"CHEERS IN TUSCANY"

Private Villa for 4 people in the Countryside of Cortona, Italy

There is no better place than the Tuscany hills for a perfect combination of the silent and relaxing countryside lifestyle as well as the unhurried pace you still find within the ancient stone walls of our charming towns.

Let yourself be embraced by this unspoilt atmosphere during a one week stay in a delightful Villa in the countryside of Cortona, while enjoying the local authentic traditions and activities for a collection of memories you will cherish forever.

Come to discover the heart of Italy, with its beautiful landscapes, charming towns and fascinating history, thousands of years of art, culture and gastronomy!

If someone wishes to send a postcard that is a perfect representation of their vacation in Italy, they often choose images of Tuscany: soft rolling hills, lines of cypress trees, endless vineyards, orderly olive groves, art cities, majestic castles, and a history that goes back over centuries all await you in Tuscany.

One of its jewels is the idyllic and precious town of Cortona, which dominates the enchanting landscape of the rich Valdichiana valley, limited on the horizon by easy hills and by the wide expanse of Lake Trasimeno. Cortona's history spans across time. Before being a medieval town it was Roman and an important Etruscan centre. The hill town is magnificently positioned between Arezzo, Perugia, Florence, and Siena, and sits right between the Chianti region and Umbrian valleys, which make it a strategic spot for anyone who wants to experience the heart of Italy by taking brief and relaxing day trips to nearby areas.

THE VILLA

This charming, single story, stone villa is set amidst 5 acres of magnificent olive groves, with stunning views over the Val di Chiana valley and the surrounding beautiful countryside of Cortona, including Lake Trasimeno, the fourth biggest lake in Italy.

The villa has been recently and lovingly restored, maintaining many traditional Tuscan features such as vaulted, wooden ceilings and beams. The property gives guests a feeling of complete privacy and tranquillity, and yet it is only a short distance to the town of Cortona, which has an abundance of shops and restaurants as well as an open-air market.

The villa consists of a kitchenette, an open plan dining and a living room featuring a frescoed fireplace and also has a sofa bed. The 2 double bedrooms are comfortable, bright and airy, each with beautiful views from the windows, and the 2 bathrooms are modern and spacious. There is satellite TV, heating, air-conditioning and a washing machine.

The below-ground swimming pool can be found in the beautifully well maintained gardens where guests can use the sun-loungers and parasols whilst enjoying the panoramic views. There is also a small covered pergola area with outdoor seating, suitable for al fresco dining.

THE EXPERIENCE

This private tour is designed for red wine lovers and leads to the discovery of two special wineries. Your driver will pick you up in the morning and take you to the first biodynamic vineyard in the countryside of Cortona, a family business which produces small quantities but high quality Syrah.

Here you will learn all about the authentic and ancient way of making wine and will be captivated by the passion of the owners. The wines you'll taste will be the proof of their dedication.

The second is a stunning cellar located in one of the most beautiful Renaissance palaces of the medieval town of Montepulciano, which is also one of the most famous Italian wine growing regions close to Cortona.

Breathtaking views abound at every turn, picturesque rolling hills planted with vineyards year-round and wineries of every stature dot the landscape. Along with tasting the delicious wines produced here you will also have a mouth-watering lunch in the winery's restaurant. In the afternoon you'll be happy to take a stroll in Montepulciano and enjoy its enchanting history and features.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

"Cheers in Tuscany" is a vacation package of a one week stay in a Cortona Countryside Villa for 4 adults, from Saturday to Saturday. Arrivals take place between 4.00 pm and 7.00 pm. Departure by 10.00 AM.

Visits must be used within 12 months from the Auction date. Weeks are based upon availability at the time of request. Winners may be offered a different villa of equal or greater equivalent at no cost, should availability be limited by the time of booking. A member of our staff will always be at your disposal before and during your holiday for general help and assistance, trip details, preparation and arranging free time extra activities and services.

Included:

- 7 days and 7 nights stay in a private luxury villa in the countryside of Cortona
- 1 private wine tour experience with tastings in two wineries + lunch
- Wine tour transport included

Excluded / Optional Extras Available:

Air conditioning and heating, Airfare, ground transportation, private driver and free-time activities (such as city tours, trekking and walking tours, bicycle tours, Tuscan cooking classes, and many more) are NOT INCLUDED but can be arranged separately as extra services.