MASSIMO BRUNO & FRIENDS



2024 TUSCANY TOUR
JUNE 20 - JUNE 27, 2024



LODGINGS:

2 nights, Solo Experience Hotel, Florence https://www.soloexperiencehotel.com





LODGINGS:

2 nights, Hotel Athena, Siena https://www.hotelathena.com





LODGINGS:

3 nights, Agriturismo Salvella https://www.selvella.com





ITINERARY:

DAY 1: Thursday June 20, 2024 Arrival

Arrival in Florence. Check in at The Solo Experience Hotel is available after 3pm and transfers from the Florence airport or train station are available on this day only. Guests already in Florence must arrive at the hotel by their own means. The tour kicks off at 7:30 pm where we meet in the lobby of the hotel. From there, the group will go for a casual dinner, meet our expert guide, Ludovica and Massimo will take you through the itinerary for your phenomenal experience in Tuscany.

D, Overnight at Solo Experience Hotel, Florence



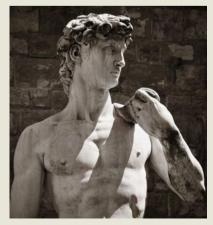




DAY 2: Friday June 21, 2024 Firenze

Today we discover Florence, the capital of the 'Italian Renaissance' rich in history, art, and architecture. Stepping through time and immersed in its beauty, we will visit Florence's famous Duomo that stands as the main focal point of the city. On our way we will visit the Palazzo Vecchio and finish the morning enjoying the masterpieces of some of the world's most notable artists at the famous Uffizi Gallery. Lunch will be at the dynamic Mercato San Lorenzo -- where you might also spot a leather jacket at a great price! Florence is a very walkable town and your afternoon will be free to roam and shop and enjoy the galleries. We will meet again in the evening for dinner at a local restaurant.

B, L, D, Overnight at Solo Experience Hotel, Florence









DAY 3: Saturday June 22, 2024 Certaldo, Sangimignano

As we make our way to Siena, we stop in Certaldo a charming medieval town perched on a hill in the heart of Tuscany. It's well-preserved architecture, cobblestone streets, and panoramic views of the surrounding countryside are also the birthplace of Italy's renowned poet Giovanni Boccaccio. We'll stop here for lunch at a local Osteria. Next, we'll visit San Gimignano, a mesmerizing hilltop town in Tuscany, renowned for its distinctive skyline adorned with medieval towers that have earned it the nickname "The Town of Fine Towers." This UNESCO protected town is known as one of the most beautiful "borgo" of Tuscany. After spending the afternoon wandering through this town, we'll proceed to Siena and relax over dinner at a local Enoteca.

B, L, D, Transfer to Siena, Overnight at Athena Hotel





DAY 4: Sunday, June 23, 2024 Siena

Siena, is an enchanting medieval city in the heart of Tuscany, famous for its well-preserved historic center, tangle of narrow streets, and the renowned Piazza del Campo, one of Europe's greatest medieval squares. Home to the stunning Siena Cathedral and the Palio di Siena--a historic horse race-the city exudes a timeless allure with its artistic treasures and lively cultural traditions. We will have a "private, members only" access at a secret location and enjoy an aperitivo overlooking the famous Piazza del Campo. Next, we'll head to Antica Salumeria, one of Siena's oldest deli shops for an unforgettable lunch of local artisanal fare. Your dinner and evening are free to roam and explore.

B, L, Overnight Athena Hotel, Siena











DAY 5: Monday June 24, 2024 Val d'Orcia and the famous Tuscan countryside

This morning we transfer to Val d'Orcia, a breathtaking and UNESCO-listed valley known for its picturesque landscapes, rolling hills, and charming villages. Here we will see the iconic cypress-lined roads, golden wheat fields, and vineyards. In fact, you could say that Val d'Orcia is the iconic representation of Tuscany's rural beauty. And of course we must stop at a vineyard! We'll stop at a unique vineyard in Murlo and have lunch in local osteria. In the afternoon we will visit the famous Abbey of Monte Oliveto Maggiore. A serene and monumental Benedictine monastery where monks still reside and which is renowned for its stunning Renaissance frescoes. We will finish our day with our arrival at the Agriturismo and tuck in for a relaxing dinner.

B, L, D, Transfer to Countryside, Overnight at Agriturismo La Selvella





DAY 6: Tuesday June 25, 2024 Pasta & Pienza

Our Italian tour is not complete without a visiting an artisanal pasta maker and today we will enjoy the discovery -- and tasting -- of how pasta is made using traditional methods and old grains. Next, we visit Pienza, situated in the heart of the Val d'Orcia. It is a small Renaissance town renowned for its architecture, harmonious design, and stunning views of the surrounding countryside. Developed under the vision of Pope Pius II in the 15th century, Pienza is celebrated for its elegant palaces, charming streets, and as a testament to Renaissance urban planning principles. We return to the Agriturismo for dinner.

B, L, D, Overnight at Agriturismo La Selvella









DAY 7: Wednesday, June 26, 2024 Cooking Class

Your final morning and lunch are free to enjoy the gourds of Agriturismo La Selvella, relax by the pool and take in all the beauty of the surroundings. Then in the afternoon we head to our final activity of the tour.

Our last day together is celebrated in the place where all Italian life gathers: at the table! Today is a cooking class where a local chef will teach us how to prepare a traditional Tuscan meal and we will "labour" and share the fruits of that labour over a relaxing and sumptuous dinner together.

B, D, Overnight at Agriturismo La Selvella









DAY 8: Thursday June 27, 2024 DEPARTURE

Two pre-scheduled transfers will be provided this day to the Florence airport. Private arrangements at additional cost can also be made should your departure time not align with the transfer schedule.

B. Transfer to airport.











TOUR COSTS INCLUDES:

- Transfers in bus or minibus from/to the airport
- Private bus or minibus available throughout the tour
- 2 nights at Solo Experience Hotel in double room accommodation
- 2 nights at Hotel Athena in double room accommodation
- 3 nights at Agriturismo La Selvella in double room accommodation
- Private cooking class with dinner including beverages
- Wine tasting in Val d'Orcia
- All meals, gallery admissions and activity fees as per the program
- All luggage transfers
- City taxes
- 8 days of professional, local guides with knowledge of the secrets and stories of the region

NOT INCLUDED:

- Cost to reach Tuscany
- Travel insurance
- Alcoholic drinks, personal expenses, and tips
 - NOTE re.: Tips: To simplify things, Massimo will cover all tips during the trip and will then divide the total tips paid by number of guests. Each guest will pay the same amount in tips.

EXTRAS:

• Everything not clearly included in the paragraph "The rate includes"



BOOKING & CANCELATION POLICY

The total for the tour package is \$6,000 Canadian Dollars per person with accommodation in a double room. Single supplement in Double Room Single Use: \$1000 (Canadian Dollars) per person.

Reservation Deposit: the non-refundable deposit required at the time of booking is 30% of the total price of your trip. Balance Payment: the balance will be due 60 days prior to arrival.

CANCELLATION POLICY Up to 60 days prior to arrival: the 30% deposit will not be refunded. From 59 days prior to arrival, or no show: cancellations will be charged 100% of the total amount.

CANCELLATION POLICY RELATED TO PANDEMIC RESTRICTIONS: In case of unforeseen events caused by Covid or other pandemic diseases, we offer you a voucher or "credit note" which corresponds to the amount that you have already paid. It gives you the chance to re-book your tour for a later date.

We strongly advise purchasing Travel Insurance to protect your travel investment in case you need to change plans. Our booking agent, Luigia Zilli of Zilli Travel, can provide you with a quote if you wish so.

NOTES:

Slight changes to itinerary may occur due to unforeseen circumstances. If necessary, a comparable activity will be selected.