



A WEEK IN TUSCANY WITH DAVID WHYTE

AUGUST 28 ≈ SEPTEMBER 4, 2012

Join David Whyte and a group of 20-30 adventurous travelers for a week in the Tuscan countryside. With David's morning sessions as a starting point, you will meet butchers, olive growers and winemakers, wander small villages and hike through beautiful country with vistas worthy of the famous painters of the Renaissance.

Most mornings begin (after breakfast) with a session by David, followed by lunch at our beautiful agriturismo. Each afternoon, 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, literature and culture of Tuscany.

Cost.

\$4450 if paying by Visa or MasterCard. If all payments are made via check or money order, there is a \$100 discount, reducing the cost to \$4350. This includes accommodation for the nights of August 28th through September 3rd, travel in country, transportation between Fattoria La Loggia and the Piazzale Michelangelo in Florence, breakfasts, and either lunch or dinner each day. It does not include airfare.

The Participants.

An eclectic, often international group of 25-30 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 over hilly terrain. Most of the walks are on seldom-used dirt roads, but there is also some walking through fields and on more rugged pathways. Several of the walks have 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. *Rooms are shared with one other person, with a very limited number of single rooms available for a supplemental fee of \$500.*

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 August 28th. 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 determine departure logistics at the end of the trip based on everyone's itineraries. We will either take you directly to the airport or to the Piazzale Michelangelo in Florence in plenty of time to catch a taxi to the airport or train station. 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 without a current passport, we strongly advise you to begin this process immediately.

Cost and Payments.

Total cost for the tour is \$4450. We accept Visa and MasterCard. If all payments are made by check or money order, there is a discount of \$100, reducing the total to \$4350.

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, 2012:	\$ 1500
Final payment due July 15th, 2012:	\$ 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 August 28th through September 3rd inclusive. All breakfasts. Either lunch or dinner each day, depending upon the day's activities. Pick up from Piazzale Michelangelo in Florence August 28th, all transport during the trip and return to either Piazzale Michelangelo or Florence airport the morning of September 4th.

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, with one slightly dressier option for a special occasion. You will need sturdy walking shoes, and you should be prepared for rain with a waterproof jacket. Temperatures can be anywhere from the 60s to the 90s, fahrenheit, although they are most likely to be in the 80s. It can be cool in the evenings, and we eat outdoors, so a sweater or wrap is advised. Laundry facilities are available on site, however they are not self-serve and it takes several days. Please bring a day pack and water bottle for the walks. Sunscreen and a hat are highly 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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