

Italy is synonymous with fabulous food, stellar wines, fascinating history and warm-hearted people. Yet the allure goes much deeper. Italy is a way of thinking; a way of feeling and a way of living – and that is at the heart of the experience that the two of us have co-curated for this coming fall.

*We are excited to be joining forces to orchestrate a weeklong journey through Tuscany, during which you will be welcomed into the lifestyles of some of Tuscany's most prominent families -- names like **Antinori, Ginori, Frescobaldi and Ferragamo** -- that top of the lists of wine, culinary and style experts. Of course, the Italian mindset is not only found in the private enclaves of these dynasties. It is also found on the streets, in the village markets and wherever Italians work, relax, raise their children and nurture their passions.*

Allow us to be your escorts and caretakers for eight extraordinary days on the Tuscan coast, countryside and in the city, and fall in step with the people, foods and settings that make up the glorious Tuscan lifestyle.

Prepare yourself for a feast for all of the senses and an experience not to be missed!

Marco + Christina



Overview & Highlights

September 21 – 26 (5 nights)

***Sat, Sept 20th**

Travel from US to Rome

Day 1 Sun, Sept 21

COAST

*Late Morning
Noon*

Arrival at Il Tombolo via private transfer from Rome Fiumuci–Da Vinci Airport
Al fresco luncheon overlooking the Mediterranean, presided over by Hotel Manager Fabio Guarducci, General Manager/ Managing Partner of this and other Antinori hospitality properties, vineyard owner Michelle Satti and Marco

*Afternoon
Pre-dinner*

Leisure time (beach, cycling, spa baths, fitness center...)

Dinner

Private tour of the Antinori private La Sabine, followed by a wine tasting at nearby Guado al Tasso Antinori vineyard with Guado al Tasso's Estate Director Critically-acclaimed, Michelin-rated La Pineta, due to chef/owner Luciano Zazzeri

Day 2 Mon, Sept 22

COAST

*Breakfast
Lunch*

Welcome breakfast for all with a bit of down time before Castello Ginori di Querceto Private tour, winetasting and luncheon with the Marchesi Ginori at Castello Ginori di Querceto, in one of the most beautiful castles in Tuscany, an antique lovers' dream!

*Afternoon
Pre-Dinner
Dinner*

Leisure time (spa baths, beach, cycling, tennis, fitness center,...)

Tour and wine tasting at the Ornellaia winery with Ornella's winemaker, Axel Heinz Home tour, pizza-making and Sunday dinner at Patrizia and Luigi's nearby home

Day 3 Tues, Sept 23

COUNTRY

*Breakfast
Late Morning
Lunch
Afternoon
Late Afternoon
Pre-Dinner*

At your leisure, then check-out and transfer to Villa Il Borro, the Ferragamo estate
Walking tour of the grounds of the estate as your luggage is brought to your rooms
Lunch at the Hunting Lodge
Settling in and perhaps a nap?
Tour of patriarch Ferruccio Ferragamo's residence
Aperitivo and 'Il Boro cooking School'

Day 4 Wed, Sept 24*Morning**Breakfast**Lunch**Afternoon**Pre-Dinner**Dinner***COUNTRY**

For early birds, an exploration of the weekly market in the neighboring town of Figline, with perhaps a few things brought back to accompany breakfast?

At your leisure, family style, in the glorious kitchen of Il Borro

Allegra Antinori, whose coastal home we visited on our 1st day, hosts us at Tenuta Tignanello, with a private tour and her joining us for a wine tasting and luncheon in their residence at this celebrated property.

Leisure time at Il Borro (horseback riding, spa appointments, a swim, tennis, or...)

Salvatore Ferragamo hosts this evening with wine and hors d'oeuvres on the terrace, followed by a wine tasting and tour of the wine cellars and art museum

Dinner follows in the formal dining room of Villa Il Borro

Day 5 Thurs, Sept 25*Breakfast**Morning**Lunch**Afternoon**Pre-Dinner**Dinner***CITY**

At your leisure, family style on the outdoor terrace and then transfer to Florence

A private tour of the Ferragamo Museum and sneak peek of the Spring '14 collection at the flagship store of this world renowned luxury brand.

After check-in at The Hotel Excelsior, lunch on the hotel's rooftop terrace with sweeping, panoramic city views

For those who wish, a gelateria sampling of flavors followed by time on your own for shopping on the Ponte Vecchio, a stop at a wine enoteca, the Uffizi Gallery, an outdoor café or whatever strikes your fancy

A sampling of various Italian aperitivo in the bar of the Hotel Excelsior

For our final dinner, the Marchesi Ginori, will be our mealtime hosts again, but this time, at their city residence, Palazzo Ginori.

Day 6, Sat, Sept 26*Breakfast***CITY**

On your own or as a group, check-out and transfer to Fiumicino-Da Vinci Airport in Rome (Please arrange late check-out or extended stays directly with the hotel.)

Dates:

September 21-26, 2013

Duration & Dates:

5 nights, Sunday to Saturday morning

Maximum Group Size:

Up to 14 guests

Lodging:*Coast:*

Hotel Il Tombolo, a 5-star beachfront resort owned and managed by the Antinori family

Country:

Villa Il Borro, the private estate and winery of the Ferragamo family... a world unto its own

City/Florence:

Hotel Excelsior, a 5-star property on the Arno River, in the heart of Florence

Accommodations:

Double occupancy for 5 couples in junior suites

Single occupancy for 4 individuals in deluxe rooms (upgrades as availability permits)

Pricing:Double Occupancy: \$12,000 per *couple*, all-inclusive*

Single Occupancy: \$ 6,500 per person, all inclusive*

Includes:

details)

All transportation, meals w/ wines, tours and events (details on Day-by-Day itinerary)

*Not included: airfare, airport transfers not specified in the itinerary, spa appointments

Reservations:

We encourage you to *make your reservations as soon as possible to assure your place*. Payment in full is due at time of booking and are non-refundable. Trip insurance may be of interest.

Contact Marco Betti at Antica Posta to book via credit card, money transfer or check:

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