



HOSTED TUSCANY, SORRENTO & ROME, ITALY

CURATED LONG STAYS 2024

**HOSTED GROUP DEPARTURE DEPARTS TORONTO or MONTREAL *Mar 1, 2024*

18 nights from \$7,795 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, Fronsano 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 or Montreal on Air Canada (flights from Toronto to Rome (via Montreal) including 1 checked luggage
- Airport transfers in country based on private coach transfers and professional English speaking local guides throughout
- Plaza Premium airport lounge pass (Toronto gateways only)
- In Tuscany: 10 nights accommodation in a one-bedroom apartment at the 4* Fattoria Degli Usignoli with breakfast daily, welcome and farewell dinner with wine
- Five excursions to Florence, Pisa, Siena, San Gimignano, cooking class with lunch at a Tuscan Farm with a professional local chef with wine tasting, Chianti wine tasting and lunch, all entrance fees as per the itinerary,
- In Sorrento: five nights accommodation at the 4* Hotel Regina or the 4* Hotel Isabella with breakfast and welcome and farewell dinner with wine
- Two full-day excursions to Capri and Ravello the Amalfi Coast
- In Rome: three nights accommodation at the 4* NH Collection roma Centro with breakfast and Vatican tour with Rome city tour and Colosseum, and farewell dinner with wine
- 25 Meals: 18 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 5 dinners with wine
- All taxes including air departure tax of \$800, plus all local tourist tax and hosted based on a minimum of 20 participants
- Emergency 24 hour local assistance in Italy



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Day 1: Mar 1, 2024 Depart Toronto or Montreal to Rome

Depart Toronto . You will meet the group at the Plaza Premium Lounge in Toronto Pearson airport .(2 hour lounge pass)
Air Canada Flight AC420 departs Toronto at 17:00 Arrives Montreal at 18:20 . Connecting with Air Canada Flight AC892 departing Montreal at 20:45 pm arriving Rome at 11:00 a.m. the following day.(Mar 02,)

Day 2: Mar. 2, 2024 | ARRIVAL ROME, ITALY-TUSCANY (D)

Arrival at Rome Fiumicino International Airport, meet and transfer to your hotel in Tuscany for check-in. The remainder of your day is at leisure. Enjoy a welcome dinner with wine (2 glasses per person) this evening.
Accommodations: Fattorie de gli Usignoli ,one bedroom apartment for 10 nights inclusive of daily breakfast .

Days 3-11: Mar. 3-11, 2024 | TUSCANY COUNTRYSIDE (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 guide assigned to your group that will host your local excursions and be available for optional excursions and activities.

INCLUDED EXCURSIONS:

Mar 03, 2024 Florence Excursion: Private transfer to Florence and set out on a walking tour of the historic center. In piazza della Repubblica, discover the city's beginnings as a Roman settlement. Wander through the narrow streets, pass the fortified houses and towers that marked the medieval town, and emerge onto the open piazza della Signoria, the political center of the city since the Middle Ages. Then, see the Duomo and the iconic Ponte Vecchio. Visit the Santa Croce Basilica, one of the finest examples of Italian Gothic architecture. Enjoy the rest of your day at leisure in Florence, before returning to your accommodation. Florence walking excursion including an English speaking guide and entrance to the Santa Croce Basilica.

Mar 05, 2024 Pisa Excursion: Private transfer to Pisa and meet your local guide. Visit the Campo dei Miracoli complex, declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site, consisting of a piazza of monuments of inestimable value and great appeal. The white structures of the Duomo and the Baptistry, both in Pisan Romanesque, the Camposanto Monumentale and the Bell Tower, known as Leaning Tower and standing out on a green lawn. The Tower's inclination, due to subsidence, has made this monument famous the world over, and it is by now the official symbol of the city. Cap off the tour by climbing the Leaning Tower. Enjoy the rest of your day at leisure in Pisa, before returning to your accommodation. Pisa excursion including an English speaking guide and entrance to the Campo dei Miracoli Complex in Pisa including the Duomo the Baptistry , the Camposanto Monumentale and the Leaning Tower.

Mar 07, 2024 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. Enjoy a private cooking class at a Tuscan Farm. You'll discover the secrets to making perfect handmade pasta. At lunch, feast on dishes made with the fresh pasta you created and enjoy with wine..In the afternoon, reach the walled hilltop gem of San Gimignano, a World Heritage site with 14 picturesque medieval towers, and visit its historical center with your guide. Return to your accommodation by private coach. Includes an English Speaking guide.

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March 09, 2024 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. Visit a local winery for a pleasant walk through the vineyards followed by a visit of the wine cellar and a special wine tasting lunch. After lunch, return to your accommodation by private coach. Includes an English Speaking guide.

Day 11: Mar.11, 2024 SIENA EXCURSION (B, D)

Private transfer to Siena and meet your local guide. Soak up the medieval flavor of Siena on a walking tour through the historic center. See the colorful, marble-clad cathedral and step into the striking Piccolomini library, to admire some of the most outstanding art works of Pinturicchio. Continue to the Piazza del Campo, one of Italy's most beautiful squares, which hosts the thrilling Palio bareback horse races. Enjoy the rest of your day at leisure in Siena, before returning to your accommodation.

Siena excursion including sightseeing tour with an English Speaking guide.

This evening enjoy a farewell dinner with your group with wine (2 glasses of wine per person).

Day 12: Mar. 12, 2024 | DEPART TUSCANY-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. Accommodations: 4* Hotel Regina or the 4* Hotel Isabella with breakfast for five nights.

Enjoy a welcome dinner with your group this evening at a local restaurant with wine (2 glasses of wine per person)

Day 13: Mar.13, 2024 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. Spend the rest of your day at leisure in Capri. At the end of the tour you will return back to Sorrento by hydrofoil. Includes a sightseeing tour with English Speaking guide.

Day 14: Mar 14, 2024 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, once one of Italy's four great maritime republics. Embark on a walking tour of the historical center with its stunning 13th century Cathedral and Cloister. After some time at leisure for lunch, continue to the medieval village of Ravello. Explore centuries of history, art, and folklore at Villa Rufolo, an architectural gem famed for its elegant cascading gardens. Return to your accommodation in Sorrento. This tour will give you the opportunity to enjoy the most beautiful places of the Amalfi Coast in one day. Includes a sightseeing tour with English Speaking guide and entrance to the Cathedral and Cloister of Amalfi, and the Villa Rufolo in Ravello.

Day 15-16, Mar 15-16, 2024 SORRENTO (B)

Enjoy your days at leisure in Sorrento. Your tour hosts will organize optional excursions for your group.

Day 16: Mar 16, 2024 SORRENTO (B,D)

This evening enjoy a farewell dinner with your group at a local restaurant with wine (2 glasses of wine per person).



Day 17 Mar. 17, 2024 SORRENTO -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* H with breakfast for three nights.

Day 18: Mar. 18, 2024 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 - After the tour, enjoy the rest of your day at leisure in Rome. Tour of Rome with an English speaking guide, admission to the Colosseum included.

Day 19 Mar. 14, 2024 ROME - VATICAN TOUR (B)

Today you will have an unforgettable experience as you discover Vatican City including the Vatican Museums and St. Peter's Basilica, Marvel at two of the world's most spectacular masterpieces: Michelangelo's Genesis ceiling frescoes and his Last Judgment altar fresco. Then, see the stunning St. Peter's Basilica, the most important church in all Christendom. After the tour, enjoy the rest of your day at leisure in Rome. 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. Includes English speaking guide, admission to the Vatican Museums. This evening enjoy a farewell dinner with your group at a local restaurant with wine (2 glasses of wine per person)

Day 20: Mar. 20, 2024 DEPART ROME--TORONTO (VIA MONTREAL) (B) Transfers will be organized for you to the airport for your flight home. After breakfast check out of your hotel and board your private coach for your transfer to the airport. Flights are scheduled on Air Canada AC flight 893 departs Rome at 11:20 am. Arrives Montreal at 15:30 p.m. Connecting with AC flight 421 departing Montreal at 17:00 pm.; Arriving in Toronto at 18:30 pm.

Note: Flights are subject to confirmation and 2024 airline schedule.

ACCOMMODATIONS:

In Tuscany: Fattoria degli Usignoli :: Address: Localita 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 Fattoria 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, satellite tv. with premium channels and a kitchenette, equipped with a 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 or a private garden space 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. Includes breakfast daily.

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In Sorrento: Hotel Regina Sorrento 4* or similar Address: – Via Marina Grande 10, 80067 Sorrento, Italy .Spend 5 nights at the Hotel Regina.Note if the Hotel Regina is closed next March they will accommodate guests at their sister property 4* Hotel Isabella Featuring panoramic views of the Gulf of Naples and Mount Vesuvius, Hotel Regina is in Sorrento’s historical centre. It offers free WiFi and air-conditioned rooms with satellite LCD TV. Refurbished in 2011, rooms at the Hotel Regina come with a minibar and parquet flooring. On-site facilities include an outdoor fitness area. A buffet breakfast is provided every morning. Piazza Tasso is 500 m from the property. Sorrento’s beaches are 200 m away. Museo Correale di Terranova and Odeon are cultural highlights, and some of the area's landmarks include Pompeii Archaeological Park and Sedile Dominova. Boat tours offer great chances to get out on the surrounding water, or you can seek out an adventure with hiking/biking trails nearby.Includes breakfast daily.

In Rome: Hotel NH Collection Rome Centro Address: Via dei Gracchi ,324 00192 Rome, Italy. Spend three nights at the NH Collection Rome Centro, set in the Prati area, between the Vatican and Castel Sant'Angelo. The property is near to the piazza del Popolo, Via del Corso and close to the shopping area of via Cola Di Rienzo. This 4-star hotel offers free WiFi throughout and an extensive buffet breakfast. The rooms at this NH Collection hotel are equipped with air conditioning and satellite TV. The private bathrooms come with a bath, shower and hairdryer. Some rooms come with elegant, design furnishings.Includes breakfast daily.

CDN p.p dbl occ. Includes all taxes. Single supplement \$1,850. *Hosted based on a minimum of 20 paying participants. *Note air flight schedule is subject to confirmation and 2024 airline schedule. Not included: Any meals not mentioned, gratuities to the local guides and driver and any personal items such as travel insurance etc.

General booking conditions: A deposit of CAD \$750 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/>