



Ah! Toscana!

FALL 2008 TOURS



THE TOSCANA EXPERIENCE

Why simply visit Tuscany when you can immerse yourself in its sights, sounds, culture and tastes? Through **THE TOSCANA EXPERIENCE** you will explore and better appreciate its world-renowned scenery, architecture, artistry and cuisine. Participate in the festivals, eat the food, stay in the lodgings and relax on the beaches that only the locals know about. Meet the artisans who create the leather, crystal, pottery, metalware and foods that have helped define the Tuscan reputation for quality and craftsmanship.

THE TOSCANA EXPERIENCE is a 7 day, 7 night tour running from October 11-18, 2008 and is limited to 16 people. The very reasonable \$2,750 per person fee covers all accommodations and local transportation, 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 7 dinners with wine, gratuities and activities. *Travel to and from Florence, Italy is the responsibility of the individual tour members.*

Experience the History - Florence, Siena, Montepulciano --



they are all included. Professional tours or detailed site suggestions are provided with plenty of time to explore by yourselves. You will also visit many of Europe's best preserved medieval towns including San Gimignano and Monteriggioni.

Experience the Natural Beauty - On its most basic level



Tuscany is simply beautiful. The cypress trees. The stone farmhouses set among rolling hills and sweeping vistas. The broad expanse of Mediterranean beaches rising toward the nearby highlands. The vineyards and orchards of Chianti. Experience all of this with some surprises along the way.

Experience the Artisanhip - Enhance your appreciation of Old World craftsmanship and style! Take a leather class at the Scuola del Cuoio in Florence. Meet a master coppersmith who produces the restaurant world's most in-demand cookware. Observe the ancient art of crystal and glass making. Learn from a famous winemaker. Enjoy culinary delights like fresh pecorino and truffles in towns where they have been produced for centuries.



Experience the Hospitality - Of course you go to Tuscany to eat well -- and you will! All of the chosen restaurants have been tried many times by our staff and come with the highest recommendations from the true experts: the locals. In addition, all hotel (4 star) and agriturismo accommodations include the conveniences that Americans have come to expect.

Experience What Others Haven't - The Maremma is the up and coming area of Tuscany, known for its scenic beauty, spas, beaches and great foods. You will tour Massa Marittima, a Medieval city rich in culture and history. Relax (or bike or horseback ride) in the Natural Park, Italy's answer to Yosemite. Spend a day on the Mediterranean exploring the islands of Giglio and Giannutri, walking, shopping and sunbathing.



READY TO GET IMMERSSED?

Spots are limited. Sign up now!

YOUR TOUR LEADER

Tony Elms has led several tours to Tuscany for small groups of food and culture lovers from around the U.S. He has done market and trade research for Tuscan olive oil producers and has also represented them at trade shows throughout the U.S.



He has lived and studied in both Italy and Germany, obtaining two degrees in International Relations. He is fluent in Italian, French and German.

Tony is obviously a confirmed international spirit with a love of food and wine. He is a member of the Slow Food movement and the past president of his local Connecticut chapter of the American Institute of Wine and Food (AIWF).

THE TOSCANA EXPERIENCE QUICK FACTS

Tour: 7 days, 7 nights	Leader: Tony Elms (see bio above)
Dates: October 11-18, 2008	Not Included: Transportation to and from Florence, Italy
Number of People: 16 maximum	Cost: \$2,750.00/person dbl. occup. (+\$200.00 single supplement)
Tour Includes: Accommodations 7 Breakfasts 6 Lunches with Wine 7 Dinners with Wine Ground Transportation All Gratuities Boat & City Walking Tours Oil, Wine & Truffle Tastings 3 Hour Leather Class	Payment Due: \$500 non-refundable deposit due July 31, 2008, balance due on or before August 31, 2008. Contact Paige Carman: Phone: 1-866-530-1624 E-Mail: pcarman@ahtoscana.com

YOUR HOSTS

Ah! Toscana! is dedicated to helping you capture the warmth and beauty of Tuscany. Besides producing tours, we work with Tuscan artisans to help promote their unique, high quality and handmade products in America. A wide variety of these food, leather, ceramic, crystal, linen, personal care, home decor and paper items are sold by **Ah! Toscana!** through home parties, as this is the best way to demonstrate their value, beauty and craftsmanship.

Ah! Toscana! also has relationships with Italian governmental, trade, artisanal and cooperative organizations. It is through our ongoing Tuscan travels and many personal and business contacts that we are able to create this tour for you.

For more information, call 1-866-530-1624 or send e-mail to info@ahtoscana.com. Visit us at www.ahtoscanatours.com.

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