

Tuscan Treasures

May 5 ~ 12, 2012



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 in May, 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

Saturday - Arrival

Mid-afternoon transfers from Florence by private coach to Tenuta la Bandita

Evening cocktail reception and dinner at the villa



Day 1 -

The food & wine of the Alta Maremma

AM Cooking Class (includes lunch & wine tasting)
Gastronomic Food & Wine Tasting at Tenuta la Bandita

Day 2 -

The food & wine of the Etruscan Coast

AM Cooking Class (includes lunch)
Afternoon visit to wine producer Argenteria
Dinner at Ristorante Bagatelle





Day 3 - The food & wine of Bolgheri

Morning Visit to Cecina Market
Wine tasting and Lunch at Tenuta dell'Ornellaia
Wine tasting and Dinner at La Bulichella



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

AM Cooking Class (includes lunch)
Afternoon visit to city of Volterra
Dinner at organic artisan cheese producer
Azienda Agricola Lischeto

Day 5 - The food & wine of Lucca and Castagnetto Carducci

Day trip to the Tuscan town of Lucca
Tour of the famous renaissance Villa Torrigiani and gardens
Lunch at Fattoria Maionchi to enjoy their DOC Colline Lucchesi wine, home made biscotti and Vin Santo
Free time to shop in the city of Lucca
Pizza dinner in the ancient town of Castagneto Carducci

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

AM Cooking Class (includes lunch)
Late afternoon visit to Suvereto,
visit Petra to taste their DOC Val di Cornia wines
Final dinner and wine tasting at Gualdo del Re

Saturday - Departure

AM departure from Tenuta la Bandita to Florence



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\$4,450.00 per person/double occupancy

\$4,150.00 per non-participating companion

(includes all meals and activities; excludes cooking classes)

\$650.00 single supplement

Airfare is not included.

Price Includes: Seven nights accommodations. All Rooms have two twins or one double bed, 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: telephone calls, items from mini-bar, laundry etc..

Terms and Conditions: A \$600.00 per person non refundable deposit required at time of booking. Final payment is due sixty-five (65) days prior to commencement of program. There is a \$300.00 penalty charge for cancellation sixty (60) days or more prior to departure; \$600.00 penalty for cancellation made fifty-nine (59) to thirty (30) days prior to departure. After that, any cancellation will result in the loss of all money received. There is no refund for leaving the program early or arriving late. La Villa Cucina reserves the right to cancel the tour sixty (60) days prior to start. Due to demand for space, early registration is encouraged. ***Before purchasing airline tickets, please wait for confirmation of program!***

Insurance: *Trip cancellation insurance is recommended and insurance coverage in case of medical emergency or loss of personal property.*(www.travelguard.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, mountain 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 situation that occurs 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 partial changes to the 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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(This program is also available on request for groups of 8 or more)

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

E-mail: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

DAYTIME PHONE: _____

EVENING PHONE: _____ FAX: _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

E-mail: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

DAYTIME PHONE: _____

EVENING PHONE: _____ FAX: _____

WHO TO CONTACT IN CASE OF EMERGENCY:

NAME: _____ DAYTIME PHONE: _____

EVENING PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE: _____

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

Please sign waiver and send completed form with your deposit of \$600.00 per guest to:

La Villa Cucina
14 Wilson Avenue
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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