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Are you
passionate
about

Italy?

Literature Wine Landscapes



Don't be shy!
Share your passion in
*Tuscany, Umbria
& The Marches*

May/July 2004

Choice of itineraries:
Historical, Artistic or
Environmental focus.
Small groups.

Complete 17 day package
or 10 day program only.

Live and learn in a relaxing atmosphere.
Visit historical centres and spiritual
mountain retreats. Exercise your walking
legs, fix your impressions on canvas or
just wind down at our secluded
farmhouse in the Tuscan Appenines.

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In conjunction with: WORLD TRAVEL SERVICE

Take this opportunity to deepen your passion for all things Italian. Enhance your knowledge, satisfy your curiosity and enrich your experiences of Italian life and culture. Walk the countryside, explore the cities and enjoy the people and their food. Record your impressions or just chat with others who are passionate about Italy!

Passionate About Italy 2004

Share your passion for Italy in Spring and Summer, 2004. Discover less familiar corners of the three central regions of Italy - Tuscany, Umbria and The Marches. From our base in a restored farmhouse at the edge of a small village in the Tuscan Appenines, a series of flexible, 10 day programs will allow you or your group to appreciate Italy in the way that best suits your interests and energy level! Each 10 day itinerary will include day trips, half-day excursions and short walks. Introductory talks will preface these activities and it will be possible to organise presentations related to various aspects of Italian culture such as History, Art, Architecture, Music, Literature, Cinema and Cooking. There will also be frequent opportunities to reflect, relax and discuss your shared experiences.

*All programs will be co-ordinated by **Richard Stone**, artist, teacher, experienced tour leader and passionate enthusiast of all things Italian.*



Itineraries and Programs

Each itinerary will include visits to the historical centres of Arezzo, Assisi, Urbino and Gubbio, along with excursions to the Casentino and Mount Subasio National Parks, where several fascinating spiritual retreats are situated. Visits to these locations will increase understanding of the achievements of significant Italians, including St. Francis, Piero della Francesca, Aretino, Petrarch, Guido d'Arezzo and the Montefeltro Dukes. Other centres and sites that you may choose to explore are Sansepolcro, Cortona, Lake Trasimeno, Perugia and Lucignano.

Itinerary 1 will focus on events and individuals from Italian history, art, architecture and long lunches. **Itinerary 2** will provide regular opportunities for long walks, cultural discussions and relaxed evening meals. **Itinerary 3** is designed for practicing artists and those who wish to try their hand at sketching or painting. An art history focus will support the practical activities. **Itinerary 4** will take a broad view of Italian culture. Programs can be adapted to the requirements of an individual or a group, and it will be possible for participants to engage in a variety of activities

Tour Packages

Complete Tour Package (16 nights) includes:

- * Return economy airfare from Melbourne to Rome.
- * Australian and Italian airport taxes.
- * Three nights accommodation in Rome (3 star/twin share)
- * Bus transfer from Rome to Arsiccio.
- * **Option A** 2 nights (3 star/twin share) accommodation in Florence or **Option B** 2 extra nights in Arsiccio at conclusion of program.
- * Transfer from either Arsiccio or Florence to Rome.
- * 11 nights accommodation (twin share) at Arsiccio.
- * Minibus travel as per itinerary.
- * Breakfasts and "at home" meals.
- * 19 days comprehensive travel insurance.
- * Tour handbook, notes and presentations.

Partial Tour Package (13 nights) includes:

- All of the above except for:
- * Third night of accommodation in Rome.
 - * Accommodation in Florence or extra two nights in Arsiccio.
 - * Transfers to Florence and Rome

Program Package only includes:

- * 11 nights accommodation (twin share) at Arsiccio.
- * Minibus travel as per itinerary.
- * Breakfasts and "at home" meals.
- * Tour handbook, notes and presentations.

Tour Price does not include:

- * Restaurant and "on the road" meals
- * Site admission charges
- * Passport and visa fees
- * Personal expenses

General Information

Tour Dates:

16 and 13 night Tour Packages will depart Melbourne on Thursdays. 16 night Tour Packages will depart Rome for return flight to Australia on Sundays.

Arsiccio Programs will run for 10 days - Mondays to Wednesdays.

- Tour 1 (Itinerary 1) departs Melbourne April 29
departs Rome May 16
- Tour 2 (Itinerary 2) departs Melbourne May 13
departs Rome May 30
- Tour 3 (Itinerary 3) departs Melbourne May 27
departs Rome June 13
- Tour 4 (Itinerary 4) departs Melbourne June 24
departs Rome July 11 (School vacation)

* Specific Tours can only run with sufficient applicants

Tour Numbers:

Each Tour requires a minimum of 8 participants. Maximum of 10.

Tour Prices:

The following estimates* are based on 10 participants.

16 Night Package: Option A **\$4,800** (May) **\$5,100** (July)
Option B **\$4,700** (May) **\$5,000** (July)

13 Night Package: **\$4,500 / \$4,800** 11 Night Package: **\$1,650**

* Final prices to be fixed early in 2004

Extended packages can be negotiated with **World Travel Service**

Booking Arrangements:

Application forms and further details are available from:

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A deposit of **\$400** will be required with each application.