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**EXCLUSIVE WINE AND FOOD TOURS\* IN THE "NEW CHIANTI AREA"  
THE AUTHENTIC TUSCANY AREA BETWEEN PISA, SAN GIMIGNANO, VINCI AND VOLTERRA**

**PRIVATE COOKING CLASSES** in several cooking venues  
3 hours + time for the meal, self-drive.

One of the most interesting and fascinating experiences in Tuscany is taking part in a cooking class. Tuscan cuisine is based on simple but tasty recipes belonging to rooted traditions and coming from wise farming. Arianna & Friends gives you the opportunity to discover all the secrets of Tuscan food in our interesting cooking classes. Our cooks are local people preparing the same meals that Tuscans eat at home, using the same fresh and genuine ingredients with the help of very useful tricks. The class starts with aprons, hats, and the special tool "mezzaluna"! You'll get a nice hand-made booklet with the printed menu and with some empty pages where to take notes. This will be your personal Tuscan cook-book, where you can add also some pictures of the preparation of the dishes, once at home. The duration of the class ranges up to 3 hours according to your needs before you sit at a table and enjoy all the delicacies you have prepared. The preparation of your dinner or lunch includes a couple of starters, two main courses (primo and secondo according to the Italian tradition) and a dessert. Upon request we can focus the class on several themes: pasta sauces, fish, vegetarian dishes, pastry and desserts etc.. During your meal, fitting local red or white wines will be served as well. There will be a friendly and helpful assistant. One of the best location for the cooking class is in the historical centre of Lajatico, birthplace of Andrea Bocelli. Here the cook Licia puts at your disposal her kitchen and house to prepare and authentic and genuine Tuscan menu.



Rates include: cook, English speaking assistant, food, wines, aperitif, served dinner, recipe booklet.

<b>Official Rating 2010</b>			
	A	B	C
2 adults	150	160	170
4 adults	85	95	105
6 adults	75	80	85
8 adults	60	65	70
<b>Extras</b>			
Visit to a local street market with the guide	€ 80 for 2-8 people		
Lunch/dinner	included		
Kids 4-12 y.o.	€ 30 each		



**A = the course is held in the private kitchen of the villa/ apartment where guests stay**  
**B = the course is held at Licia's Kitchen in Lajatico**  
**C = the course is held at the restaurant of the farm house/agriturismo, where guests stay or at a new location where we bring them**

## OLIVE OIL AND CHEESE TOUR near Volterra

4/5 hours, self-drive.

An original idea while staying in Tuscany is visiting a local farm specialized in the production of fully organic cheese, from fresh ricotta to ripened pecorino. The farm is located near the Etruscan town Volterra, on the top of a hill, surrounded by a unique landscape. The guide will take you directly in the workroom during the production of cheese. The production may vary according to the season. You will visit the barn where the sheep and also the pigs have lodging. In the end you will enjoy a genuine light lunch by tasting different kinds of cheese together with local hams, different kinds of salami, home-made honey and wine.

A very important part of the overall Tuscan agricultural production is olive oil. Thanks to the patient care to the trees and the groves, the result of the olive pressing is an unrepeatable oil that you can taste during a visit to a mill. While visiting, the guide helps you discover all the phases of the olive pressing process and the secrets for a good extra virgin olive oil. Eventually you will have the chance to taste and compare different types of olive oil of local production. The olive oil tasting is accompanied by some local olive-oil-based delicatessen and good wines.

Rates include: tour guide, guided visit to the olive mill and tasting, guided visit to the cheese factory and tasting + lunch.



<b>Official Rating 2010</b>	
2 adults	€ 140 per person
4 adults	€ 90 per person
6 adults	€ 75 per person
10 adults	€ 55 per person
16 adults	€ 45 per person
<b>Extras</b>	
2 hour guided visit to Volterra	€ 140 Euro for up to 20 people
Lunch	included
Kids 4-12 y.o.	€ 18 each for the tour



## PASTA AND CASTLE TOUR in Lari

3 hours, self-drive.

Even if it is not famous on a large scale yet, the handcrafted production of pasta is also something Tuscany can be proud of. Your personal tour leader brings you to discover the stages of pasta production in a small family run factory, highlighting all the differences between handicraft and industrial pasta making.

The small family run-pasta factory you visit exports its production in all the world and you will understand why the Italians love this food so much. The factory is located in a small medieval village called Lari, where you will also visit the medieval castle of the Vicars dating back to the XIV Century with its gloomy dungeons. You will learn about the history of the region and its castles at times of war and you will hear fascinating legends and ghost stories. After the visit you are invited to taste a local cherry liquor, typical produce of the small village. The place is particularly scenic since the view covers the whole lower Arno valley, with a unique sight over Pisa.

Rates include: tour guide, guided visit to the castle, to the pasta factory,



tasting of cherry liquor.

<b>Official Rating 2010</b>	
2 adults	€ 90 per person
4 adults	€ 55 per person
6 adults	€ 40 per person
10 adults	€ 30 per person
16 adults	€ 25 per person
<b>Extras</b>	
Lunch at the Enoteca in the village	€ 20 per person
Kids 4-12 y.o.	€ 8 each for the tour € 12 each for the lunch



### **TRUFFLE HUNTING AND TASTING** near San Miniato

3 hours, self-drive.

The real treasure of the Tuscan underground is the typical white truffle that grows in the region together with the black truffle. Every year the town San Miniato celebrates a national festival where people can taste a lot of truffle-based products as well as some fresh truffles.

We organize half-day truffle hunting tours joined with a truffle tasting in one of the most famous local truffle shops of Tuscany. It is an unrepeatable experience both for your nose and your mouth!

The guide meets you together with a local truffle hunter and brings you through the woods of the Pisan hills for a truffle hunting of 2 hours together with a very well trained dog! After the hunting a tasting of truffle oil, truffle paste and truffle-based products is arranged in the local truffle shop.

It will be your unforgettable memory of Tuscany!

Rates include: tour guide, guided truffle hunt and truffle tasting



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2 adults	€ 120 per person
4 adults	€ 80 per person
6 adults	€ 60 per person
10 adults	€ 45 per person
16 adults	€ 40 per person
<b>Extras</b>	
Wine tasting and buffet lunch at the biodynamic winery with guide	€ 45 per person (in case of 2 people) € 35 per person (in case of 4 or more people)
Kids 4-12 y.o.	€ 15 each for the tour € 15 each for the lunch



## WINE TOUR in Terricciola

5 hours, Self drive.

The wine tour includes the visit to two of the most important wineries of the Valdera area, on the Pisan hills near the Etruscan town of Volterra, in the countryside of Terricciola , “town of wine”. The visits to the cellars are combined with the visit to an historical complex to learn also some history and culture related to the wine estates.

The first step of the tour is the visit to the old elegant and romantic monastery and its antique church dating back to the XII century.

The monastery belonged to the Camaldolesi religious order and today it is used to celebrate weddings and ceremonies.

The tour goes further by visiting the modern cellars of the property, in which the winemakers are adopting the most high-tech advanced equipments combined with the knowledge of the past times in order to get high quality wines responding to the current market needs. Here you will taste all four excellent white and red wines (Chianti and Igt/Supertuscans) together with some cheese and local sausages.

The second winery is a very exclusive one: they produce only top red wines, that are often awarded the best positions of prestigious wine review magazines. Here you will learn a different approach to the art of wine making and taste the wines with some other local specialties after a brief walk in the vineyards.

Extra: a Lunch/Dinner at an Enoteca in the historical centre of Terricciola with some home-made pasta, grilled meat and dessert.

Rates include: tour guide, guided visit to two wineries, to the old monastery and wine tasting



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2 adults		€ 130 per person
4 adults		€ 90 per person
6 adults		€ 80 per person
10 adults		€ 70 per person
16 adults		€ 65 per person
<b>Extras</b>		
Lunch/Dinner	in	€ 30 per person
Terricciola		
Kids 4-12 y.o.		€ 15 each for the tour € 18 each for the lunch
Only one winery, 2-2,5 hour tour		Discount € 20 per adult Children pay just €10 euro for the tour



## WINE TOUR, near San Miniato

3 hours, Self drive.

This is a very interesting wine tour in the area of San Miniato, the magical town of truffles. The property we are visiting has got a fascinating history: for many years it used to belong to a branch the family of Napoleon Bonaparte who lived in the main villa and produced wines.

Nowadays the estate belongs to a respectable family that produces excellent white and red wines using biodynamic techniques. After a brief introduction about the villa, the visit to its ancient chapel and the elegant garden, a walk in the vineyards is a must to understand the value of this kind particular of production.



The wine producer will guide you also in to the wine cellars and to the barrique room to learn about the different stages of wine making. Eventually you'll enjoy a delicious light lunch of typical produce and the tasting of all the wines of the farm. The lunch will be served, if weather permits, on a romantic terrace overlooking the hills and the vineyards all around.

<b>Official Rating 2010</b>	
2 adults	€ 120 per person
4 adults	€ 80 per person
6 adults	€ 65 per person
10 adults	€ 55 per person
16 adults	€ 50 per person
<b>Extras</b>	
Lunch	included
Kids 4-12 y.o.	€ 18 each



## **CHOCOLATE TOUR, near Pisa**

**for groups 3 hours**

The newest jewel among local produce of Tuscany is chocolate. Tuscan chocolate makers got the best producers in Italy over the last ten years and right in the areas of our activity you will visit a famous chocolate factory that combines the traditional way of chocolate making to the creativity and artistic touch. The owner together with your guide will show you the working rooms, where the cocoa is turned into fine chocolate creations, combined with other interesting flavors and ingredients. You'll discover the origins and the secrets of the different cocoa blends and you'll taste the delicious chocolate creations . it starts with an interesting introduction to the world of cocoa and goes on with an analysis of the manufacturing process that transforms the cocoa beans into the refined chocolate bars. The tour ends with the tasting of 10 different kinds of chocolate.

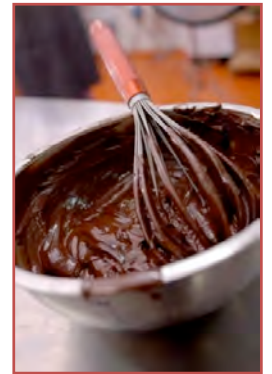


<b>Official Rating 2010</b>	
10 adults	€ 40 per person
20-30 adults	€ 35 per person
<b>Extras</b>	
Lunch in a typical restaurant	€ 35 per person
Kids 4-12 y.o.	€ 15 each for the tour € 18 each for the lunch

## CHOCOLATE HANDS-ON CLASS, near San Miniato

3 hours

This is an unforgettable hands-on experience for chocolate lovers! Together with the chocolate maitre of a small chocolate factory located near San Miniato, you'll learn how to produce exquisite chocolate creations. You'll understand the difference among the several cocoas and the use of the cocoa mass and cocoa butter to make chocolate bars, eggs, and other sweets. This is an amazing hands-on experience especially for children. During this interesting activity you'll also taste some of the chocolates made at the factory mixed with other products such as fruit, creams, nuts.



<b>Official Rating 2010</b>	
4 adults	€ 80 person
6 – 8 adults	€ 60 person
<b>Extras</b>	
Lunch in a typical restaurant	€ 30 per person
Kids 4-12 y.o.	€ 30 each for the tour € 18 each for the lunch

## BIKE TOUR , in several areas

Our excursions are led by an English speaking professional biking guides, that arrange also bike rental for the day.

Many routes are available according to different levels of difficulty (but not for beginners), around the hills of Pisa, near Casciana Terme, Chianni, Lajatico and Volterra. The landscape is mostly hilly, but there are some forests and woods, wells, ruins and ancient villages to admire. The view is amazing!

The bike tour lasts about 3 hours and on request it can end with a stop at a farm house where to taste the Tuscan traditional food.

Rates include: professional guides (depending on how many people are in the group), bike rental, assistance.



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2 adults	€ 90 per person
4 adults	€ 65 per person
6 adults	€ 55 per person
From 10 adults	€ 45 per person
<b>Extras</b>	
Lunch at a farm house or typical restaurant	€ 25-30 per person

## Offer trekking , Montecatini Val di Cecina

Meeting with the tour guide and visit to Montecatini Valdicecina, a medieval village of stone houses and fascinating little squares adorned with wells and picturesque corners. From here the excursion goes on into the woods around the village.

A walk to discover the local vegetation and fauna. A short visit to the former copper mine just outside of the village is a also very interesting.



Nowadays the mine is a museum with old mining machinery and a fantastic panorama. In the end of the excursion the group can enjoy a lunch based on typical local products in one of the best traditional restaurants of the area.

<b>Official Rating 2010</b>	
10 adults	€ 28 per person
20-30 adults	€ 23 per person
<b>Extras</b>	
Lunch in a typical restaurant	€ 25-35 per person
Kids 4-12 y.o.	€ 10 each for the tour € 15 each for the lunch

## Further tours and activities

### Sightseeing

We offer very special guided tour to at cities such as Pisa, Florence, Vinci, Lucca, Volterra that focus on a specific theme.

This is a better way to enjoy the town and to find it more interesting than ever.

- 3 hour Romantic guided visit to Pisa at dusk with ticket to the cathedral and aperitif included.

<b>Official Rating 2010</b>	
2 adults	€ 80 per person
4 adults	€ 45 per person
6 adults	€ 35 per person
From 10 adults	€ 25 per person

The guide meets the guests at an agreed point.

- 3 hour Guided tour to Florence focused on handcrafts (leather, paper, shoe) and visit to Ferragamo museum.

<b>Official Rating 2010</b>	
2 adults	€ 80 per person
4 adults	€ 40 per person
6 adults	€ 30 per person
From 10 adults	€ 18 per person

- 3 hour Guided visit to the village Vinci and to the Museum collecting Leonardo's inventions and drawings.

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2 adults	€ 80 per person
4 adults	€ 45 per person
6 adults	€ 35 per person
From 10 adults	€ 25 per person

- 3 hour Guided visit to Lucca and pastry tasting at a local café.

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2 adults	€ 80 per person
4 adults	€ 45 per person
6 adults	€ 35 per person
From 10 adults	€ 25 per person

- 3 hour Guided visit to Volterra with visit to an alabaster museum and the Etruscan museum.

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2 adults	€ 80 per person
4 adults	€ 45 per person
6 adults	€ 35 per person
From 10 adults	€ 25 per person

### Classes

- **Painting and decoupage classes** with a local artist. Possible in the indoor or outdoor spaces at the accommodation place or in the historical centre of a town or a medieval village.

It lasts around 3 hours and there will be the artist and an interpreter at your disposal. At the end of the course guests are able to take home their "works of art".

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2 adults	€ 130 per person	
4 adults	€ 80 per person	
6 adults	€ 65 per person	
Extra: if the location is in Siena area, North Lucca area, Chianti area, pls consider a 30 Euro surcharge for transfer costs.		

- **Italian language classes.** The teacher comes to the guests' accommodation stay and he teaches Italian language in a very familiar and friendly and professional way. Minimum required: 2 hour lessons. Paper materials are provided. Some of the classes can be organized outdoor visiting with the teacher a medieval town, a local street market, a wine cellar etc..or also during a cooking class. Our Italian language classes are a mixture of learning and having fun!

<b>Official Rating 2010</b>		
2 adults	€ 18 per person per hour	
4 adults	€ 10 per person per hour	
6 adults	€ 7 per person per hour	
Extra: if the location is in Siena area, North Lucca area, Chianti area, pls consider a 30 Euro surcharge for transfer costs.		

- **Horse riding.**

Possible in two riding rounds: Lari and near Volterra, rate 20 Euro per person per hour. Excursions and lesson. In Lari also 8 y.o. children are allowed, in Volterra minimum age 12 y.o.