

# Warther Tours Presents: Splendors of Italy

April 23 - May 5th, 2019  
Oct 16th - 28th, 2019



Just hear the word "ITALY" and you can picture the country located in Southern Europe comprising the boot-shaped peninsula. Perhaps you envision the noble stones of ancient Rome or the birthplace of the Renaissance, Florence? It has been said that Tuscany is a paradise for people who love nature. The breathtaking landscapes and charming villages set on top a hill, are worth being discovered.

For centuries, visitors have traveled to "La Bella Italia" (The Beautiful Italy). Join us four nights in Tuscany, three nights in Florence and four nights in Rome, experiencing some of the treasures Italy has to offer.

## Some Highlights:

Four Nights in Tuscany  
Three Nights in Florence  
Four nights in Rome  
Sam Gimignano, Volterra & Orvieto  
Cooking Classes  
Wine Tastings  
Truffle Hunting  
Florence Central Market  
Rome Tour  
English speaking Italian guide

## Lodging:

Borgo Di Cortefreda, 4 nights  
Hotel Cellai, 3 nights  
Piram Hotel Roma, 4 nights

## Price includes:

Fully Escorted Tour, 17 Meals, 6 tastings,  
English Speaking Italian Guide, Luggage  
Handling, Headphones, Photo Book of Tour,  
Tour Gratuities (including gratuities for  
Driver, included meals and guides)

For Registration & Detailed Itinerary  
Contact:

## Warther Tours

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**\$3495 PP Dbl** (plus air)  
**\$495 Single Supplement**

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## **Day One - April 23 or Oct 16, 2019 - Flight to Italy**

Depart on our overnight flight to revel in the magic of Italy! This tour will include an English speaking Italian guide with gratuities paid and headphones throughout the tour.



## **Day Two – April 24 or Oct 17, 2019 - Hotel Borgo di Cortefreda in TAVERNELLE**

Arrive in Florence where we will transfer to our Tuscany Villa and rest up for our welcome dinner and a complimentary glass of wine. This will be our home for the next four nights. **(Welcome Dinner)**

## **Day Three – April 25 or Oct 18, 2019 - Hotel Borgo di Cortefreda in TAVERNELLE Chianti and the typical Tuscany countryside**

Today's excursion will be into the Chianti Valley. This hilly landscape, interspersed with olive groves, cypress trees, vineyards and palaces, fascinates all visitors. You will experience the harmony of the colors, that only the hills in this region have to offer. We will visit a historical butchery where you will be delighted by lunch with local products.

In the afternoon we will visit a typical farmhouse and have Vin Santo & Cantucci tasting (**Breakfast & Wine Tasting**)

## **Day Four – April 26 or Oct 19, 2019 - Hotel Borgo di Cortefreda in TAVERNELLE**

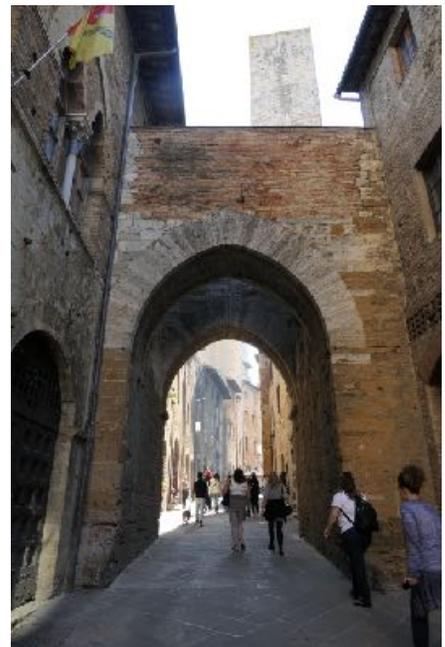
### **San Gimignano & Volterra**

After breakfast we drive south through the Tuscan countryside enjoying the olive groves, green hills and vineyards that make the Chianti region so stunning. Arriving in **San Gimignano**, the town is surrounded by towers. The medieval layout of this town has largely remained intact, and this is why San Gimignano is known as the "**Manhattan of Tuscany.**" You'll have time to explore the town and enjoy the best **ice cream shop**, "Dondoli".

We will also visit a local wine cellar, enjoy some wine tasting and visit the town of Volterra. This walled, elevated town and former Etruscan settlement offers a splendid view of the surroundings. (**Breakfast, Wine Tasting & Dinner**)

### **Day Five – April 27 or Oct 20, 2019 Cooking Class & Pisa**

This morning we will drive to the farmhouse "Il Poggio" and experience a cooking class with typical Tuscany dishes. Then we will continue on to Pisa



where we can get a look at the famous leaning tower!  
**(Breakfast, Lunch & Wine Tasting)**



### **Day Six – April 28 or Oct 21, 2019 Truffle hunting and transfer to Florence**

Today we will walk among the Chianti hills with access to protected areas and search for truffles helped by a professional truffle hunter and his dog. Selection of truffles will be presented with stuffed bignè, oil bruschetta, and truffle butter bruschetta. The tasting will be completed by salumi, Pecorino from Tuscany and Wines of the Estate. A unique experience that will live long in our memory. **(Breakfast & Truffle Tasting)**



### **Day Seven – April 29 or Oct 22, 2019 Florence with Central Market**



Meet your local guide and take a walking tour in the central market of Florence. Free time in the afternoon.

The art and cultural metropolis of Florence is a must for all travelers to Tuscany. The cathedral of Florence dominates the cityscape and together with

the Campanile and the baptistery forms one of the most magnificent works of art. The austerity and beauty of the city, the pride and the constancy of the Florentines is manifested in a unique way in the Palazzo Vecchio. You will visit the interesting sights of the historic district on a certified city tour. Afterwards there will be enough time to admire the jewelry shops on the Ponte Vecchio or to enjoy an Italian espresso. **(Breakfast & Dinner)**

### **Day Eight – April 30 or Oct 23, 2019**

Free day in Florence to discover where the Renaissance began. Visit David, the Cathedral of Florence or one of many other amazing historical sites! **(Breakfast)**

### **Day Nine – May 1 or Oct 24, 2019 Transfer to Rome with stop in Orvieto**

On the way to Rome we will stop for a visit in Orvieto.

Orvieto's location is unique - atop a steep rocky plateau amidst vineyards and olive groves. This city built upon tuff stone is already impressive from a distance. The cathedral is the most important building in Orvieto and characterizes the city's skyline. The imposing structure allows a glimpse of the city's sumptuous past. Orvieto has a long tradition of ceramic handiwork and of woodworking. A shopping trip through the city will certainly result in a souvenir or two. **(Breakfast)**

### **Day Ten – May 2 or Oct 25, 2019 Ancient Rome tour & Coliseum**

See the best of Ancient Rome and learn of the 3,000 year history of the Eternal City when you visit sights such as the Colosseum, Roman Forum and the Palatine Hill. Your tour begins with a visit to the most famous monument of Ancient Rome - the Colosseum. We take you inside and explain the history of the arena and the events that took place here, while you stand on the same spot as emperors, gladiators and the Roman mob. Next stop is the Palatine Hill, which you will learn is connected to the very founding of Rome, almost 3000 years ago. Later it would become the home to the nobility of the Roman Republic, before becoming the site on which the palaces of the Roman Emperors would all be built. From here, your guide will take you through the



Roman Forum, which was the center of politics as well as public life in Ancient Rome. Your guide will explain in detail how Romans spent their daily lives coming and going from the Forum, and will point out the areas in which notable historical events took place - including Julius Caesar's funeral, when Marc Antony delivered his famous eulogy. We will also discover the House of the Vestals, the various Temples, the Senate House, the Capitol Palace, the Sacred Way and the Triumph Arches.

In the afternoon you will experience a cooking class at a local restaurant with typical Roman dishes (**Breakfast & Cooking Class**)

### **Day Eleven – May 3 or Oct 26, 2019 Vatican Museum**

Meet your local guide at the hotel. This morning, you will drive to Vatican City to visit the Vatican Museums, St. Peter's Square and Basilica. Boasting one of the world's greatest art collections, the museums are a gigantic repository of treasures from antiquity and the Renaissance, all housed in a winding series of lavishly adorned palaces, apartments, and galleries leading you to the real gem: the Sistine Chapel. The Vatican Museums occupy a part of the papal palaces built from the 1200s onward. From the former papal private apartments, the museums were created over a period of time to display the vast treasure trove of art acquired by the Vatican. In the Sistine Chapel, admire Michelangelo's master work. Your guide will tell you of the many years Michelangelo spent on his back painting the scenes of the Creation on the ceiling of this significant building. Continue on to monumental St. Peter's Square and Basilica. Marvel at Michelangelo's moving Pietà and be amazed by the massive cupola of the Basilica. (**Breakfast & Dinner**)

### **Day Twelve – May 4 or Oct 27, 2019**

#### **Colli Albani excursion & wine tasting. Farewell dinner**

Today look forward to the picturesque scenery of the Alban Hills. The outing will pass by Lake Albano to the town of Castel Gandolfo, known for its papal place, which was used as a summer residence. The next stop is Frascati, famous for its white wine. The town has been a favorite summer retreat of the Romans since the Renaissance, accordingly, aristocratic palaces are frequent in the area. You will end the eventful day with a wine tasting with a rustic snack. (**Breakfast & Farewell dinner**)

## **Day Thirteen – May 5 or Oct 28, 2019 Departure**

All good things come to an end and this is no exception as you make your way back home armed with some wonderful memories of the Eternal city of Rome and the beautiful Tuscany Countryside. (**Breakfast**)