



A WEEK IN TUSCANY WITH DAVID WHYTE

SEPTEMBER 14-21, 2010

Join David Whyte and a group of 32 adventurous travelers for a week in the Tuscan countryside. With David's morning sessions as a starting point, you will meet butchers and fishermen, olive growers and winemakers, wander through a wonderful village market and hike through beautiful country with vistas worthy of the famous painters of the Renaissance.

After the morning sessions with David, we travel to the location of that day's hike. The local artisans whom we have the privilege to meet are very deeply connected to the land, the literature and the culture of Tuscany.

Cost.

\$4350 if all payments are made by check or money order. If any or all payments are made by credit card, there is a \$100 supplemental charge, bringing the total to \$4450. This includes accommodation for the nights of September 14th through 20th, travel in country, breakfasts, and either lunch or dinner each day. It does not include airfare.

The Participants.

An eclectic group of 32 people with a shared interest in David's work and the culture of Tuscany.

Walking & Hiking.

You need to be able to walk two to four hours each day. Most of the walks are on seldom-used dirt roads, but there is also some walking through fields and on more rugged pathways. At least one of the walks has significant uphill portions. As these walks are an important part of the tour experience, please be as realistic as possible in assessing your level of fitness.

Accommodations.

We stay at a beautiful old agriturismo, Fattoria La Loggia, with sessions in the twelfth century convent nearby. The Fattoria is 20km south of Florence in the heart of the Chianti Classico region, surrounded by olive trees and its own vineyards, with a stunning view of the neighboring hills and countryside. A collection of farmhouses once owned by the Medici family, it is now the home of various works of contemporary Italian and international artists. You can view it at www.fattorialaloggia.com.

Meals.

Breakfast is available in a common room each morning. In addition, either lunch or dinner will be provided each day, either at a restaurant or Fattoria La Loggia.

Arrival.

The closest airport is Florence (Firenze) A.Vespucci; train station Santa Maria Novella. Whether arriving by air, train, or car, you will make your way to Piazzale Michelangelo, a large car park overlooking the city, by 2:00pm on September 21st. Any taxi driver will know where it is. As the trip gets nearer, we will give you more details regarding the meeting place.

Departure.

We will transport you back to the Piazzale Michelangelo or the airport in Florence the morning of September 21, 2010 in time to meet your departure schedule. Please note that we need to be out of our accommodation by mid-to-late morning, so we are not able to transport people in the afternoon.

Passport.

Each participant needs a valid passport. For U.S. citizens, you will need to allow several months for the processing of your passport, so you are strongly advised to begin this process immediately.

Cost and Payments.

Total cost for the tour is \$4350 if all payments are made by check or money order. We accept Visa and Mastercard, however, if you choose this method for any or all of your payments, there is an additional \$100 charge, making the total \$4450.

Payment Schedule.

Deposit due with application if paying by check or money order:	\$ 1350
Deposit due with application if any or all payments made by credit card:	\$ 1450
1st payment due May 15th, 2010:	\$ 1500
Final payment due July 15th, 2010:	\$ 1500

Cancellation Policy.

If, after being accepted on the tour, you need to cancel prior to May 15th, you will be charged 10% of the trip price, \$435. If you have to cancel at any point after May 15th, any refund depends upon our ability to find a replacement.

What the trip price includes.

David's services as seminar leader. All accommodations for the nights of September 14th through 20th inclusive. All breakfasts. Either lunch or dinner each day, depending upon the day's activities. Pick up from Piazzale Michelangelo in Florence September 14th, all transport during the trip and return to either Piazzale Michelangelo or Florence airport the morning of September 21st.

Not included: Airfare. Either lunch or dinner each day.

Clothing.

Your selection of clothing for the trip should be based on thoughts of comfort for walking. You will need lightweight hiking boots for some of the walks, and you should be prepared for rain with a waterproof jacket. Temperatures can vary from 50 to 80 degrees fahrenheit, although they are most likely to be in the 60s to 70s. Laundry facilities are available on site. Please bring a day pack for carrying water on the walks. Sunscreen is recommended.

Currency and spending money.

Italy uses the euro. As the exchange rate is fluctuating daily, we recommend you check www.xe.com for the current rate.

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