

Tuscan Treasures



La Villa Cucina - *Presents the Food & Wine of Western Tuscany!*

A message from Daniel!

La Villa Cucina, my unique full participation culinary travel program integrates the popular villa holiday with a culinary school vacation. My Tuscan Treasures program will be at the elegantly appointed Tenuta la Bandita, a beautiful 17th century villa just outside the medieval town of Sassetta. This program includes four full participation culinary classes and visits to 7 of Tuscany's most exclusive wine producers.

This multi-session culinary program takes place in the villa's professional kitchen, class size is limited to twelve guests in order to ensure personalized attention and optimum comfort. Menus and methods reflect "*La Cucina Regionale Italiana*", emphasizing the use of authentic ingredients and classic culinary techniques. *All classes are taught in English.* A typical class begins with a brief introduction of the day's recipes and ingredients then students are then divided into groups each responsible for a specific dish for the day's multi-course menu. Classes run for approximately three hours, followed by lunch when the day's culinary creations, *complete with wine*, are served in the villa's elegant dining room.



Clearly, a culinary travel program would not be complete without travel! Full and half-day excursions to important Tuscan hill towns and cities are planned. Predetermined trips include visits to local restaurants and markets. Visits to Artisans who specialize in food, wine and ceramics share with us centuries old customs and ways.

I invite you to join me as we celebrate the seasons of Italian cooking and culture. Experience the abundance of Italy in the company of old friends and new acquaintances.

Daniel Rosati, Founder

Sunday - Arrival

Mid-afternoon transfers from Florence by private coach to Tenuta la Bandita
Evening cocktail reception and dinner at the villa



Monday - Day 1 - The food & wine of the Alta Maremma

Continental Breakfast
AM Cooking Class (includes lunch & wine tasting)
La Siesta - Afternoon free time to enjoy nearby Spa Ceretta, estate or just relax
Gastronomic Food & Wine Tasting featuring Savory & Sweet Tortas

Tuesday - Day 2 - The food & wine of Bolgheri

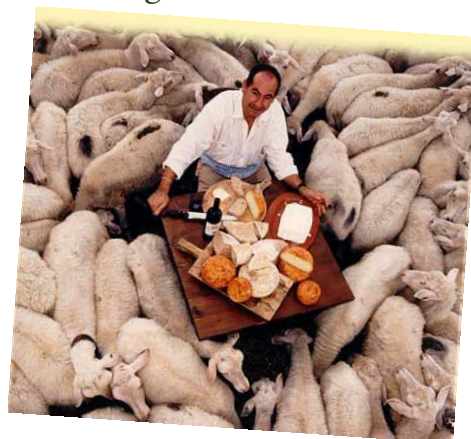
Continental Breakfast
Morning Visit to Cecina Market
Wine tasting and Lunch at Tenuta di Vaira
Afternoon visit to wine producer Argentiera
Light dinner at Tenuta la Bandita





Wednesday - Day 3 - The food & wine of Bolgheri

Continental Breakfast
AM Cooking Class (includes lunch)
La Siesta - Afternoon free time to enjoy nearby Spa Ceretta, estate or just relax
Light dinner at Tenuta la Bandita



Thursday - Day 4 - The food & wine of the Val di Cecina

Continental Breakfast
Depart Tenuta la Bandita
Lunch & Cheese Making Demonstration at organic artisan cheese producer Azienda Agricola Lischeto
Afternoon wine tasting at Cairossa in Riparbella
Florentine Steak dinner at Michelin Starred Osteria Magona

Friday - Day 5 - The food & wine of Elba & Castagneto Carducci

Continental Breakfast
AM ferry to Isola d'Elba visit vineyards specializing in Aleatico wine
Lunch in Porto Azzuro
Pizza dinner in the ancient town of Castagneto Carducci

Saturday - Day 6 - The food & wine of the Val di Cornia

Light Lunch at Tenuta la Bandita
Late afternoon visit to Suvereto,
visit Petra to taste their DOC Val di Cornia wines
Final dinner and wine tasting at Gualdo del Re



Sunday - Departure

AM departure from Tenuta la Bandita to Florence

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\$5,450.00 per person/double occupancy

\$650.00 single supplement

Airfare and Airport to City Transfers are not included.

Price Includes: Meeting point *GROUP* transfers, contingent only when a core minimum of participants arriving at suggested airport or meeting point (at same hour of day) on arrival or departure has been met. Nightly accommodations, according to duration of program. All rooms have double beds, bath and/or shower, mini-bar and television. Continental breakfast served daily. Culinary and artisan lessons, tastings, tours, transportation to and from the meeting point and for all scheduled activities and meals. Room incidentals are responsibility of each guest, in example: Spa treatments, telephone calls, items from mini-bar, laundry and other beverages consumed outside of organized visits and planned dining etc..

Booking Terms and Conditions: An \$800.00 *per person* non-refundable deposit is required to reserve a space in all La Villa Cucina programs. Final Payment is due 140 days prior to commencement of program. Cancellations made 140 days or less prior to commencement of program will result in the loss of all funds received. Exceptions to this cancellation policy cannot be made for any reason, including personal emergencies. There is no refund for leaving a program early or arriving late. La Villa Cucina reserves the right to cancel any program prior to its start. ***Due to demand for space, early registration is encouraged.***

Before purchasing airline tickets, please wait for confirmation of program!

Insurance: TRAVEL IS AN INVESTMENT, Protect this investment by purchasing: *cancel for any reason insurance, trip cancellation insurance, insurance coverage in case of medical emergency or loss of personal property and is strongly recommended.* (www.squaremouth.com) La Villa Cucina is not responsible for damage, loss or theft of personal belongings. There will be some free time when transportation will not be available. You are invited to use the property for tennis, swimming, biking and hiking. Some of these activities will be at your own cost and may need to be arranged in advance. La Villa Cucina is not responsible for any situations that occur during these non- scheduled events.

Special Needs: Please notify La Villa Cucina of any medical conditions requiring special attention.

La Villa Cucina has the right to make changes to itinerary. La Villa Cucina will do its best to keep changes to a minimum.

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La Villa Cucina Registration

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NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

DAYTIME PHONE: _____

EVENING PHONE: _____ FAX: _____

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WHO TO CONTACT IN CASE OF EMERGENCY:

NAME: _____ DAYTIME PHONE: _____

EVENING PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE: _____

Prefer Single Room - Tuscan Treasures (\$650.00 single supplement applies)

Please sign waiver and send completed form with your deposit of \$800.00 per guest to:

La Villa Cucina
57 Garrison Street - Apt. 2
Newark, NJ 07105

Please make all checks payable to *La Villa Cucina*, credit cards are not accepted.

Release and Assumption of Risk:

I agree to release, absolve, indemnify and hold harmless La Villa Cucina, its organizers and La Villa Cucina employees from any injury or loss caused by or resulting from the leased accommodations or employment of any and all independent contractors and any activities associated with the tour. This agreement shall serve as a release and assumption of risk from our heirs, executors, administrators, and members of our family. I have carefully read this agreement and fully understand its contents. I am aware that I am releasing certain legal rights that I otherwise may have.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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