

## MAGICAL TUSCIA

Rome, Bolsena, Viterbo, Todi, Orvieto, Siena, Florence,  
Culinary, Gourmet, & Wine at Lake View

9 DAYS



### DAY 1 - USA - ROME

Depart USA to Rome airport (FCO).

### DAY 2 - ROME

Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel. Time to unpack rest and explore Rome.

### DAY 3 - ROME

Morning guided tour through the Eternal City seeing the Roman Forum, St. Peter's Basilica, Coliseum and the Moses' of Michelangelo in St. Peter's in Chains. Afternoon at leisure. See also Piazza Navona, the Phanteon and Piazza di Spagna (BB)

### DAY 4 - ROME - BOLSENA

After breakfast, we head north following the Consular road build at Aurelio's time on the Tyrrhenian coast passing Civitavecchia and reaching the Etruscan town of Tarquinia. A guided visit to the Necropolis will give the idea of the past glory of this town. Time to visit the town's principal palaces such as Palazzo Vitelleschi and St. Mary of the Citadel church in Romanesque style. Stop in Tuscania to visit the Roman Byzantine Church. We then reach the shore of Lake Bolsena and our country house. After check in, meet with the owner for a welcome drink and dinner overlooking the lake at sunset. (BB D)

### DAY 5 - BOLSENA - VITERBO - BOLSENA

Day to explore and visit the Tuscia district. First a stop to Bagnai crowned by the Villa Lante, the country house of several popes and also a great example of Renaissance gardening style. Visit at Bagnai where Prince Charles did his architectural school. Then to the pope's city of Viterbo, still encircled by its walls that has kept a medieval

air which is accentuated by the number of its artisans. Stop in Bomarzo Monster's Park, built by Vicinio Orsini and is considered the first cultural Disneyland. Time at leisure. Return to Bolsena for a cruise over the largest lake in Italy of volcanic origin, seeing Bisentina Island, once summer residence of the popes and the crown territory of this crater. Return to the country house for dinner. (BB D)

### DAY 6 - CIVITÀ - TODI - ORVIETO BOLSENA

Morning drive to Cività Bagnoregio, a spectacular and unique citadel located over a volcanic ridge corroded through the centuries by natural events and united to the world by a long narrow bridge. Then after crossing the Tiber River and entering Umbria, we reach Todi. A little old town on a pretty site overlooking a valley that has preserved some remarkable buildings. Amongst them, you'll see also three sets of walls: Etruscan, Roman and Medieval. Later we reach and visit Orvieto, not only famous for its white wines but also of its predominant position over the Tiber Valley. We see the Cathedral completed in the 14th century where thirty-three architects, 152 Sculptures, 68 painters and 90 artists took part of the creation of this imposing masterpiece. Visit also the Old Quarter. Return to Bolsena for dinner. (BB D)

### DAY 7 - BOLSENA - SIENA - FLORENCE

This morning, we drive through a beautiful landscape to San Quirico d'Orcia. We visit this charming village and its geometric garden created around 1580. Then to Siena, important medieval town, known for its horse race "Il Palio" and its cookies. Later we will drive along the Chianti road

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to Florence, capital of Renaissance Art. A walking guided tour will show you the Cathedral and Baptistery with its famous Golden Doors, the medieval quarter and Signoria Square. We visit the Academy of Fine Arts seeing Michelangelo's David and other masterpieces. Time free for shopping. Late afternoon, return to Bolsena for dinner. (BB D)

### DAY 8 - BOLSENA

After breakfast, we visit this charming little town of Bolsena with its Castle, the museum and St. Cristina Church famous for the Miracle of the Eucharist. The rest of the day at leisure. Tonight, you are invited by the owner to a special Dinner Party. (BB D)

### DAY 9 - BOLSENA - ROME AIRPORT

Early departure to reach the Rome airport (FCO) for your return flight. (BB)

### WHAT IS INCLUDED

- Transfer from airport to hotel in Rome
- One group Transfer from Bolsena to Rome airport
- Rome First Class hotels Centrally Located Bed & Breakfast
- 5 Nights accommodation in Bolsena Country House
- 7 Buffet Breakfast
- 5 Dinner at Bolsena Country House
- Farewell Dinner Party in Bolsena
- Deluxe Mini Van fully equipped
- Guided tour in Rome & Florence
- Entrance fees to Florence Academy
- Luggage handling at hotels one piece per person
- Hotel tax & city taxes

NOT INCLUDED:  
Intercontinental Flight; Gratuities; Portage at airport; Beverages and meals not mentioned in the program; Tips, other Entrances and Personal Items; Travel Insurance; All that is not specifically mentioned above.

### MEAL LEGEND:

(BB) Buffet Breakfast, (L) Lunch, (D) Dinner