

GETTING THERE



Plane

The nearest airports to our base of adventure in Buonconvento with approximate driving distances and times:

Florence 100 km/65 miles 1.5 hours

Pisa 140 km/88 miles 2 hours

Rome Fiumicino 250 km/148 miles 3 hours

Train

Transfer service from the following train stations are included in your tour: Buonconvento (5 minutes), Siena (25 minutes) or Chiusi Scalo (1 hour). Alternatively, we will assist you with directions from airports or other cities in Italy and assist you with arranging private or shared transports from other airports (additional cost).

Car

Directions to our charming country hotel in Buonconvento will be provided to those arriving by car.

BASED ON THE BOOK

FOOD & FOLKLORE: A Year of Italian Festivals



THE FINE PRINT

You must be able to climb stairs, manage cobblestone streets and walk 2-5 miles daily in order to fully enjoy this trip. If you are unable to meet these recommended abilities, we would be happy to suggest another tour operator more suited to your personal requirements.

Our tours currently do not include airfare but we are happy to help with research, analysis, mileage usage tips and/or recommend travel agents that can help with air booking.

All travelers on the trip are strongly encouraged to purchase trip cancellation insurance and travel health insurance.

Please contact us with questions, concerns or trip planning advice and recommendations before or after you join us!

CONNECT

EXPERIENCE

SAVOR

Lisa's TRAVEL GUIDES presents

2017 Small Group Tours in Italy

2017 Tour Dates

May 4–May 10 **SOLD OUT**

October 20–October 26 Tuscany

October 27–November 2 Tuscany

Custom Tours Available

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FUN WITH FOOD & FESTIVALS TOURS ITINERARY*

DAY 1 FRIDAY-BENVENUTI!

Welcome reception and group dinner at our hotel, Pieve Sprenna.

DAYS 2 & 3 SATURDAY & SUNDAY-LOCAL FOOD & FESTIVALS

A leisurely breakfast buffet at the hotel and then we attend a local food or folklore festival** and explore a Tuscan hilltown

**Oct 20 tour includes an olive oil festival & a truffle festival

**Oct 27 tour includes an olive oil or truffle festival & historic folklore festival

Lunch and dinner are on your own at the festival, Tuscan hilltown or the hotel to be detailed in confirmed itinerary

DAY 4 MONDAY-SIENA

Full day tour of Siena with lunch and pastry tasting. After a full day in Siena, we will return to the quiet countryside at our hotel for some relaxation. Dinner is on your own at the hotel or in Buonconvento.

DAY 5 TUESDAY-MEET THE ARTISANS

Today we focus on local artisans and explore local history. We'll visit a local cheese farm in Montalcino, tour historic Montalcino and meet a family of custom leather artisans in Buonconvento. We'll finish the day with a wine & olive oil tasting and group dinner at the hotel.

DAY 6 WEDNESDAY-HILLTOWNS & HISTORY

We'll visit the Tuscan hilltowns of Pienza and Montepulciano. In Montepulciano enjoy a salumi tasting, shopping and exploring at your own at a leisurely pace. Lunch and dinner are on your own at the Tuscan hilltown, our hotel or Buonconvento to be detailed in confirmed itinerary.

DAY 7 THURSDAY-ARRIVEDERCI!

Farewell! Enjoy a buffet breakfast and depart hotel by 11:00 AM

*Hilltowns and itinerary days or content may switch due to scheduling, confirmed festival dates, weather, or unforeseen circumstances; 60 days prior to departure date, a confirmed itinerary with additional details will be delivered to you.

INCLUDED WITH YOUR EXPERIENCE

- 6 nights at the charming Pieve Sprenna country hotel in Buonconvento (private room and ensuite bath facilities with daily room service)
- 6 breakfasts
- 2 dinners
- 2 lunches
- 3 tastings
- Group tours and tips for licensed, multi-lingual tour guide. Group size limited to 12 persons.
- Museum admissions on the group tours
- Transport for all group activities

EXPERIENCE LIVING IN TUSCANY: PIEVE SPRENNA

Set amongst the olive groves on a working, Tuscan farm estate, Pieve Sprenna's collection of charming country homes provide each party their own private room and bath facilities. The Pieve Sprenna estate produces its own olive oil and wine. There is a pool with fabulous views of the Tuscan countryside for guests to enjoy. For dining choices there is an onsite restaurant, or we would be happy to shuttle you to/from the village of Buonconvento (5 minutes) which boasts several delicious restaurant options.

STILL WANT MORE OF ITALY?

Add on to our tours with a few days in Rome, Florence, Venice or another exciting location. We'll be happy to make recommendations on how to extend your vacation before or after your time with us.

BOOKING & DEPOSIT

The 2017 small group tour experiences are \$1,950 per person, double occupancy (single supplements available). To reserve a place on one of trips, please send a deposit check of \$500 to "Lisa's Travel Guides, LLC" and mail to Lisa's Travel Guides, PO Box 5257, Snowmass Village, Colorado 81615. Alternatively, you can send the deposit via our online store at www.lisastravelguides.com (select Fun with Food & Festivals Tour Deposit). All deposits are refundable within 21 days of purchase. The balance of the trip fees are due 90 days prior to the tour start date. However, no refunds of any payments will be made 90 days prior to tour start date.

QUESTIONS?

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