

Scents and Flavours

Gourmet tours in Italy



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offers you a choice of scheduled and customized gourmet food and wine activities throughout Italy. These travel experiences allow the opportunity to discover, share, and appreciate the diverse tastes of all the places you visit. If you are a lover of good food & wine don't miss our :

- Gastronomic experiences & tours
- Wine tours & tastings
- Cooking vacations & lessons
- One-day excursions
- Olive oil and other local products tastings
- Visits to producers

In Sicily the art of cooking melting pot

In Emilia Romagna, Parma and Bologna the hearth of Italy

In Abruzzo a new discovery

our activities have been designed for you for high quality food and wine tourism.

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Scents and Flavours of Sicily



A country is its history, architecture, monuments and folklore - but it is also defined by its scents and flavours. For this reason we thought of offering a chance to discover Sicily through the sense of taste as well. The different dominating powers that reigned over Sicily – from the ancient Greeks to the Arabs, Normans and Spanish – left the Sicilian people with a number of traditions in agriculture, gastronomy and hospitality. Visitors of Sicily have always appreciated our food and wine. To combine cultural visits and tasting is perhaps the best way to receive a complete and true picture of Sicily.

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GRAND TOUR OF SICILIAN FLAVOURS



Program

1st day: Catania/Cyclops coast

Arrival at Catania airport and meeting with our assistant and transfer to the hotel. Afternoon panoramic tour of the Cyclops coast: the picturesque fishing village of Acitrezza, the Castle of Acicastello. **Gourmet dinner**. Overnight.

2nd day: Catania/Taormina

Morning visit to downtown Catania: the Greek-Roman Amphitheatre, the Norman "Castello Ursino" of Federico II, the baroque Piazza Duomo, the picturesque open air fishing market. Visit and have **aperitif at a private Baroque Palace**. Continue to Taormina to visit the enchanting Greek Theatre and the main street. Dinner at hotel with **typical East-Sicilian menu**. Overnight.

3rd day: Etna

Departure for Mount Etna. Exciting walk by foot around the extinct craters "Silvestri" (2000 mt) then visit to a **prestigious wine-maker producing some of the best D.O.C. wines of Etna**. Guided visit of the cellars, wine tasting and lunch. On the way back to the hotel, visit a **honey factory** with tasting of a variety of Etna honey. Evening at leisure. Overnight.

4th day: Nebrodi Park

Early departure for the Tyrrherian coast. On the way, stop to visit the ancient Nelson's Castle in Maniace. Then, visit of a **cheese factory** with chance to assist with making "**ricotta cheese**" and **taste** some local products. Continue to Cefalù and accommodation at hotel. Dinner and overnight.

5th day: Madonie Park/Cefalù

The whole day will be spent visiting this area: the ancient historical centre of Castelbuono (the Castle of the Spanish Vicerè Ventimiglia, the main church hosting a famous sculpture of the artist Gagini...) and Cefalù with its beautiful Norman Cathedral. **Lunch** will be at a **typical restaurant** with menu based on the mountain Madonie Park. Afternoon transfer to Palermo and accommodation at hotel. Overnight.

6th day: Palermo/Monreale

Morning visit of Palermo: the Norman Palace of Ruggero II and the Palatine Chapel, the Cathedral, the Arab-Norman Martorana church, the Opera house, the Cathedral of Monreale with its golden mosaics and the Benedictine Cloister. Visit and **lunch at a wine museum**, located in the centre. Overnight

7th day: Segesta/Erice

Departure for the Trapani area. On the way visit of Segesta. Wine-tasting and Arabian lunch at a **prestigious wine-maker in Marsala**. Accommodation at hotel. Afternoon visit of the little medieval town of Erice. Overnight

8th day: Marsala

Morning visit of the enchanting salt works in Marsala, with opportunity of boat excursion to the Phoenician Islands of Mozia to visit the archaeological area. **Dinner and oil tasting** at an ancient farmhouse producing a first class olive oil. Overnight

9th day: Agrigento

Departure for Agrigento and visit of the Valley of the Temples Accommodation at hotel. **Dinner at a gourmet restaurant**. Overnight

10th day: Ragusa

Breakfast. Departure for Ragusa area to visit some of the most important Baroque centres in Sicily (recently declared a World Heritage by UNESCO).

Wine tasting and lunch at a cellar producing the famous D.O.C. wine "Cerasuolo". Accommodation at hotel in Syracuse. Overnight

11th day: Siracusa

Full day visit of Syracuse: the Archaeological Park of Neapolis (Greek Theatre, Roman Amphitheatre, Latomies, Jarone II's Altar, Ear of Dioniso) and the city-island of Ortygia. **Farewell dinner at a gourmet restaurant**. Overnight

12th day: Departure

Breakfast. Transfer to Catania airport and departure.

Prices on request

This tour can be done in different ways, with shorter and larger programmes – full board conditions – cooking lessons specialised in Sicilian cooking and/or typical food available along the way:

- all itinerary and 12 day program
- from Catania to Palermo 7 days program
- from Palermo to Catania 7 day program

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GRAND "gourmand" TOUR OF SICILY



1st day: hotel hb+restaurant dinner

Arrival at Palermo Airport and meeting with private driver guide (minibus/car). Time at leisure for a walk in the main streets of Palermo, shopping or rest at hotel. Dinner at hotel with typical dishes of the Palermo area. Accommodation at hotel.

2nd day: fb restaurants

Visit of the famous food and fish market, Mercato del Capo. Guided visit of Palermo (Opera House and Cathedral) + Monreale the Cathedral and the Benediction cloister. Lunch at Antica Focacceria (taste of spincioni, arancine, typical pane ca meusa.) Time at leisure. Dinner at Trattoria Casa del Brodo, frequented by locals. Return to hotel.

3rd day: fb lesson+pizza party

Departure for Cefalù, a charming town on the coast of the Madonie Mountains. Visit the Cathedral. Proceed to a small village in the Madonie Mountains and meet with a famous chef in his small and well known restaurant. Stop at typical salumeria (deli) and learn about the ways of preparing salami with protected black pork of Madonie. This area is also famous for the Manna

- a particular and unique three resins used to make cake and panettoni frosting. Hands-on cooking class followed by lunch. Proceed to Palermo and accommodation at hotel. Pizza party (tasting of different kinds of pizza made with Sicilian ingredients).

4th day fb restaurant+hotel

Departure for Segesta and short visit of Temple. Proceed to Erice with a stop at Pasticceria Grammatico (pastry shop) for tasting of typical almond biscuits and cakes. Proceed to Marsala and visit of the salt pans and wind mills. Typical lunch in a well known trattoria The menu includes its famous couscous. On the way, the guide will stop at a famous Panificio (bread shop) where you can learn how the bread is prepared - which the Europe Community has elevated as protected bread. Accommodation at Selinunte (hotel). Dinner at hotel/farmhouse

5th day fb lunch+light dinner

Visit of a winery in the area of Marsala and wine tasting. Proceed to a famous oil factory (the one that provides oil to the White House) and oil tasting. Lunch on the seaside or surrounding area (fresh grilled fish, sardines, sausage, caponata, olives, dried Sicilian tomatoes, black bread). Accommodation at Selinunte hotel or farmhouse. Visit Selinunte Temples and acropolis facing the coast. In the evening we will bake bread and cook pizza. Short lesson on how to make homemade pasta. Light dinner. Time at leisure to walk on the coast and have an ice cream on your own. Accommodation at Selinunte (hotel).

6th day fb lesson+dinner at farmhouse

Departure from Selinunte and stop in a typical Sicilian village. Meet a famous chef, who is the recipient of many prestigious international awards, at restaurant. Pick tomatoes and basil in

the garden while the chef explains the way Sicilians prepare them. Hands-on private cooking lesson with a special focus on the traditional food of the area Lunch. Visit of Agrigento Valley of Temples. Accommodation at Ragusa or nearby farmhouse. Dinner and overnight.

7th day: hb dinner

Visit of Ragusa and Modica. Stop to have a tasting of 8 different Sicilian cheeses (pecorino, caciocavallo, vastedda, tuma persa, ricotta). Proceed to Modica where you can taste and learn the way of preparing the famous chocolate of Modica and pasta di mandorla (almond pasta made as the Atzechi used to do), and tasting of biscuits made with carrubo flour. Lunch on your own. Accommodation at Ragusa. Dinner with typical food at farmhouse.

8th day hb lunch

Departure for Catania and visit of the famous fish market and the city. Proceed to the fishing village of Acitrezza. Lunch at typical fish restaurant in Acitrezza. Short visit of Etna Mountain in the afternoon. Dinner on your own Overnight in Catania hotel.

9th day fb lesson + farewell dinner

Breakfast. Departure for a little village at the foot of Etna. Cooking class in a private villa. The lesson will be based on the Sicilians ancient way of cooking, it is a hands-on lesson. At the end you will be able to prepare the most famous Sicilian ricotta cake - the "Cassata". The visit of Taormina will be done either in the morning before the cooking class or in the afternoon. Time at leisure. Accommodation at Catania. Dinner at hotel or Farewell Dinner at restaurant.

10th day

Departure transfer after breakfast.

Prices on request

ITALY HEARTH - EMILIA ROMAGNA



PARMA LA COLOSA . . . A GOURMET TOUR IN THE GOURMAND CITY OF EXCELLENCE

3 days, 2 nights wine & food tour

From **\$ 439** per person in double

Daily Departure

Discover Parma, famous for many gastronomic delights, and its surroundings.

This package represents an ideal extension and a very exclusive proposal for the ones who want to discover Italian gourmet delights and taste gastronomic specialties. Pick up your car in Milan, Venice, Bologna, Florence or Rome (depending on your arrival flight or on your previous itinerary) to reach the beautiful Parma and the 4* hotel Palace Maria Luigia where you will receive maps with a recommended itinerary and other basic materials to go around by yourselves. Extend your stay with our Gastronomic proposal including 2 night accommodation at 4* hotel, two typical dinners and 3-day car rental and you will discover the exclusive taste of Italian cuisine and culture!

Program

Day 1 : Independent arrival at hotel. *Welcome drink with Malvasia wine and Parmesan cheese*
Visit historical centre of PARMA Typical dinner at Maxim's restaurant of the hotel and overnight

Day 2 :Breakfast in hotel. Take your car and visit:

SORAGNA: the Parmesan Cheese Museum

FONTANELLATO: the castle of Fontanellato to admire frescoes by Francesco Mazzola called "Parmigianino."

ZIBELLO: a Culatello (ham) cellars with tasting
Return to hotel and enjoy your gourmet dinner with fish menu. Overnight.

Day 3: Breakfast in hotel. Today you will visit: a Prosciutto (ham) factory with a tasting of typical products, a renowned winery with lunch with "pinacoteca del gusto" menu. In the afternoon depart for MODENA to visit a vinegar factory, then to MARANELLO: Visit of the Ferrari Museum.
End of tour



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Program includes:

- 2 overnights at the PALACE MARIALUIGIA-4* S hotel in Parma
- 2 dinners at the hotel gourmet restaurant
- Buffet breakfast **daily**
- 3 days car rental
- Service charges and taxes included

all entrance and extra fees must be paid on the spot

Price pr person :

\$439 July 1-Sept 11 & Nov 1- 15

\$495 April 1-June 30 & Sept 12-Oct 31

PARMA: CASTLES, MUSIC AND TASTING

3 days fully escorted luxury tour

Program

Day 1

In the morning, we will visit the medieval part of Parma town-centre: Cathedral, "Battistero", ancient churches and Garibaldi Square. **Lunch will be served at a typical restaurant in town.** In the early afternoon we will leave to the magnificent Torrechiara castle, standing in the beautiful Langhirano hills landscape. After the visit, we will **discover a cellar producing the local Vino dei Colli di Parma (Parma Hills Wine)** which will be also offered to the participants.

Finally we will **visit a Parma Ham producer** climbing some hills in the surroundings: after discovering the different steps of this typical production, we will have **dinner with the ham itself** and purchase it, if requested.

Day 2

The tour begins with the early morning visit to a **traditional Parmesan cheese factory**, where all production steps will be shown before having the chance of **tasting** and purchasing the cheese itself. Then we will reach the wonderful Fontanellato castle which contains a famous fresco by the great Parmigianino, a real artistic jewel. **Lunch will be served at a typical restaurant** before leaving for a local **producer of the famous Culatello di Zibello and other local cured meat delicatessen.**

The afternoon will end in Busseto surroundings where we will have dinner at a

typical "trattoria" after visiting Giuseppe Verdi's places.

Day 3

The morning will be spent completing the visit in Parma centre: National Gallery, Farnese Theatre, Ducal Palace and Park. After **lunch (served at a Restaurant in the town-centre)** we will leave to Colorno, where we will visit the magnificent Palace owned by Parma Dukes and restored in the XVIII century following the French court style both in the palace and in the park.

End of tour

(in Friday – out Sunday)



Program includes:

- 2 overnights at the PALACE MARIALUIGIA-
- 4* S hotel in Parma
- lunches, dinners & tasting as per program
- sightseeings and visits as per program
- Buffet breakfast **daily**
- English speaking professional guide +gourmet escort+all entrance fees
- 3 days car rental or private minibus
- Service charges and taxes included

Price per person :

2 passengers:	from \$1509
3 /4 "	from \$1290
5 "	from \$1245
6 "	from \$1079

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PARMA, FIDENZA AND PIER MARIA ROSSI'S CASTLES

3 days fully escorted luxury tour

Program

Day 1

In the morning, we will visit a part of Parma town-centre: National Gallery, Farnese Theatre, Ducal Palace and Park.

Lunch will be served at a typical restaurant in town. In the early afternoon we will leave to the magnificent Torrechiara castle (the first Pier Maria Rossi's castle), standing in the beautiful Langhirano hills landscape. After the visit, we will discover a cellar producing the local **Vino dei Colli di Parma** (Parma Hills Wine) which will be also offered to the participants. Finally we will visit a **Parma Ham producer** climbing some hills in the surroundings: after discovering the different steps of this typical production, we will have dinner with the ham itself and purchase it, if requested.

Day 2

The tour begins with the early morning visit to a **traditional Parmesan cheese factory**, where all production steps will be shown before having the **chance of tasting** and purchasing the cheese itself. Then we will reach San Secondo where the second Pier Maria Rossi's castle can be visited.

Lunch will be served at a typical restaurant in the surroundings after a **short wine tasting** at a cellar producing the typical Parma plain area sparkling sweet wine (Fortana del Taro). In the afternoon we

will complete the visit in Parma centre (Cathedral, "Battistero", ancient churches and Garibaldi Square), where we will also have **dinner at a restaurant**.

Day 3

In the morning we will reach and visit the third Pier Maria Rossi's Castle, called Roccabianca, before leaving for a **local producer of the famous Culatello di Zibello** and other local cured meat delicatessen where a **tasting lunch** will be served.

In the afternoon we will leave to the beautiful town of Fidenza, where we will visit the ancient town-centre.

End of tour

(in Friday – out Sunday)



Program includes:

- 2 overnights at the PALACE MARIALUIGIA-
- 4* S hotel in Parma
- lunches, dinners & tasting as per program
- sightseeing and visits as per program
- Buffet breakfast **daily**
- English speaking professional guide +gourmet escort+all entrance fees
- 3 days car rental or private minibus
- Service charges and taxes included

Price per person :

2 passengers:	from \$1485
3 /4 "	from \$1269
5 "	from \$1219
6 "	from \$1059

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PARMA AND ITS DELICIOUS HILLS

3 days fully escorted luxury tour

Program

Day 1

In the morning, we will visit a part of Parma town-centre: National Gallery, Farnese Theatre, Ducal Palace and Park.

Lunch will be served at a typical restaurant in town.

In the early afternoon we will leave to the magnificent Torrechiara castle, standing in the beautiful Langhirano hills landscape. After the visit, we will discover a cellar producing the local **Vino dei Colli di Parma (Parma Hills Wine)** which will be also offered to the participants.

Finally we will visit a **Parma Ham producer** climbing some hills in the surroundings: after discovering the different steps of this typical production, we will **have dinner with the ham itself** and purchase it, if requested.

Day 2

The tour begins with the early morning visit to a **traditional Parmesan cheese factory**, where all production steps will be shown and clearly explained before having the chance of seeing the production stables and purchasing the cheese. **A tasting lunch** will be served at the factory itself.

After lunch we will take our way climbing the surrounding hills with some sightseeing breaks (Viazzano village, Varano castle) in

order to reach the beautiful village of Bardi and its huge mountain castle. After the visit we will come back and have **dinner** at a restaurant near the hotel.

Day 3

In the morning we will reach and visit Sala Baganza, its castle owned by some important Parma families, and the Boschi di Carrega park. **Lunch** will be served at a restaurant among the hills.

In the afternoon we will complete the visit in Parma centre: Cathedral, "Battistero", ancient churches and Garibaldi Square



Program includes:

- 2 overnights at the PALACE MARIALUIGIA-
- 4* S hotel in Parma
- lunches, dinners & tasting as per program
- sightseeings and visits as per program
- Buffet breakfast daily
- English speaking professional guide +gourmet escort+all entrance fees
- 3 days car rental or private minibus
- Service charges and taxes included

Price per person :

2 passengers:	from \$1419
3 /4 "	from \$1199
5 "	from \$1155
6 "	from \$993

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FULL DAY GUIDED TOURS

A short fully escorted tour full of delicatessen

AMONG THE PARMA HILLS

We will leave in the early morning to reach a typical cheese factory, where we will be shown how **Parmigiano-Reggiano** is born and given the **chance of tasting** it. Otherwise, we will go directly to the magnificent Torrechiara castle, standing in the beautiful Langhirano hills landscape. After the visit, we will discover a **cellar** producing the local **Vino dei Colli di Parma** (Parma Hills Wine) where a **delicious tasting lunch** will be served to the participants. Typical products and wine shopping will also be possible.

After lunch, those who began their tour directly from Torrechiara will go down to Langhirano and visit the **Parma Ham** Museum, discovering the different steps of this typical production. If available, instead of the Museum we will go and visit directly a **Parma Ham** producer.

Price per person :

2 passengers:	from \$ 668
3 /4 "	from \$ 440
5 "	from \$405
6 "	from \$355
7 "	from \$335
8 "	from \$298
9/10 "	from \$285



PARMA PLAIN AREA TREASURES

The tour begins with the early morning visit to a traditional **Parmesan cheese factory**, where all production steps will be shown and clearly explained before having the chance of tasting and purchasing the cheese itself.

Then we will reach the wonderful Fontanellato castle which contains a famous fresco by the great Parmigianino, a real artistic jewel

Lunch will be served at a typical restaurant before leaving for a local producer of the famous **Culatello di Zibello** and other local cured meat delicatessen.

Both **tasting** and shopping will be possible.



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HALF DAY GUIDED TOURS

Two short ideas to discover the most beautiful places and most delightful products around Parma area...
..we will pick you up from your hotel with a private limousine or minibus and our English speaking guide and professional gourmet escort will take you to discover the country and to taste its flavours.

PARMA HILLS

9.00 am: Departure from the hotel
9.30 am :Torrechiara castle
10.45am: wine tastino in a cellar
in Torrechiara
11.30am:visit to a local producer of
Prosciutto di Parma
12.30 pm: Tasting
1.30 pm Return to the hotel



FROM CHEESE TO A CASTLE!

7.30 am Departure from the hotel
8.00 am: Visit to Parmigiano-Reggiano
10.00am :Tasting and possible
shopping
11.00am: Fontanellato castle
12.30 pm Return to the hotel



Price per person :

2 passengers:	from \$ 432
3 /4 "	from \$ 281
5 "	from \$255
6 "	from \$216
7 "	from \$199
8 "	from \$169
9/10 "	from \$159



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A TASTE OF ABRUZZO

A new entry on our gourmet destination.. Four days of fully escorted tour

Program

1st Day:

We will reach Loreto Aprutino. Accommodation in the reserved rooms of the Charming 4 stars Resort Chiola Castle. You will visit an oil press where growers use only olives of the environs, and you will have a guided sample of their Aprutino – Pescarese DOP fine oil Protected Denomination Origin. In the evening you will visit a winery in the south part of the Region. Is a new winery which has a spectacular cellar. You will have dinner in the restaurant of the winery. In the late evening coming back in hotel and overnight staying.

2nd Day:

Breakfast in hotel and leaving towards Picciano. You will spend the morning in the kitchens of a popular restaurant for a special cooking class. With the supervision of Abruzzo's expert Women chefs you will prepare Typical Abruzzo's First Courses working with the flour and the eggs to get the home made pasta. You will have lunch there eating what you prepared before.

In the afternoon you will have a guided sample of Abruzzo finest wines in a winery near Loreto Aprutino. Follows dinner in a

restaurant situated in a special location: the Museum of Popular Traditions and Traditional Arts. Coming back to the hotel and overnight staying.

3rd Day:

Breakfast in hotel and leaving towards the Gran Sasso National Park. We will take you to one of the best preserved medieval villages in Abruzzo, Santo Stefano di Sestantio. It is just like a jump in the past! It still has all the features of the Fortified Medieval Castle. It was conquered by the Medici Family from Florence because it was the perfect spot for the trading of wool. It lays just on the Plateau of Campo Imperatore, where thousands of sheep use to spend the summer. This huge plateau is 20 miles long and 8 miles wide. Lunch in an ancient XIVth century Franciscan Monastery converted into Restaurant in Barisciano. In the afternoon coming back to the hotel. Dinner in typical restaurant in the earth of the medieval village of Loreto Aprutino. Overnight staying in hotel.

4th Day:

Breakfast in hotel and departure.

Program includes:

3 overnights at the resort Chiola Castle
lunches, dinners & tasting as per program
sightseeings and visits as per program
Buffet breakfast daily
English speaking professional guide +gourmet
escort+all entrance fees
Transportation by de luxe minibus or coaches
Service charges and taxes included

Price per person :

2 passengers:	from \$1185
4 "	from \$ 995
6 "	from \$ 930

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OUR CHOICE : SEXTANTIO... OLD ITALIAN VILLAGES TRANSFORM INTO HOTELS

The newest and most innovative trend to hit Italian tourism in recent years is the concept of *alberghi diffusi*, or “spread out hotels”. That is to say entire, largely abandoned villages are being transformed into accommodations. In short, the town becomes the hotel as rooms and facilities are distributed throughout the village in beautiful antique and medieval buildings. What exactly comprises an albergo diffuso? Above all, such places are located in historic city centers of artistic interest and not in already established tourist towns. Rooms and facilities are located in separate restored dwellings which honor the authenticity of the original buildings. Such hotels must have at least two common spaces, one indoor and one outdoor, and allocate its guests in buildings not more than 200 meters from each other.



TourCrafters offers this experience in the beautiful region of Abruzzi with the Sextantio Albergo Diffuso located amidst the Apennine Mountains. Situated in a fortified medieval establishment, the village of Santo Stefano di Sessantio is characteristic of this mountainous region famous for its old castles, abbeys, monasteries, churches and fortresses. In order to conserve the original architectural and historical integrity of Sextantio, it has been carefully restored using only original materials and style, while also meeting the most demanding contemporary standards to provide maximum comfort and well-being for its guests . Dining at its restaurant also provides a close glimpse into its culture and traditions through delectable dishes using only locally produce ingredients.

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COOKING CLASSES IN BOLOGNA

La Vecchia Scuola Bolognese – 1 Day Traditional Jewish-Bolognese Cooking Experience

A 4 hour cooking course, lunch, and choice of one of the following activities:

- Private, guided visit of Bologna's Jewish Ghetto and Synagogue.
- Guided visit to the Ducati production factory, museum and shop.
- Private, guided visit of Bologna's historical center.
- Visit to the historical Herbs Market with typical Bolognese flavors.
- Shopping in Bologna's historical center with the assistance of a "personal shopper."

\$195 , per person for groups of 6 or more people

\$279 , per person for groups of less than 6 people



Tamburini's Cooking School

Participants will first assist at the in making *Antica Salsamentaria Bolognese Tamburini* the handmade pasta (tagliatelle and tortellini) and then have the opportunity to make their own!

Handmade Pasta Courses: **\$100** per person

Cook Italy, Market-to-Table, 1 Day Cooking Course

Join Chef Carmelita for a walk through Bologna's lively Medieval Market as you shop for ingredients for your hands-on cooking class. With her, you will learn to make (and eat!) a delicious multi-course meal paired with sommelier selected wines for a unforgettable meal.

The class is held in English and runs from 9am to 3pm. The menu is based on traditional recipes using seasonal and local ingredients. Meals can be easily reproduced at home.

Includes:

- 2 hour market tour,
- food ingredients,
- lunch
- wines to accompany meal,
- tuition and recipe booklet.

\$ 325, per person (max 4 participants).



School of Chocolate Package

Bologna Art Hotels is pleased to present "Chocolate World," an evening of organized teaching and tasting held at Hotel Corona d'Oro.

Put on by Gilberto Mora, director of the Tavoleta di Bologna of the **Compagnia del Cioccolato**, and Giulia Trestini, supervisor of tasting.

Brief introduction on the history of cacao, where it grows and the process it undergoes. Brief synopsis on its origins and discovery and the difference between industrialized and handcrafted chocolate.

Tasting Includes:

1 hot chocolate · 2 milk chocolates · 3 dark chocolates · 3 chocolates with cacao · 3 Flavoured chocolates

Price per person from **\$199**

Includes: one overnight stay at Hotel Corona d'Oro in bed & breakfast
School of chocolate & tasting

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BOLOGNA TORTELLACCI TOUR

2 days cooking tour

For food lovers, a traditional cooking course, held at the famous Vecchia Scuola Bolognese. In just one day, participants will learn how to prepare typical pasta of Bologna (tortellini, tagliatelle, tortelloni, etc).

Program

Day 1

In the morning check in at chosen Art Hotel in Bologna.

Start the visit of the city using **your free bicycles** or take your **sightseeing tour**. Overnight at the hotel

Day 2

After breakfast **4 hour Bolognese Cooking Course** at the Vecchia Scuola Bolognese, one of the most prestigious schools in Bologna (course is offered Monday thru Sunday) . Lunch at the vecchia Scuola. Free time. End of service



Program includes

- 2 night in Classic Double room, buffet breakfast included
- Wireless Internet access
- Four hour Bolognese Cooking Course + lunch at the Vecchia Scuola Bolognese, one of the most prestigious schools in Bologna (course is offered Monday thru Sunday)
- Recipe Booklet, "Cucinare alla Bolognese," by Barbara Bertuzzi
- Guided visit of the city only Sunday
- Morning- Free use of hotel bicycles-
- Service charges and taxes included

Price per person : from \$ 235

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BOLOGNA GOLOSO TOUR

2 days gourmet tour

Bologna is the city of the gourmands where "slow food" always exist... we have chosen for you an..

Art hotel , a wonderful restaurant a tenting patisserie

Service charges and taxes included

Program

Day 1

In the morning check in at chosen Art Hotel in Bologna.

Time at leisure At night dinner at Restaurant Cesari or La Mela for your gourmet menu Annibale Carracci

Overnight at the hotel

Day 2

After breakfast is time to visit the feature Exhibition of the month or one of the Museums with your free ticket. Then enjoy your aperitif at the exclusive "Duca d'Amalfi" world reknowned patisserie End of service

Program includes

- 1 night in Classic Double room
- buffet breakfast
- Aperitif to Duca d'Amalfi
- Free use of hotel bicycles
- Gourmet Dinner at Restaurant Cesari or La Mela
- Free entrance to the Feature Exhibition or to Museums



" Annibale Carracci Menu"

Tortellini" or "Passatelli" in meat stock or " Imperial soup";

Homage to handmade pasta, with a dish of "tagliatelle" with meat sauce or ham, or green lasagna,

Then the meat, with assortment of boiled meats, or Bolognese-style cutlet, or stuffed meat rolls, or steamed meat loaf or assortment of Bolognese-style deep-fried meat

as accompaniment to these dishes, the " friggione" (deep-fried vegetables) or stewed thistles

to finish, rice cake or "zuppa inglese"(trifle).

mineral water

Price per person : from \$ 185

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BOLOGNA'S ANTIQUES MARKET

week end extension

every second Sunday of the month and preceding Saturday
!!special deal when you buy an antique!! Your room is free

Program:

Visit Bologna and its "Antiques market" where it is possible to find many different pieces of furniture, pictures, frames and also small modern art objects. A unique opportunity to buy exclusive objects from Italy!!!



Includes:

1 night accommodation in Classic double room at Bologna Art Hotels
breakfast buffet
free Internet navigation
(wireless connection in all rooms);
free use of the hotel's bicycles



Price per person : from \$145

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General Conditions and Booking Information

The tour participant/s acknowledge receiving, reading and agreeing to the terms and conditions set forth below, covering the tour packages operated by TourCrafters, INC., 28085 N.Ashley Circle, Libertyville, IL 60048, Tel -1-800-621-2259 or 1-800- ITALY-95.

Published rates: The package tours published in this brochure are not offered at net cost. Included in the price are costs of preparation, printing and distribution of folder, communication, administration, operation costs and mark-up. Prices are valid from January-December 2007. Variation might occur due to the devaluation of the US Dollar, and the VAT tax increase. All prices are in US Dollars. PLEASE NOTE, in case of a human or computer billing error, we reserve the right to re-invoice for the correct amount. A full refund will be made to passengers not wishing to pay increases provided that the passenger's written cancellation is received by TourCrafters, Inc. within 5 days after price increase notification.

Charge It: We honor Visa, MasterCard and Discover so you can pay for any of our tours conveniently, provided we have a signed TourCrafters client contract form, validated and signed by the credit card holder. Restrictions may apply.

Brochure Printing Disclaimer: The tour operator is not responsible for any typographical or printer errors.

Insurance: Health, accident, baggage and trip cancellation & interruption insurance is available. Due to our firm cancellation policy we strongly recommend coverage. Included on each invoice is the insurance premium for that specific quote. If passengers do not want this valuable coverage, deduct it from your payment and send signed form of decline. Insurance must be purchased no later than your deposit due date. Insurance premium may change if booking amount changes.

Deposit Payment: \$200 per person for Hotel Packages; \$200 per person for Hosted Packages; \$300 per person for Air & Land Packages; \$300 per person for Escorted tours. Deposit is required within 7 days of initial booking. For booking under \$300 an additional \$30 booking fee will be added. Final payment for land and air arrangements is due 60 days prior to departure. Full payment accompanies all tours booked less than 60 days prior to departure. If final payment is made 14 days prior to departure or less an express fee will be required (current rates apply).

Cancellation and Refunds: A \$200 fee per person will be retained for any cancellation made 60 days prior to departure. Received in writing the following penalties will apply: 60-31 days 30% of booking, minimum \$250 per person; 31-16 days 50% of booking, minimum \$300 p/pax, 15-18 days 100% of booking, minimum \$500 p/pax.

Trip cancellation insurance is available and strongly recommend. All claims for refund have to be presented in writing to TourCrafters, Inc. no later than 3 weeks after the land package.

Reservation Change: \$100 fee per booking will be required for each change made for all programs up to 7 days. Thereafter, no change can be made.

Hotels: TourCrafters reserves the right to provide hotels of similar category to those listed if the circumstance makes it necessary, at no extra cost, or refund to the tour member. Hotel rooms are not available before 12:00 noon. TourCrafters is not responsible for early arrivals. Portage at the hotel is not included in hotel prices.

Claims: Claims have to be submitted in writing no later than 21 days after the return date.

Baggage: Baggage is carried at owner's own risk and insurance is recommended. Free baggage allowance: 2 checked pieces of luggage per person, either piece must not exceed 62 inches with the total dimension not to exceed 45 inches. All the latan carriers, steamship lines, and other transportation companies whose services are featured in these tours are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time the passengers are not on board their conveyance. The passage contract in use by these companies, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the companies and the purchaser of these tours and/or passage.

Documents: Will be sent prior to departure provided full payment has been received. If full payment is received 14 days prior to departure date or less, an express fee will be required (current rates apply).

Air Fares: Any special air fare may be utilized in conjunction with the independent tour featured in this brochure. Please consult your travel agent as we solely use our contract rates.

Holiday and Changes: During local or national holidays abroad, certain facilities such as museums, sightseeing tours and shopping may be limited. In such instances, and whenever possible, slight itinerary adjustments are made by TourCrafters to minimize inconvenience for tour members. If, however, your enjoyment might be diminished by such minor limitations, please check with the Italian Tourist Office before selecting a departure date. Holidays, closings days and other circumstances may change the day of the week for scheduled "dining out", sightseeing and other activities.

Forum Selection Clause: Any litigation concerning the trip, including accommodations or any other services booked through TourCrafters, maybe brought only within the state of Illinois and nowhere else, and Illinois law will be applicable to any and all such litigation.

Not Included in the Tour Price: Local airport taxes, passport and visa fees, laundry, telephone calls, wines, liquor, mineral water and after dinner coffee or tea; meals not included in the itinerary, sightseeing or services other than those specifically mentioned; tips to the Tour Director, motor coach driver when touring, local guides, and steward on cruises; items of personal nature, and excess baggage.

Responsibility: The responsibility of TourCrafters and the tour operator and/or their agent is limited. TourCrafters acts only as an agent for the passengers in all functions pertaining to hotel reservations and accommodations, restaurants, meals and services, sightseeing tours, and transportation of whatever nature, and assumes no liability for injury, loss damage, accident, delay or inconveniences which may be occasioned either by reason of defect or as a direct or indirect result of God, or as acts of government or other civil authorities (wars, civil disturbances, strikes, etc.) or from any cause beyond TourCrafters' control. TourCrafters can accept no responsibility for loss or additional expenses due to delay or changes in schedule or other causes. TourCrafters reserves the right to vary itineraries in order to improve each tour for tour members' enjoyment and advantage. TourCrafters reserves the right to cancel or reschedule any tour departure in accordance with cooperation requirements and accept or retain any person as a member of these programs at any time. If TourCrafters cancels your tour due to lack of sufficient participants and you have had confirmation or deposit or made final payment, you will receive a refund of all monies. The acceptance of tickets and voucher by the participant or by his assignee(s) shall be deemed to be accepted by such person(s) of the conditions here stated and an acknowledgment and agreement by such person(s) that participating air carriers shall not be liable for any portion of the tour other than air transportation. The contract of carrier (i.e. passenger ticket) issued by Alitalia Airlines, British Air or other participating air carriers shall constitute the sole agreement between it and passenger, as supplemented by or subject to its duly filed tariffs and any applicable international and/or air domestic law and regulation.

Optional Excursions: Available at additional cost from your Hostess or Tour Director. Land Operator: Tours are operated by: Appianline, Lakevents, Bologna art hotels etc: USA citizens must have a valid US passport to travel to Europe. Please apply to your local passport office to obtain the necessary application form. For non-US citizens, a visa may be required. Please check with your local authorities.

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