

# The Olive oil and Wine Route of the Lucchesi hills – comfort version 8 days / 7 nights

For this itinerary based in Lucca, one of the most beautiful fortified cities in Tuscany, we offer a comfort version in extraordinary accommodation. Authenticity, respect for the environment, charm, atmosphere, a warm welcome and a sense ofwell being...our idea of comfort.

Just a few kilometres away from the leaning tower of Pisa, this cycling tour will give you the possibility to discover the heart of this superb region, with its excellent local wines and "crostini" with olive oil.

The accommodations chosen for you are a unique selection of exclusive charming guest houses where you can taste local products and can relax by the pool. The relaxing rhythm of this cycling tour will give you the opportunity to discover the province of Lucca and to enjoy the marvelous accommodations, as well as wine tastings, nature and small local villages.

Prepare your trip

# YOUR PROGRAM

# Day 1 - Lucca:

Your itinerary starts from the city centre of Lucca. Lose yourself in the tiny narrow streets of this fortified city, and its historical monuments, typical bars, restaurants and ice-cream parlours. Take a walk on the walls which surround Lucca and enjoy the panorama of the entire city.

Night in a property near the heart of the city, not far to the well-known Anfiteatro square.

# Day 2 - From Lucca to Massaciuccoli Lake:

Hop on your bike and continue your tour towards Massarosa, in direction of sea. The itinerary will guide you to Massaciuccoli Lake where you can admire the marvelous villa of the famous Puccini. Don't miss the outstanding Natural Park of Massaciuccoli Lake, a natural reserve where it's possible to go on a boat cruise on the lake and admire some rare bird species.

Night in a hotel in Massarosa with Jacuzzi.

# Day 3 - Passing by the seashore...

From Massarosa you will cycle to Monsagrati, a small village located in the north of Lucca. During the cycle, you will reach the famous Lido di Viareggio, well famous in all Italy. Take your time to enjoy the relaxing atmosphere along the seashore of Viareggio and continue the itinerary until reaching Monsagrati where you will be fascinated by the breath-taking panorama. A few kilometers away from this small village, you will find the old village Gombitelli where we suggest trying the local wine and the typical cured meats, products made from generation to generation.

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Night in an agritourismo in Monsagrati with pool.

# Day 4 - The authentic landscape of Lucca:

The stage of this day is Carignano, in the heart of the Tuscan landscape. The accommodation is located on the beautiful rolling hills of Lucca, between splendid vineyards and olive plantations. Your stay for the night will be in a farmer's old house. Here you can taste some specialities as cheese and pulse produced in the local farmstead.

Night in Carignano in an agritourismo with pool.

# Day 5 - Montecarlo and its wine:

Once you leave Carignano, your itinerary continues along hillsides vineyards until you arrive in Montecarlo. Relax, enjoy the many local wineries and admire this medieval town located on the hilltops of Lucca.

Night in an organic agritourismo in Montecarlo.

# Day 6 - Sant'Andrea di Compito:

Your next stop is Sant'Andrea di Compito, a small village tucked away between vineyards and olive grovs. Don't miss the opportunity to visit this tiny town, centre of the old religious life and famous for its itinerary "the camelias route", a pleasant tour along the riverside.

Night in an organic agritourismo with pool.

## Day 7 - Back to Lucca:

Return to Lucca and take the chance to assist one of Puccini's opera representations in the cathedral, taste the typical products of the city and do some shopping in the many shops of the city. We recommend you the address of some typical restaurants far from the most crowded streets of the city, you won't be disappointed!

Night in a family 2\* hotel near the city centre.

# Day 8 - End of wine tour:

Your trip ends here. Feel free to contact us if you need a supplementary transfer or if you wish to extend your stay.

# Additional information

## **TARIFFS**

Price from 930 euros per person.

# **OPTIONS**

Hybrid bike rental: 125 euros per person.

Supplement for July and August departures: 40 euros per person.

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GPS tracks on USB stick: 25 euros per person.

#### **INCLUDED**

Double room accommodation in Hotel, guest house or agriturismo, breakfasts, luggage transfers, information package including maps and road-books, local assistance.

# **NOT INCLUDED**

Transport options to the meeting point and from the point of dispersal, personal travel insurance, lunches, evening meals, visits of tourist sites, optional activities which are not included in the tour, personal expenses.

#### **LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY**

Accessible to all levels. Up to 35 kms per day.

# **CARRYING**

Carriage of your luggage is made by vehicle. So you only have to carry what you need during the day (picnic, camera ...).

#### **ACCOMMODATION**

Double room in 2\*\* hotels, agriturismo or guest house.

### SIZE OF GROUP

From 2 people

# **DEPARTURES**

Departure possible every day from March to November.

#### **DEPARTURE**

Lucca

# **DISPERSION**

Lucca

# **HOW TO GET THERE**

By train from Pisa airport (every 30 minutes):

Cost: 6.30 €

Time: 45/50 minutes by train, count 1 hour in all

Take the train to Pisa-Centrale at the exit of the airport

Change to Central for a train to Lucca.

By motorbike from Nice: 350km, 4 hours (cost of tolls: 30€).

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