



HOSTED TUSCANY, ROME & SORRENTO, ITALY

CURATED LONG STAYS 2023

**HOSTED GROUP DEPARTURE DEPARTS TORONTO *Mar 1, 2023*

18 nights from \$6,995 p.p.*

Explore Italy and the Italian culture through food, wine and art on this spectacular Curated Long Stays that will introduce you to the gorgeous Tuscany, Rome, Sorrento and the Amalfi Coast 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 country resort in a quaint Italian village in San Donato, Fronzano overlooking the rolling vineyards, olive trees and gorgeous view of the Chianti region. 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 Sorrento and the Amalfi Coast and explore the authentic and gorgeous towns of Capri, Positano and Ravello. 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 Long stays 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: 10 nights accommodation in a one-bedroom apartment at the Fattorie Degli Usignoli with breakfast daily, welcome and farewell dinner with wine
- Five excursions to Florence, Pisa, Siena, 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 Twenty One with breakfast and Vatican tour with Rome city tour and Colosseum
- In Sorrento: five nights accommodation at the Plaza Hotel or similar with breakfast and welcome and farewell dinner with wine
- Two full-day excursions to Capri and the Amalfi Coast
- 25 Meals: 18 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 5 dinners with wine
- All taxes including local tourist tax and hosted based on a minimum of 20 participants



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ITINERARY:

Day 1: Mar.1, 2023 DEPART TORONTO-FLORENCE ITALY (VIA FRANKFURT OR AMSTERDAM)

Flights are scheduled on Lufthansa Airlines or KLM.

Note: Flights are subject to confirmation and 2023 airline schedule.

Day 2: Mar. 2, 2023 | 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: Fattorie degli Usignoli for 10 nights

Days 3-11: Mar. 3-11, 2023 | 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 .

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 Viccho 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 Viccho 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.

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Siena Excursion: Enjoy a morning walking tour of Siena. Admire the Cathedral, the Piazza del Campo, the Town Hall, and San Domenico. At the end of the tour immerse yourself in the magical atmosphere of the Palio through visiting one of the Contrada Museums. Siena excursion including sightseeing tour with a local tour manager with whispers and access to Duomo and Contrada Museum.

Day 11: Mar.11, 2023 TUSCANY (B, D)

This evening enjoy a farewell dinner with your group.

Day 12: Mar. 12, 2023 | 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 for three nights.

Day 13: Mar.13, 2023 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 14: Mar. 14, 2023 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 15: Mar. 15, 2023 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 accommodations. Enjoy a welcome dinner with your group this evening with wine!
Accommodations: Plaza Hotel 4* or similar for five nights.

Day 16: Mar. 16, 2023 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 17: Mar. 17, 2023 AMALFI COAST & RAVELLO (B)

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.

Days 18-19: Mar 18-19 2023 AMALFI COAST (B,D))

Enjoy your days at leisure. On the last evening on Mar 19, join your group for a farewell dinner with wine!



Day 20: Mar. 20, 2023 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: Fattorie degli Usignoli :: Address: Loc Piazza 100, 50066 San Donato ,Fronzano, Italy.

Spend 10 nights in an authentic country resort dating back to the 15th century in a quaint Italian village in San Donato in Fronzano, overlooking the rolling vineyards, olive trees and grapevines with gorgeous views of the Chianti region of Tuscany. Fattoria degli Usignoli is 30 minutes by train from Florence, Italy and the nearest train station is Sant'Ellero. Relax and live like a local at the Fattorie Degli Usignoli in the heart of the Tuscan countryside, with a restaurant and a pool ,free wifi , parking, bicycles and is an excellent base from which to explore the Tuscan countryside just 4 km from Regello and 26 km from Florence..

One bedroom apartments are fitted with a seating and dining area, an LED tv. with premium channels and a kitchenette, equipped with a microwave, fridge and stove top. There is a private bedroom with a double bed, a sofa bed and a bathroom with a hairdryer as well as a balcony in every unit. The property also has a seasonal outdoor pool (may not be available in early March), and guests can enjoy the on-site bar and restaurant with delicacies of typical Tuscan cuisine and where guests can enjoy the hotel's own home grown red and white wines as well as top wine from all over Italy. Free WiFi is available in the apartments and public areas. You can play tennis at the property, and bicycles are available. An array of activities are offered in the area, such as wine tasting, cooking lessons, horseback riding, and hiking. 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 4* Address: – Via Fuorimura N.3, 80067 Sorrento, Italy. Spend 5 nights at the Plaza Hotel in a fantastic location in the centre of Sorrento near Piazza Tasso, while the town's main square, and the Circumvesuviana Railway Station is only 200 m away. Seaside restaurants and cafes at the Marina Grande, public transport and the ferries that take you to Naples and Capri are within walking distance.



Rooms at the Plaza include satellite flat-screen TV and air conditioning. Some include a private balcony, while the private bathroom has free toiletries and a hairdryer. The hotel also has a breakfast lounge, restaurant , free WiFi and a fitness centre



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General booking conditions: A deposit of CAD \$500 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. Cancellation and medical insurance are recommended. For full terms and conditions please visit our website : <https://travelmrg.com/TERMS-CONDITIONS/>