

DISCOVER THE LANDS OF SIENA ABOARD A NEW FIAT 500!

1° DAY: ARRIVAL

Arrival and check-in at the farm Hotel, placed in the sunny luxuriant country-side north of Siena, among olive groves, cypresses and vineyards. Meeting with our assistant and accommodation in the rooms. Dinner and overnight in Hotel.

2° DAY: THE GOLDEN VAL D'ELSA

Breakfast in hotel. Full day exploring the beautiful Val d'Elsa, where the Lands of Siena express themselves with all their elegance, evoking the precious shine of gold. The fine *Vernaccia* of San Gimignano, bright yellow colored wine, the yellow saffron, the beautiful altarpieces painted on a golden background... This is, therefore, the soul of the Val d'Elsa: the gold, its intrinsic elegance, its ability to enchant all the senses.

You'll travel through the rolling hills of the Val d'Elsa, visiting charming villages like *Colle Val d'Elsa*, the City of the Crystal with its medieval old town, and *Monteriggioni*, a perfectly preserved typical medieval walled village. But the real gem of this golden land is the village of *San Gimignano*, in the heart of the *Vernaccia* Wine production: a completely preserved charming medieval town which reveals an unexpected richness of art treasures, with its world-famous high tower-houses soaring into the sky of Tuscany.

Free lunch along the way. Possibility of having lunch in a beautiful farm, tasting typical Tuscan food (not included). Tasting-dinner in the farm hotel, sampling the renowned *Vernaccia* white wine accompanied by good typical Tuscan viands and biological products like honey and saffron. Overnight in hotel.

3° DAY: GEOMETRIES OF TASTE IN THE CHIANTI REGION

Breakfast and check-out from the hotel. Today you'll discover the wild nature of the Chianti region, where the hills give way to sinuous vineyards, placed on the slopes drawing ancient and never random geometries. Here grow the grapes of the Sangiovese, the famous vine from which is produced the renowned *Chianti* wine exported and loved all over the world. Green hills, red vineyards, but also ancient parish churches, imposing castles and charming medieval villages like *Radda in Chianti*, *Castellina in Chianti* and *Castelnuovo Berardenga*, important center of wine production in Tuscany.

Free lunch along the way. Possibility of having lunch in a typical Tuscan restaurant along the way (not included). In the late afternoon, transfer to the hotel near Castelnuovo Berardenga and accommodation in the rooms. Transfer by private coach and tasting-dinner in a wonderful castle in the Chianti area, tasting the delicious local *Chianti* and the typical dishes of Tuscan cuisine. Overnight in the farm hotel.

4° DAY: LUNAR LANDSCAPES AND ETHEREAL FLAVORS IN THE 'CRETE SENESI'

Breakfast and check-out from the Hotel. Full day dedicated to the discovery of one of the most fascinating areas of the province of Siena. When you think about Tuscany, the imagination fly right away to the magical and charming landscapes, consisting of an isolated farmhouse that stands on a hill preceded by a long trail with cypress and surrounded by a true "lunar landscape": this picturesque scenery, became icon of our beautiful land thanks to many famous films, are the Crete Senesi, a wide area on the border between Arezzo and Siena. The Crete Senesi are a triumph of harmony: a truly unique landscape, with a marvellous clay soil, a land scattered with beautiful churches, castles and small medieval villages. In the bosom of these hills born the famous white truffles of the Lands of Siena.

You'll travel through the twists and turns of this amazing lunar landscape, visiting the wonderful Benedictine *Abbey of Monte Oliveto Maggiore* and the pretty villages of *Buonconvento* and *San Giovanni Asso*, the home of the white truffle.

Free lunch along the way. Possibility of having a meal with the excellent truffles of the Crete Senesi land (not included). In the late afternoon, transfer to the farm hotel in the Crete Senesi area. Dinner in the farm hotel, tasting some typical Tuscan delights accompanied by the excellent *Orcia DOC Wine*, all produced directly by the farm. Overnight in hotel.

5° DAY: EARTH OF WIND AND DESERT: THE AROMAS OF THE VAL D'ORCIA

After breakfast at the hotel, departure aboard your brand-Fiat 500 for a charming journey discovering the wonderful Val d'Orcia. A perfect, essential landscape, in the heart of the Lands of Siena: hills, gulleys, the winding Orcia river, cypress trees, dark lands alternating with green vines that produce the famous *Brunello* wine and the other good red wines of the area. This wonderful land is protected by the Park of the Val d'Orcia, a natural, artistic and cultural park which has been named World Heritage Site by UNESCO. You'll travel through the beautiful landscapes of this land, discovering charming hillside villages like the famous *Pienza*, nice Renaissance town famous all over the world for its fine *Pecorino* cheese, and the medieval villages of *San Quirico d'Orcia* and *Castiglione d'Orcia*. Marvels of this land are also *Montalcino*, famous all over the world for the production of the renowned *Brunello* wine, and the wonderful Romanesque *Abbey of Sant'Antimo*, where even today, during the Mass, you can hear the ancient Gregorian chants resonate. Free lunch along the way. Opportunity to have lunch in a typical Tuscan tavern along the way (not included). Dinner in the farm hotel, with the possibility of tasting the famous *Brunello di Montalcino* red wine. Overnight in hotel.

6° DAY: RHAPSODY IN BLUE IN THE VAL DI CHIANA

Breakfast in hotel. Full day dedicated to the exploration of one of the most important thermal basins in Italy: the Val di Chiana, a land of delicate fragrances, a kind of natural paradise for those who wish to combine culture, nature and wellness. The real gem of this land is the village of *Montepulciano*, a former Roman settlement risen on the "Mons Politianus", famous for its fine *Vino Nobile* wine. Fascinating ruins and relics of the Etruscan civilization in *Sarteano*, medieval atmospheres in *Sinalunga* and *Torrita di Siena*, ancient healthy hot springs in Montepulciano, *Chianciano Terme* and *San Casciano dei Bagni*. The spas of Chianciano Terme are those of Federico Fellini's dream, celebrated in his masterpiece *8 1/2* and really frequented by him, by the Nobel Prize for Literature Luigi Pirandello and by other famous artists and celebrities of all time. An American magazine defined the baths of San Casciano dei Bagni as "the world's most beautiful spas in the world's most beautiful land": newly renovated, these spas are the spearhead of an area that grew up and developed around water. Opportunity to spend a few hours of relaxation and well-being at one of the renowned spas of Chianciano Terme or San Casciano dei Bagni (not included). Free lunch along the way. Opportunity to have lunch in a typical Tuscan tavern along the way (not included). Return to the hotel in late afternoon. Transfer by private coach to a beautiful farm near Montepulciano, where you'll have a delightful dinner, tasting the famous *Vino Nobile di Montepulciano* supported by fine Tuscan typical food like the renowned Chianina beef. Return and overnight in hotel.

7° DAY: DEPARTURE

Breakfast in hotel. End of our services.

WE'LL CREATE YOUR OWN PRICE!

This tour has been designed and developed with the following basic features:

- FARM HOTELS IN THE COUNTRYSIDE NEAR SIENA
- HALF BOARD, with the possibility of full board
- RENTAL OF NEW FIAT 500, fully fueled
- EXPERT GUIDE FOR THE TOUR
- 2 TRANSFERS BY COACH FOR DINNER AND WINE-TASTING IN FARMS in the Chianti area and in Montepulciano

We can expand or decrease our offer according to some variables or specific requests: the period of stay (low, medium or high season), the number of participants, the request to integrate the program with extras like cooking classes, lunches in restaurants, admission to the spas, entrances in museums or visits to places not listed in the program and so on.

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