

## TUSCANY, ROME & SORRENTO, CURATED LONGSTAYS 2022

**\*HOSTED GROUP DEPARTURE \*Mar 1, 2022 DEPARTS TORONTO 20 nights from \$7,195\* p.p.**

Explore Italy and the Italian culture through food, wine and art on this spectacular Curated Longstays that will introduce you to the gorgeous Tuscany, Rome and Sorrento regions and where you will experience life as a local and take in the famous sights! Italy is known for the “Dolce Vita” and for superb food and UNESCO World Heritage sites. Experience the stunning countryside of Tuscany and stay at an authentic quaint Italian village in Artimino overlooking the rolling vineyards and participate in a wine tasting and a hands-on cooking class in San Gimignano where you will discover the secrets to making perfect handmade pasta. Explore the ancient streets of Rome’s eternal city and gaze at the Vatican. Finally discover the Amalfi Coast and the gorgeous towns of Sorrento and Positano. Our curated privately guided tours will take you to the best places in Italy where you will live like a local and get a great introduction to the Italian lifestyle. This is an amazing Curated Longstays experience that will leave you with everlasting memories!

### **INCLUSIONS:**

- Round-trip airfare from Toronto
- Airport transfers in country based on private transfers and guides throughout
- Plaza Premium airport lounge pass (Toronto gateways only)
- In Tuscany: 14 nights accommodation in a one-bedroom apartment at the Borgo Artimino with breakfast daily, welcome and farewell dinner with wine
- Four excursions to Florence, Pisa, San Gimignano cooking class with lunch, Chianti wine tasting and lunch and a local tour manager
- In Rome: three nights accommodation at the 4\* Hotel TwentyOne with breakfast and Vatican tour with Rome city tour and Colosseum
- In Sorrento: three nights accommodation at the 4\* Plaza Hotel with breakfast and welcome and farewell dinner with wine
- Two excursions to Capri and the Amalfi Coast
- All taxes including local tourist tax and gratuities

### **ITINERARY:**

#### **Day 1: Mar.1, 2022 DEPART TORONTO-FLORENCE ITALY (VIA FRANKFURT OR AMSTERDAM)**

Flights are scheduled on Lufthansa Airlines or KLM.

Note: Flights are subject to confirmation and 2022 airline schedule.

#### **Day 2: Mar. 2, 2022 | ARRIVAL FLORENCE ITALY-TUSCANY (D)**

Arrival at Florence International Airport, meet and transfer to your hotel for check-in. The remainder of your day is at leisure. Enjoy a welcome dinner with wine this evening.

Accommodations: Borgo Artimino for 14 nights



**Days 3-15: Mar. 3-15, 2022 / TUSCANY (B)**

Spend your time exploring Tuscany, the local villages and the surrounding areas, enjoy the gorgeous views, taste fantastic wine and local cuisine. You will have a local tour manager assigned to your group that will host your local excursions and be available for optional excursions and activities.

**INCLUDED EXCURSIONS:**

**Florence Excursion:** Join a walking tour through the most famous squares and streets of Florence, where you will discover the amazing art and architecture in the Renaissance city, learn the history and visit the Santa Croce Church one of the finest examples of Italian Gothic architecture. Florence walking excursion including an English speaking guide and a local tour manager, whispers and access to Santa Croce.

**Pisa Excursion:** Explore Pisa on this guided excursion and visit the Leaning Tower where you will enjoy breathtaking views from the top and a walking tour of Piazza dei Miracoli! You will also explore the city's historical quarters and see the Church of San Sisto and Knights' Square. Pisa walking excursion including an English speaking guide and a local tour manager, whispers and access to the Duomo and the Tower.

**San Gimignano Excursion and Cooking Class (L):** Today head to the Tuscan countryside towards the medieval walled town of San Gimignano. The architecture, particularly the 14 soaring tower-houses, has earned the town a UNESCO World Heritage Site designation.

Upon arrival, you will have some time to explore the city, start in the Piazza della Cisterna, or the 13th-century Piazza Duomo, a square dotted with monuments and flanked by mansions and explore the hillside San Gimignano with its medieval atmosphere. Then visit nearby San Donato, a farm and winery characteristic of Tuscany. The historically preserved medieval village of San Donato remains as idyllic and beautiful as ever. At the charming Fattoria San Donato, a local agriturismo—an Italian bed & breakfast with a small working farm—you'll discover the secrets to making perfect handmade pasta. At lunch, feast on dishes made with the fresh pasta you created. San Gimignano excursion including a hands-on cooking class and lunch at Fattoria San Donato with a local tour manager.

**Chianti Excursion (L):** Discover Chianti with its grapevine rows, green hills and cypress trees and small fortified villages nestled in the landscape. From sampling world-class wines to exploring the vineyards there's no better way to spend your time in Tuscany than on a Chianti wine tasting excursion. Tour the vineyard and historical cellars at Vicchio Maggio and discover the secrets to the production of their wonderful award winning wines. After the guided tour of the cellars, enjoy a wine tasting at Castello Vicchio Maggio and lunch in the restaurant of the Castle. Chianti excursion including sightseeing tour of the wonderful hilltop with a local tour manager and wine tasting with lunch at Vicchio Maggio.

**Day 15: Mar. 15 2022 TUSCANY (B, D)**

This evening enjoy a farewell dinner with your group.



**Day 16: Mar. 16, 2022 | DEPART TUSCANY-ROME (B)**

After breakfast check out of your hotel and board your private coach for your transfer to Rome. Upon arrival check-in to your hotel. Accommodations: 4\*Hotel TwentyOne or similar.

**Day 17: Mar. 17, 2022 ROME - CITY TOUR & COLOSSEUM (B)**

Today discover the eternal city of Rome on a walking tour of the city and a visit to the Colosseum. Known as the Flavian Amphitheatre, the Colosseum is one of Rome's most remarkable monuments. This is a sight not to be missed as it has over 2000 years of history and will bring you back to the way of life in the Roman Empire! Rome City Tour with Colosseum - walking tour of Rome with an English speaking guide, admission to the Colosseum and whispers included.

**Day 18: Mar. 18, 2022 ROME - VATICAN TOUR (B)**

Today you will have an unforgettable experience as you discover Vatican City including the Vatican Museums, St. Peter's Basilica, and the Sistine Chapel. Home to the world's largest private portfolio of artwork, the Vatican is a must-see for visitors to Rome, and the best way to explore it is with your local private guide. Learn about Raphael's Rooms, the Michelangelo frescoes of the Sistine Chapel, the 'La Pietà' sculpture in St. Peter's Basilica and more. Vatican excursion includes an English speaking guide, whispers and access to St. Peter's Basilica, Vatican museum and Sistine Chapel.

**Day 19: Mar. 19, 2022 ROME - SORRENTO (B, D)**

After breakfast check out of your hotel and board your private coach for your transfer to Sorrento. Upon arrival check-in to your hotel. Enjoy a welcome dinner with your group this evening with wine! Accommodations: 4\* Plaza Hotel for three nights.

**Day 20: Mar. 20, 2022 SORRENTO - CAPRI (B)**

This morning embark on this extraordinary day excursion and discover the beautiful island of Capri, famous worldwide for its timeless wonders. An unforgettable journey to explore one of the most fascinating places in Italy! You will be picked up from your hotel and transferred to the Sorrento pier where you will embark for Capri. Upon arrival, meet your local guide and tour the island, exploring its magical welcoming and relaxed atmosphere, made of narrow streets, and welcoming locals. The tour will include a visit to the famous Piazzetta. Then stroll down Via Camerelle, famous for the luxury shops and designer fashion boutiques which line the street. When you've had your eye-fill of window shopping, continue along Via Tragara until you reach the breathtaking scenic overlook facing the Faraglioni rock formation. At the end of the tour you will return back to Sorrento by hydrofoil. Your Capri walking excursion includes an English speaking assistant a hydrofoil from Sorrento to Capri, and a cable car in Capri.

**Day 21: Mar. 21, 2022 SORRENTO-AMALFI COAST & RAVELLO (B, D)**

The Amalfi coast is one of the most fascinating places to visit and is known worldwide for its landscape and breathtaking views and designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We will stop above Positano and you will have the opportunity to view this gorgeous village from the top and take photos. Next stop will be Amalfi which is the main town of this coastal road. It is a very unique town with the 11th century Cathedral of St. Andrew right in the main square, said to hold the remains of the Apostle. Here you will have some time to stroll through the town.





Your next stop will be Ravello, located above Amalfi, which has long been a retreat for artists and writers. This tour will give you the opportunity to enjoy the most beautiful places of the Amalfi Coast in one day. Your Amalfi Coast excursion includes an English Speaking guide. After this amazing experience, return back to the hotel, freshen up and join your group for a farewell dinner with wine!

**Day 22: Mar. 22, 2022 DEPART SORRENTO-NAPLES-TORONTO (VIA FRANKFURT OR AMSTERDAM) (B)**

Transfers will be organized for you to the airport for your flight home.

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**ACCOMMODATIONS:**

**In Tuscany: Borgo Artimino: Address: Artimino S.p.A. - Viale Papa Giovanni XXIII, 1, 59015 Artimino, Carmignano, Italy.**

Spend 14 nights in an authentic quaint Italian village in Artimino perched overlooking the rolling vineyards with gorgeous views and with church bells majestically echoing across the valley! Relax and live like a local at the Borgo Artimino in the heart of the Tuscan countryside, with typical shops and restaurants, a swimming pool and a wine cellar. Florence is 17 km from the property and a perfect day trip. Artimino Village has restaurants and shops that have local wine and olives in abundance and is an excellent base from which to explore the Tuscan countryside.

One bedroom apartments are air conditioned and fitted with a seating and dining area, a flat-screen tv. with satellite channels and a kitchenette, equipped with a microwave, fridge and stove top. There is a private bathroom with toiletries and a hairdryer in every unit. The property also has a seasonal outdoor pool (not available in early March), and guests can enjoy the on-site bar and restaurant. Free WiFi is available in public areas. Guests may also use the larger swimming pool and facilities at the Tenuta di Artimino Hotel, located just a ten-minute walk away.

You can play tennis at the property, and free use of bicycles is available. An array of activities are offered in the area, such as horseback riding, fishing and hiking. Lucca is 44 km from the property. Note: This is self-catering accommodation.

**In Rome: Hotel TwentyOne: Address: Via Cola Di Rienzo 23, Vaticano, Prati, 00195 Rome, Italy.** Spend three nights at the 4\* Hotel TwentyOne, a modern centrally located boutique hotel on Via Cola di Rienzo, one of Rome's best shopping streets. Castel Sant'Angelo and the historic centre are just a 10-minute walk away.

Rooms at the Hotel TwentyOne are ultra modern and offer an LCD satellite tv. air conditioning, minibar, and free WiFi. A continental buffet is available in a bright breakfast room and the on-site restaurant is open for lunch and dinner and serves traditional Roman and classic Italian dishes.

The hotel is in the elegant Prati district, home to the Vatican and Saint Peter's Basilica, which are a 15-minute walk away. Lepanto Metro Station is 450 m from the property, while bus links to Roma Termini Train Station are located close by.

**In Sorrento: Plaza Hotel: Address: Via Fuorimura N.3, 80067 Sorrento, Italy** – Spend three nights at the Plaza Hotel in Sorrento, set in the center of Sorrento and featuring a furnished deck and a pool and offering modern rooms, a restaurant, and free Wi-Fi throughout. Rooms at the Plaza include satellite flat-screen tv, air conditioning and the private bathroom has free toiletries and a hairdryer. Hotel Plaza is near Piazza Tasso, the town main square, and the Circumvesuviana Railway Station is only 200 m away. Restaurants, bars, shops and public transport are all nearby.

\*CDN p.p dbl occ. Includes all taxes. Single supplement \$2,250. \*Hosted based on minimum 20 paying participants.

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General booking conditions: A deposit of CAD\$200 per person is required to confirm your booking. Balance of the payment is due 90 days prior to departure. 90 days or more prior to departure: Loss of total deposit. 89 – 60 days prior to departure: Loss of 50% of total tour cost. 59 -0 days or less prior to departure: Loss of 100% of total tour cost. Deposit and final payment are non-refundable. If the government bans gatherings and travel your money paid will be transferred to a future travel credit. Cancellation and medical insurance are recommended.