time | 8:00 PM End Time | 1hr Duration |
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Etruscan Body Care Workshop with Chiara

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| 8:00 PM Start Time | 9:00 PM End Time | 1hr Duration |
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The original Tuscans were a tribe called the Etruscans. They were renowned for jewelry making, elaborate burial rituals, and equality between men and women in their society. As well, they had a deep knowledge of herbs, plants and oils which they used for health as well as beauty. Inspired by the many gifts that nature offers (olive oil, plant oils, honey, salt etc.) and the ancient Etruscan wisdom, Chiara has created a workshop dedicated to all those passionate about organic beauty products and ancient recipes. Learn how to make your own body treats and leave with products entirely made by yourself.

Notes

Included

- All ingredients needed to make at least two personal care products

Tuesday · April 26th



8:00 AM

Start Time

9:30 AM

End Time

1hr 30min

Duration

Orientation of the Day Meeting

9:30 AM

Start Time

9:45 AM

End Time

15min

Duration

Creative Time

9:30 AM

Start Time

12:00 PM

End Time

2hr 30min

Duration

Time for painting, writing, reading, hiking, meditating or just sitting!



12:00 PM

Start Time

1:00 PM

End Time

1hr

Duration

Notes

- Included
- antipasto and pasta course with wine, dessert and coffee



1:00 PM

Departure Apr 26



2:00 PM

Arrival Apr 26



1hr

Duration

Departure Location
The Villa

Arrival Location
Cortona

Notes

- Included
- 28 post bus and private driver for the day



Private Guided Tour of Cortona

2:00 PM

Start Time

4:00 PM

End Time

2hr

Duration

Cortona is one of the oldest hill towns in Tuscany and is featured in Francis Mayes book *Under the Tuscan Sun*. A beautiful city with medieval streets, fabulous views of the countryside, remnants of its pre-Roman Etruscan past, Renaissance artists Luca Signorelli and Fra Angelico, and Baroque artist Pietro di Cortona. Your guide is a local Cortona man and he will delight you with his humor and knowledge.

Notes

Included

- Private Tour with Local Cortona guide
- admission to the Diocesan Museum



Aperitivo at Galleria il Pozzo

Visit to Galleria il Pozzo for a drink and appetizers. Ivan, the owner, will show you the 2500-year-old Etruscan well that he discovered when he was remodeling his gallery.



Meet Lucia - the master jeweler at Alda Funghini

For centuries Cortona has been a center for the production of artisan jewelry. Our friend, Lucia is one of the few local jewelers who still handmakes all her creations. And they are beautiful and unique. We'll visit her in her shop to learn about what she does.



Free Time in Cortona

You may want to shop along the "Corso", or explore Cortona's steep, picturesque side-streets. Lot's of photo-ops!



Dinner Together at Cortona's finest restaurant.

7:00 PM

Start Time

9:00 PM

End Time

2hr

Duration

Notes

Included

- Full course dinner with wine, water, dessert and GRAPPA or LIMONCELLO!



Transfer

9:15 PM

Departure Apr 26

Departure Location
Cortona

Arrival Location
The Villa!

Wednesday · April 27th

Breakfast

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| 8:00 AM Start Time | 9:30 AM End Time | 1hr 30min Duration |
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Transfer

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| 9:30 AM Departure Apr 27 | 10:00 AM Arrival Apr 27 | 30min Duration |
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Departure Location
The Villa

Arrival Location
Certaldo



Full-Day Cooking Class with Cucina Giuseppina

Via del Castello 34, Certaldo

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| 10:00 AM Start Time | 3:00 PM End Time | 5hr Duration |
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Imagine yourself sitting on a 12th century wall of a medieval village overlooking the rolling hills of the Tuscan countryside enjoying a meal of unmatched culinary delight. This unparalleled feast of fresh local delicacies has been prepared by you with the help of one of this region's premier chefs, Giuseppina and her family. The fresh fare, accompanied by Tuscan wine, will be the culinary experience of a lifetime.

Start your Full Day Cooking Lesson with the selection of the ingredients in the local markets. But first, have a cappuccino and brioche at Certaldo's coffee bar. Once all the selections are made, return to the school for a light snack before you continue your course in the kitchen. During your cooking lesson, we will prepare and eat a traditional Italian four course meal including: Antipasto, Primo / Fresh pasta, Secondo / Main course, Dolce / Dessert.

Notes

Included

- Full day cooking class (lunch you have made and wine!)

Transfer

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| 3:00 PM | 3:30 PM | 30min |
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Departure Apr 27

Arrival Apr 27

Duration



Visit to San Gimignano

3:30 PM

Start Time

6:00 PM

End Time

2hr 30min

Duration

Because we are so close, we'll make a quick stop in San Gimignano and walk through the streets of this UNESCO World Heritage village. And, if we can take it, we'll grab a gelato before returning back to the villa to roll down the hill.

Notes

Free Time in San Gimignano - we won't have a guide and no admissions are included.

Transfer

6:00 PM

Departure Apr 27

Picnic Buffett Dinner Prepared by Participants

Thursday · April 28th

Breakfast

8:00 AM

Start Time

9:00 AM

End Time

1hr

Duration



Transfer

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9:00 AM

Departure Apr 28

10:00 AM

Arrival Apr 28

1hr

Duration



Florence - Private Guided Tour: Florentine Artisans and Workshops

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10:00 AM

Start Time

1:00 PM

End Time

3hr

Duration

Santa Croce and part of the San Niccolò district are the medieval neighborhoods known for their rich historical and artistic heritage. Here we discover the excellence of Tuscan craftsmanship meeting masters and apprentices in historical locations:

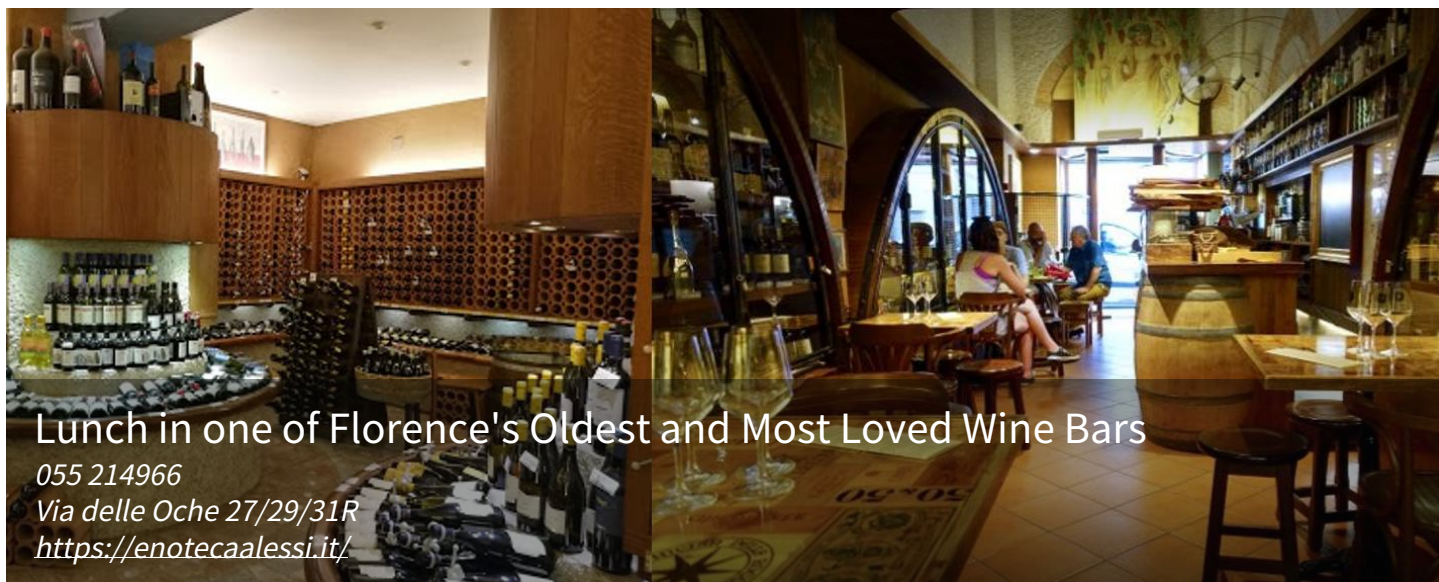
- an historic pottery workshop where pottery, tableware, ceramics, tiles, decorations are made entirely by hand in the adjacent workshop
- A traditional "scagliola" & mosaic workshop where a talented young woman keeps this ancient artistic technique alive
- a heritage leather workshop housed in the former dormitory of the Franciscan friars inside Santa Croce Monastery
- an olfactory journey in a perfume laboratory and shop with Renaissance charm
- a bookbinding workshop featuring traditional Florentine marble paper handcrafts and artisanal stationery
- a silver jewel designer who works in his tiny, cosy workshop creating unique jewels inspired by the natural elements and surrounding medieval symbols
- a historic goldsmith workshop just few steps from the Ponte Vecchio where several masters continue the skills of their

ancient jewelry crafts.

Notes

Included

- Private Local Guide
- Any admissions to scheduled stops



Lunch in one of Florence's Oldest and Most Loved Wine Bars

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Via delle Oche 27/29/31R

<https://enotecalessi.it/>

1:30 PM

Start Time

2:45 PM

End Time

1hr 15min

Duration

It's time to meet the food artisans! We'll meet up again with our food and wine guide, Toni who will guide you in wine and olive oil tasting while having a fabulous lunch of the best and most local Florentine products. Purchase some groceries and souvenirs to take home too!

Notes

Included



Free Time in Florence!

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3:00 PM

Start Time

5:30 PM

End Time

2hr 30min

Duration

Freetime in Florence! You can shop or visit a museum or return to the artisan shops of this morning. Pam will point out her favorite shopping street!

Aperitivo - the Spritz!

We'll finish our day in Florence with the famous Spritz as we join the locals in the tradition of the aperitivo.

Transfer

7:30 PM

Departure Apr 28

8:30 PM

Arrival Apr 28

1hr

Duration

Dinner prepared by the Villa Staff

Tonight it's soup and salad and maybe a glass of something!

Friday · April 29th



Breakfast!

8:00 AM

Start Time

9:30 AM

End Time

1hr 30min

Duration

Orientation Meeting

9:30 AM

Start Time

11:00 AM

End Time

1hr 30min

Duration

This morning we'll look back at our week and prepare for our last day together.



Image credits: Pixabay

Creative Time

11:00 AM

Start Time

1:00 PM

End Time

2hr

Duration



Image credits: Pixabay

Lunch Prepared by the Villa Staff

1:30 PM

Start Time

2:30 PM

End Time

1hr

Duration



Raise Our Voices Gospel Workshop



3:00 PM

Start Time

6:30 PM

End Time

3hr 30min

Duration

Emanuela and Luca will teach us four to five Gospel songs (put in your requests now!) in a playful but structured environment. We will learn how to use our bodies as instruments and to open our voices in praise. Later tonight, just before dinner, we'll put on a Gospel Concert for the villa staff and our friend, Giuseppina, who will return again to cook a farewell dinner for us.

Notes

Included

- The leaders of the July Gospel Singers present a Gospel Workshop

Free Time to pack and dress for dinner

6:30 PM

Start Time

8:00 PM

End Time

1hr 30min

Duration



Gospel Concert and Farewell Dinner

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8:00 PM

Start Time

Saturday · April 30th



Breakfast

8:00 AM

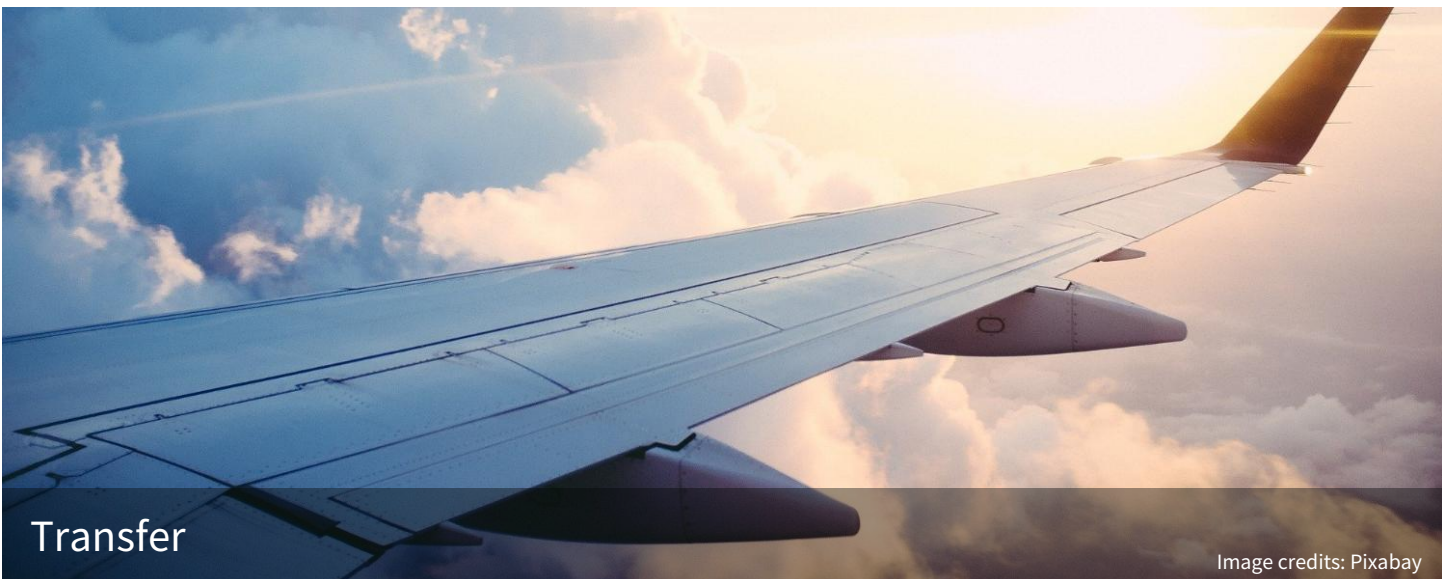
Start Time

9:00 AM

End Time

1hr

Duration



Transfer

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9:00 AM

Departure Apr 30

10:30 AM

Arrival

1hr 30min

Duration

Departure Location

The Villa

Notes

We'll transfer the group to the Florence airport. Other transfer arrangements can be made for an extra fee.

TOUR SPECIFICS

Cost: The land cost of the tour is based on the room category that you choose:

ROOMS FOR ONE PERSON

Double room used as a single with jacuzzi bath tub - \$4,535 (there are two available)

Double used as a single with bath or shower \$4,435 (there are four available)

Twin used as a single (smaller room) \$4287 (there is one available)

ROOMS FOR TWO PEOPLE

Twin room - 2 people - shower or bath - \$3936 (there are three available)

Twin room shared with jacuzzi bath - \$3986 (there is one available)

Please register at www.tuscanytours.com/tuscanytogether

Airfare is not included.

Local Tax: There is a local tourist tax of between 3 and 6 euro per person / per day (subject to change based on local laws) which must be paid in cash at the villa.

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR:

Accommodations: 7 nights lodging in a villa in Tuscany. Please note that historic villas do not have rooms that are all the same size. Rooms will differ in size and decoration.

****Unless the weather is unseasonably warm, the pool will be closed in April.**

Meals: All breakfasts, all lunches except for the day in Siena and all dinners are included

Cooking School: You will learn to cook a three course Italian meal taught to you by one of Tuscany's most loved cooks and her family of two sons and daughter-in-law.

Art Gallery Reception: We'll enjoy prosecco and antipasti as part of a private reception in an art gallery in Cortona.

Aperitivo on the Terrace in Florence: We'll join the locals for a Spritz and antipasto in a favorite (and little known to tourists) bar tucked away on the roof-tops.

Wine Tastings: We will have at least three wine tasting sessions lead by local wine guides. Plus all our meals (except for breakfast) will be accompanied by wine.

Creative Time – Painting: Camille Day paints from the heart and she has developed the skill to translate what she sees into stunning and moving paintings. She will guide anyone who wishes to learn how to translate their own vision into painting. This is an amazing opportunity to free your inner painter!

Etruscan Beauty Secrets Workshop: Using ancient Etruscan recipes, you will create your own personal beauty products from local, organic oils, salts, and herbs.

Transfers: All ground transportation during the tour.

Admissions: Entrance fees for all planned visits to monuments, galleries and museums are included.

Small, Intimate Group: We limit the number of participants to a maximum of 15 plus the two tour leaders.

Add on: If you would like us to plan additional days in Florence or any other part of Italy or France, please let us know.

Arrival and Departure: Upon arrival, A transfer van will take you from the Florence airport to the villa in the Chianti Countryside. We'll be grouping people together for these transfers. Chances are most of us will be arriving close to the same time, but you may have to wait in the Florence airport up to one or two hours in order to be joined by others who are arriving later. At the end of the trip, we have a 28-post bus to take us all back to the Florence airport. The bus will leave the villa at 9 AM and arrive at the Florence airport by 11 AM.

Luggage: There is no portage service at the villa and you will need to be able to carry your luggage to your room.

Experienced Tour Leaders: Camille Day and Pam Mercer

**Note: This itinerary is subject to change without notice based on availability of tour leaders and guides, opening hours of restaurants, hotels and venues.*



M. Camille Day -- Artist

M. Camille Day, known as Candy to friends and family, is an artist from North Georgia, committed to capturing the people and places that inspire her imagination through painting. Her desire to expand her painting ability and her emergence as a full-time artist has led Camille to Europe as well as many places in the U. S. where she enjoys painting en plein air as well as in her studio. She is continuously inspired by the varied landscapes of the natural world, its people, animals and common places where beauty is sometimes overlooked.

Although she is largely self-taught and has been painting and drawing since childhood, Camille has had the benefit of studying under such great artists as Ann Templeton, Alan Flattmann, Thomas Nash, Quang Ho, Jim Richards, Lori Putnam and many others. As she tells of these experiences, "Each session with such wonderful instructors enables me to reach further into the well of my own abilities and translate not only what I see as beautiful to the viewer, but to make them feel why I chose that subject to paint."

Camille has a studio in her hometown of Ellijay, Georgia. She earned Signature Member status from the Southeastern Pastel Society, and she is a member of Oil Painters of America, the American Impressionist Society, the National Oil and Acrylic Painters Society and the Southern Appalachian Artist Guild, where she is a Signature Member and past President. In 2015 she served as the Women Painters of the Southeast awards judge, as well as the juror for two other Georgia shows. Most recently, she was named a new member of the Plein Air Painters of the Southeast.

Camille Day has won numerous awards and her work has been juried into many national and international shows, many of which are now in private collection. The artwork of M. Camille Day can be viewed online at www.studiocamille.com, by appointment at her studio, Ellijay, GA, the Blue Ridge Mountains Art Association, Blue Ridge GA, the gallery and playhouse at Gilmer Arts, Ellijay GA and at Chateau Meichtry, in Talking Rock GA. For class information, contact Studio Camille, Blue Ridge Mountains Art Association and Gilmer Arts.

Pamela Mercer – Founder Tuscany Tours

Pam is originally from Oklahoma. She attended Colorado College in Colorado Springs. She has lived in Oklahoma, Colorado, California and now Tuscany! She has a degree in psychology and marine biology but says "all she ever needed to know she learned in her theatre classes." She has written children's books and plays and loves poetry. She has a passion for music and sings in an ITALIAN GOSPEL CHOIR! She finds it amazing to be singing American spirituals with a bunch of Italians in churches that were built in the 1400s. Pam creates travel events with an eye for immersing the participants in experiences that will touch their imaginations and slow time down. She brings together the various elements of food, wine, landscape, art and music into an experience designed to nourish and enrich each participant.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS TOGETHER IN TUSCANY WOMEN'S RETREAT April 23 to April 30, 2022

The Contrada Corp dba Tuscany Tours Terms and Conditions and Release of Liability

DEPOSITS

A non-refundable \$500 per person deposit is required to hold your place on the trip.

A second non-refundable deposit of \$500 per person is due on December 1, 2021.

Please see the Covid Travel Restriction Policy below for exceptions to the non-refundable clause.

BALANCE DUE

The final balance is due 90 days out - January 23, 2022.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Once the final balance is paid, no refund will be issued. You can transfer your place on the trip to someone else with a written notice to Tuscany Tours. (see Covid Travel Restriction Policy for exception)

COVID TRAVEL RESTRICTION POLICY

If a Covid travel ban is in place in either the US or Italy at the time of travel, you will receive a refund of all monies paid less \$250. You will receive a credit voucher of \$250 to be used for the rescheduled trip in 2023.

Minimum # of participants - November 1, 2021

We need a minimum of 12 participants in order for the trip to be held. If we do not have 12 participants by November 1, 2021, we will cancel the trip and refund the \$500 deposit in full.

We suggest waiting to book airline tickets or booking refundable tickets until we know for sure that we have the minimum participants needed to book.

Trip Insurance

For the protection of your investment, we highly recommend that you purchase a trip protection plan. We are now partnering with USI Insurance, whose service we believe to be the best in the industry. Click here for more information: <https://www.tuscanytours.com/insuranceUSA>

NOTE: most trip protection plans must be purchased within fourteen days of your first trip payment in order for pre-existing conditions to be covered. PLEASE CONTACT USI right away in order to make sure that you are fully covered.

Release of liability

Please read the below release of liability: your receipt of it and your attendance on any service we offer constitutes your agreement to the release of liability and to our terms and conditions.

The Contrada Corp dba Tuscany Tours Terms and Conditions and Release of Liability General Terms

Please read these The Contrada Corp dba Tuscany Tours Terms and Conditions and Release of Liability (the "Terms") carefully. The terms serve as your contract for all services provided by The Contrada Corp dba Tuscany Tours, a corporation duly organized and in good standing under the laws of the State of California, with its registered address at 210 Valley View Drive, Petaluma, California 94952, for any other services that you, the tour participant, are receiving in regards to any tours or tour services organized by Tuscany Tours and/or its agents and suppliers.

Participation in any services offered by Tuscany Tours or its suppliers constitute consent on your behalf and agreement to the terms specified below.

CHANGES IN TRIP PRICE: All quoted prices are subject to sudden changes based on Euro dollar/US dollar exchange rate, until final balance is paid. Once the final balance has been paid, changes in price will be made only if the Euro value increases 5% or more from the time of booking to the time your balance is due. Any variations in price, which may or may not increase your balance, will be communicated to you by email.

PHOTOS AND MARKETING: The traveler agrees that during the tour images, photos or videos may be taken by other travelers and/or the Tuscany Tours that may contain the traveler in part or in whole. The traveler agrees that these images may be reproduced by Tuscany Tours and the traveler grants perpetual, royalty-free, worldwide, irrevocable license to reproduce such images, photos or video in any medium for promotion and publicity purposes.

Liability Waiver and Limitation, Assumption of Risk

As tour organizers, Tuscany Tours often acts as an agent in making reservations for services not supplied directly by Tuscany Tours. Such services may include tour guides, meals, lodging, ground transportation, etc. Tuscany Tours and Contrada will not be responsible for any supplier failure to comply with any laws, breach of contract, or any negligent or intentional actions or omissions which have as a result any injury, loss, delay, damage or inconvenience to you, the participant, in any tours or other services provided directly or indirectly by Tuscany Tours. Additionally, Tuscany Tours and Contrada will not be responsible for any losses, damages or injury caused to any tour participant because of any reason including but not limited to acts of God, public enemy, war, social unrest, labor strikes or disputes, terrorist activity, fire, flood, explosion, riot, unavailability of equipment, any act or order of any governmental authority or agency or instrumentality thereof, bad weather, mechanical failures or problems, diseases, unforeseen developments, actions, or any other causes, events or conditions outside of their control. The tour participant agrees to voluntarily assume all risks involved with their travel, whether foreseeable or unforeseeable. These risks include, but are not limited to medical disruptions and the passenger being unable to begin, continue or complete travel because of a personal or medical emergency.

Participants agree that in the case of injury or illness Tuscany Tours may, but shall not be obligated to, at a cost to the participant, arrange medical treatment and emergency evacuation services, as Tuscany Tours deems essential for the participant's safety. Tuscany Tours reserves the right to cancel tours and services at any time. In the case of a cancelled tour or other service, the only responsibility of Tuscany Tours or Contrada to the tour or service participants will be to refund the cost of the tour or service (minus any funds for services rendered) to the tour participants. Unless Tuscany Tours' cancellation or Contrada's actions or omissions are the product of Tuscany Tours' or Contrada's gross negligence or willful misconduct ("colpa grave o dolo"), in no event shall Tuscany Tours or Contrada, their shareholders, quotaholders or members, officers, directors, employees, affiliates or agents (the "Tuscany Tours Parties") be liable for any loss or damages caused by, or due to any interruption or cancellation of tours or services, including but not limited to any direct, special, incidental, or consequential damages (including, but not limited to, damages for loss of revenue or for downtime, or additional costs), any indirect (such as exemplary or punitive damages in jurisdictions where such damages may be assessed) or any other liabilities, obligations, rights, claims, or remedies in tort ("responsabilità civile"), even if the Tuscany Tours Parties have been advised of the possibility of such damages: except in instances of gross negligence or willful misconduct ("colpa grave o dolo"), in the event of cancellation or interruption of tours or services, the maximum liability of Tuscany Tours or Contrada will be limited to a full refund of monies paid to Tuscany Tours by the prospective tour participant or services' beneficiary (the "Maximum Liability") and there shall be no warranties to the tour participants, whether expressed or implied in the event of tour or services cancellation or interruption.

Release and Indemnification

You hereby agree to release, indemnify and hold harmless Tuscany Tours and Contrada, their shareholders, quotaholders, members, officers, directors, employees, successors, assigns, and agents (the "Indemnified Parties") against and from any and all liabilities, damages, losses, expenses, claims, demands, suits, fines or judgments, including but not limited to reasonable attorneys' fees, costs and expenses incident thereto, which may be suffered by you the tour participant or services' beneficiary as a result of (i) injury in preparation for, during or immediately after a tour or rendition of services, (ii) tour or services' interruption or cancellation, and in the event of such interruption or cancellation only, above and beyond the Maximum Liability; provided that this release and indemnification shall not apply in the event such injury, interruption or cancellation are the proximate result of the Indemnified Parties' gross negligence or willful misconduct ("colpa grave o dolo").

Tuscany Tours may refuse service to any person at its discretion and reserves the right to ask any person to leave a tour or service at any time. By booking with Tuscany Tours, the you agree to comply with the laws, customs, foreign exchange and drug regulations of all countries visited.

If the you are affected by any condition, medical or otherwise, that might affect other people's enjoyment of the travel service, you must advise Tuscany Tours at the time of booking. Should you fail to comply with the above or commit any illegal act when participating in travel service or, if in the opinion of the tour leader, your behavior is causing or is likely to cause danger, distress or annoyance to others, Tuscany Tours may terminate your travel arrangements without any liability on Tuscany Tours part and you will not be entitled to any refund for unused or missed services or costs incurred resulting from the termination of the travel arrangements.

The Contrada Corp dba Tuscany Tours reserves the right to update and/or alter these terms and conditions based on changing world circumstances. Travelers will be notified of updates.