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WINE & FOOD TOURS



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COMMUNITY TOURISM IN RURAL TUSCANY: FEEL, LEARN & BUILD MEMORIES

Dear Guests,

I want to help you understand who we are, how we operate and most, importantly, why to choose us! Let's introduce ourselves: Arianna & Friends is the two owners **Arianna & Massimo**, and our main, precious friends: **Consuelo, Luca, Moira, Anna and Davide**.

We consider our company to be very different from other tour operators. One main difference is that **when you book with us, you will meet us in person and once you are in Tuscany, you will become our Tuscan friends**. Here tourists are not just tourists, they are friends.

Indeed, our "Friends" are both our collaborators and our customers, who are **treated like good friends** when they come and visit us. We are proud to show you our **native land and its beauty** and we are **happy to design bespoke itineraries** for your Tuscan stay.

Our tours and guided visits to local farms, producers and to historical towns are led only by the internal staff of Arianna & Friends and some chosen collaborators, who are also our friends.

With us you are 100% guaranteed not to have just "any" guides **but to have the best guides, who are knowledgeable, passionate, enthusiastic & fun**. We are convinced that **it's the people that make the difference in your tour experience**. Wouldn't you agree?

The local producers we work with have become our friends and they work with **passion and devotion** and are ready to share their knowledge with you. You will get to meet them and learn about their life, their company, their choices, and philosophy. We want to offer you a **very personable and authentic experience** and this is why we have selected what we consider to be the most suitable destinations to make you **feel at home** yet experience and **absorb all aspects of our culture**.

We also organize **private chef services, cooking classes**, private transportation, small civil and symbolic weddings, trekking and e-bike tours.

We are renowned for arranging packages with **tickets to Teatro del Silenzio** for the annual event by **Andrea Bocelli** in Lajatico and also for offering **vespa tours** including the visit to the Piaggio museum that is very close to us.

We operate in an area called "**Terre di Pisa**" that is **very representative of the Tuscan countryside**. It is a **small area of Tuscany where you will find a wide variety of interesting and typical Tuscan tours and activities to do in a matter of a few kms**. And this fact is unique! There are no other areas of Tuscany that can offer so much to see and do in such a small area.

This enables us to **support local farms** offering wine and food and cultural day tours, designed for visitors who want to **visit the real Tuscany, feel like home**, spend a day as a family, visit **authentic hilltop villages, castles and private villas**, meet excellent **wine/olive oil/cheese /truffle/pasta/saffron producers** and above all, have access to destinations that are **out of the mainstream mass-tourism industry**.

Our aim is that **at the end of a day with us you feel part of a community, learn the various aspects of our culture and become our friends**, whom you can meet any time you return to our beautiful region. Let us help you build **memories that you will have for a lifetime!**

As one of our guests said: "with Arianna & Friends you arrive as a friend and you leave like a family!"



BECOME A NEW FRIEND OF OURS 😊

Meet us: Massimo, Luca, Moira, Davide, Consuelo, Arianna, Anna



Luca is an 'all tours' guide specialising in vespa, cheese and truffle tours.

Consuelo is the office bookings manager.

Davide is our guide for cooking classes and olive oil tours, and is also part of the office bookings team.

Moira is our guide for all tours involving the history of wine, sightseeing and culture.

Massimo is an 'all tours' guide specialising in wine, vespa and e-bike tours.

Anna is the coordinator for all our cooks and chef assistants

Arianna is our guide for cooking classes and responsible for the Teatro del Silenzio & Bocelli packages



TRANSPORTATION POLICY

Please, note that transportation is NOT INCLUDED in any of the rates in this catalogue (unless clearly specified).

You are expected to reach the venues or meeting points in your own car/rental car.

If you prefer not to drive, we are happy to book the transfer for you at an extra charge. Please ask in advance. The transfer service is performed by fully licensed professional drivers who drive new, comfortable and clean vehicles.

Prices go from € 300 for a car with driver for 2 people for a half day tour

Exploring the area with your Tuscan Friends

F1. OLIVE OIL WITH BLIND TASTING

A must-do half-day tour! **What does 'extra virgin' olive oil mean?** What does 'cold pressed' mean? **How come commercial olive oil costs much less than the local olive oil from a small farm? How to use olive oil for cooking?** Find all the answers to these questions about olive oil during our 3-hour tour while visiting a local oil mill and experiencing an interesting blind tasting. **You will learn how to differentiate between a quality olive oil and a commercial one with a blind tasting. We love our 'green gold' and we want to share our passion with you.**

EXTRA: In October and November you can see the oil mill transforming olives into olive oil. For free.

More Info:

<https://www.ariannandfriends.com/wine-food-tours/olive-oil-mill-tour/>

Mon-Sat

WITH SNACK

€ 260 for 2 people

extra person:

€ 30 adult

€ 20 child or teen
(4-17 years)

Duration: 2.5 hours

Rate includes:
private guide + visit
to the farm/mill +
tasting

Mon-Sat

WITH LUNCH

€ 290 for 2 people

Additional person:

€ 40 adult

€ 30 child or teen
(4-17 years)

Duration: 3 hours

Rate includes:
private guide + visit
to the farm/mill +
tasting + lunch



F2. CHEESE & OLIVE OIL

A great full-day tour for you with a visit to an **organic cheese farm** in the countryside near Volterra with a wonderful view over the gentle hills of Tuscany. This tour includes a visit to a **traditional olive mill**, with a very interesting **blind olive oil tasting**. A tour for you to understand the difference between **authentic extra virgin olive oil** from Tuscany and commercial olive oils. At the organic cheese farm, you will visit a sheep shed, the production room and the **cheese ageing caves**, while enjoying the **breathtaking view** of the surrounding rolling hills. Finally, a **delicious lunch** is served based around cheese and other typical Tuscan products.

NOTE: this tour works around the production of cheese at the farm. If the farm is producing cheese on the day of the visit you will see the operations in the dairy. If there is no production, you will still see the rest of the processes, like the ageing phase.

More info:

<https://www.ariannandfriends.com/wine-food-tours/cheese-olive-oil-tour/>

Mon-Sat

€ 400 for 2 people

Additional person:

€ 70 adult

€ 60 teen (12-17 years)

€ 50 child (4-11 years)

Duration: 6 hours

Rate includes:
private guide + visit
to 2 farms + 2 tasting
sets + lunch



F15. WINE, CHEESE & OLIVE OIL - full day plus

This tour is designed for visitors with limited time to spend in our area who want to experience **the best of it in only one day**. We have put together a 3-destination tour, focused on the discovery and appreciation of 3 of the most typical products of Tuscany, **wine, cheese and extra virgin olive oil**. The tour is set in the countryside surrounding the marvelous historical town of Volterra.

We will visit an **olive mill and have a comparative olive oil tasting**. We will then move to an **organic cheese farm** and visit their sheep shed, cheese ageing caves and their working rooms and have **lunch** eating their succulent cheeses. In the afternoon, we will end our tour at one of the **best wineries** of the area around Volterra, where we visit their cellar and taste excellent wines in a stunning panoramic tasting room.

More info:

<https://www.ariannandfriends.com/wine-food-tours/cheese-wine-olive-oil-tasting-tour/>

Mon-Sat

€ 480 for 2 people

Additional person:

€ 105 adult

€ 85 teen (12-17 years)

€ 65 child (4-11 years)

Duration: 8 hours

Rate includes:

private guide + visit
to 3 farms + 3 tasting
sets + lunch



F22b. "TERRE DI PISA" DOC WINERY TOUR

This is the best tour for discovering the **DOC wine called "Terre di Pisa"**, the lands around Pisa, a recently founded wine among the DOCs in Tuscany. Terre di Pisa is also the name of a **very authentic rural destination for visitors who want to experience a real Tuscany**. Passionate wine makers in this wine district **in Terricciola, Peccioli, Volterra, San Miniato areas have joined to have a common territorial brand** and decided to spread the voice to wine lovers from all the world, creating a new "big name" of wine production. With your guide, you will visit two of the Terre di Pisa wineries in Terricciola area, **meet the wine makers and talk about this remarkable project**, sharing their intentions and goals. You'll also taste the other wines produced at the wineries that are representative of their identity. **In total we will taste 10 wines and enjoy great views of the Tuscan valleys.**

More info:

<https://www.ariannandfriends.com/wine-food-tours/terre-di-pisa-wine-tour/>

Mon-Sat

€ 460 for 2 people

Additional person:

€ 100 adult

€ 80 teen (12-17 years)

€ 60 child (4-11 years)

Duration: 6 hours

Rate includes:

private guide + visit
to 2 farms + 2 tasting
sets + lunch



F7b. WINE & OLIVE OIL AT THE ABBEY

From monks to wines: a journey with a taste of history. This tour takes us to one of the most ancient estates in our area, that is **almost 1000 years old** with its **Abbey**, in the little town of Morrone, near Terricciola. **Founded in 1089 by the Count Ugone**, for centuries this monastery has been the leading center of the religious, political and civil life of the area, under the control of the Camaldolese monks. We have the amazing and **exclusive chance to visit the former convent** and discover the history of the monastery, from its use as a convent to its transformation into the **summer residence of the bishop of Volterra in 15th century**.

We'll also be visiting the **beautiful little church of the late 11th century**. We then move to the modern area of the estate: **the winery and the oil mill**. There we will learn about the production of the actual extra-virgin olive oil, and we'll enjoy a **comparative blind tasting** to learn how to taste the difference in the **quality of our extra-virgin oil**: this is an experience that will change your approach to olive oil forever!

We'll visit the winery discovering all the secrets of their production and **we'll taste 6 different wines**, that perfectly reflect the high-quality production of our Terre di Pisa. A **Tuscan light lunch** is included to accompany the wine tasting.

This tour is a perfect combination of **history, good wines, good oil and tasty food**: you don't want to miss it!

More info:

<https://www.ariannandfriends.com/wine-food-tours/wine-and-olive-oil-tour-at-the-abbey/>

Mon-Sat

€ 340 for 2 people

Additional person:

€ 55 adult

€ 40 teen (12-17 years)

€ 30 child (4-11 years)

Duration: 4 hours

Rate includes:

private guide + visit
to the farm + abbey +
2 tasting sets+ lunch



F26. A SPECIAL WINERY: MONOVARIETAL WINES AND PASTA MAKING LAB

Making wine is always a challenge, and especially if you try to sell a product that you are the first one to make. This was the case for this **special family-run winery in San Miniato**, where the **brothers Federico and Fabio** produce wines that are very peculiar.

You are welcome to **walk in the vineyards** together with them to understand better their ideas and philosophy and you'll discover that in their **little winery** in the countryside, with a **great view of the valley**, they produce some **single-varietal wines** that are **outstanding**.

They make not only 100% sangiovese, but also 100% ciliegiolo, 100% colorino and... 100% trebbiano. Also, they produce some **innovative sparkling wines** and some other young reds and whites, not to mention the **superb dessert wine**.

Not only will you taste a total of **8 wines**, but **Mamma Concetta** is also going to open their kitchen for you. You are going to **make your own pasta!** Your fresh pasta will then be served for lunch, along with other **local specialties, perfectly matching the wines**.

More info:

<https://www.ariannandfriends.com/wine-food-tours/wine-tour-pasta-making-class/>

Mon-Sat

€ 400 for 2 people

Additional person:

€ 90 adult

€ 60 teen (12-17 years)

€ 35 child (4-11 years)

Duration: 4 hours

Rate includes:
private guide + visit to the farm + wine tasting + pasta making + lunch



F23. BOLGHERI WINE TOUR

Bolgheri: a destination for those who want to **sample exclusive wines**, different from the classical Tuscan wines. Bolgheri is a little hamlet and a wine area famous for its **"Supertuscan" wines and for the DOC Bolgheri**. We will visit **two representative wineries** of this district that are completely different from one another. The first one is right in the middle of the town, an **ancient castle dating back to the 13th century**. Their historical cellar was built at the end of the 18th century and excellent wines have been produced there since then. Here you will taste their **top 2 wines and learn about the long history of the place**. This second place is a **small family run business** located outside in the countryside. Here you will taste **4 wines** perfectly representing the wine production of this area, on whose soil international grape varieties such as **cabernet, merlot and syrah** can be at their best for obtaining full bodied exclusive wines.

A la carte lunch, if required, is extra and to be paid onsite.

More info:

<https://www.ariannandfriends.com/wine-food-tours/bolgheri-tour-to-two-family-run-wineries/>

Mon-Fri

€ 460 for 2 people

Additional person:

€ 90 adult

Teens and kids free of charge

*Duration: 5 hours
+ time for lunch
(extra)*

Rate includes:
private guide + visit
to 2 farms + 2 tasting
sets



F12. CHEESE TASTING TOUR

Visit an **organic cheese farm** near Volterra and taste their delicious cheeses. Meet the **family of Giovanni**, cheese producers for generations, who started their business in Sardinia and brought their knowledge and expertise to Tuscany over 50 years ago. Today they are **one of the best organic farms in the territory of Volterra**. After visiting the **sheep shed and the milking facility**, the guide will show you the **pasteurizing room** and the **aging caves**, revealing the secrets for making a great **organic pecorino** and explaining the methods of how to turn milk into delicious cheese. Your **lunch will be served in the former barn**, now turned into a rustic style restaurant, that includes several **tasty dishes, all cheese-based**, of course. We will say goodbye with a **cheesy souvenir for you to enjoy!**

Note: the visit works around the natural working schedule of the cheese farm on that day. Some days you will be able to see the daily production of cheese and some days not. However, you will be able to see other stages of the cheese making such as the ageing of the cheese wheels.

More info:

<https://www.ariannandfriends.com/wine-food-tours/organic-cheese-farm-tour/>

Mon-Sat

€ 300 for 2 people

Additional person:

€ 45 adult

€ 40 teen (12-17 years)

€ 30 child (4-11 years)

Duration: 3 hours

Rate includes:
private guide + visit
to the farm + cheese
tasting + lunch +
souvenir



F.9 10-WINE WINERY TOUR IN TERRICCIOLA

Guided visit to **two different wine estates in Terricciola, known as one of the città del vino** of Italy, in a gracious, authentic area devoted to wine production. You will enjoy two sets of **wine tasting totalling 10 wines, along with a tasting of typical food products at each winery.**

You will understand how tradition and modernity merge to make quality wines in this area. You will travel short distances and admire the wonderful views of the Tuscan hills. If the weather is good the guide will accompany you on an **educational walk amongst the vineyards and olive groves.**

There is a wide choice of different wineries here. **Some are small and family run, some are certified organic. Others are big estates selling their wines worldwide, or more modern with an artistic touch to the wine business,** displaying contemporary works of art and presenting fascinating, modern architecture.

Let us choose the best match for you! More info:

<https://www.ariannandfriends.com/wine-food-tours/wine-tour-terricciola/>

Mon-Sat

€ 440 for 2 people

Additional person:

€ 95 adult

€ 70 teen (12-17 years)

€ 50 child (4-11 years)

Duration: 6 hours

Rate includes:

private guide + visit
to two wineries+ 2
sets of wine tasting +
2 sets of tasting of
typical food products



F4. ORGANIC WINERY & NOBLE PALACE TOUR

Join us for a very special visit that brings together **organic wine production and a historical Tuscan palace.**

With your private guide you'll visit an aristocratic **and noble palace in the medieval hamlet of Ghizzano**, near Peccioli. This is a country residence of the Count Venerosi Pesciolini, **a family that settled in Ghizzano 700 years ago and has always produced wines.** You will visit the private rooms in the palace of Countess Carla, who still lives there, and you will also visit her elegant gardens. **The breathtaking view from the roof tower is a must to enjoy a 360° panoramic**

view over the Tuscan hills. You'll also take a walk through the **coloured streets of the village, which are full of contemporary works of art.** Finally, you will visit the old historical cellars where the premier wines are "sleeping" and taste **5 of their delicious organic wines** combined with cheeses and cold cuts from a nearby organic producer. You'll taste one white wine, 1 basic red wine, 2 aged red wines, and one special wine, aged in a peculiar amphora. More info:

<https://www.ariannandfriends.com/wine-food-tours/noble-wine-estate-tour/>

Mon-Fri

€ 360 for 2 people

Additional person:

€ 75 adult

€ 50 teen (12-17 years)

€ 30 child (4-11 years)

Duration: 3 hours



F14. CHEESE & WINE TOUR

Cheese & wine, such a perfect combination for a Tuscan day out!

In the morning you'll visit a cheese producer. Here you'll be introduced to the world of cheese making, talking about the production of cheese in Tuscany, from the cow's milk cheese to the sheep's milk cheese that make pecorino cheese. Did you know that the word "pecorino" comes from the Italian word "pecora" which means 'sheep' in English? **You'll visit the cheese factory to understand all the steps of the process and see some of the aging phases.** Lunch is served at the cheese producer's with a great selection of their best cheese and other local products and the wine is included.

In the afternoon you'll visit one of our favorite wineries on a **hilltop, with great views over the Tuscan hills.** You'll meet the wine maker who'll show you the wine cellar and explain the phases of wine production of their winery. **You will then taste 4 or 5 wines.**

The location of this tour could be either Volterra, at the producer's farm, or in the vicinity of the little town of Lari where you'll visit the biggest cheese factory in the area. We will choose the most suitable combination for you according to availability. **The best way to explore rural Tuscany is through its delicious food!**

More info:

<https://www.ariannandfriends.com/wine-food-tours/wine-cheese-tasting-tour/>

Mon-Sat

€ 400 for 2 people

Additional person:

€ 80 adult

€ 70 teen (12-17 years)

€ 50 child (4-11 years)



F29. MICROWINERIES: the terroir, a family matter

As everybody knows, Tuscany has a millennial tradition in wine making, and many of our wineries in the Terre di Pisa are well known among connoisseurs and wine lovers for the high quality of their wines. Although there are many other really small wine producers that make great quality wines, they're not big enough to be present on the international markets: this tour offers the best chance to learn more about our micro wineries. We will be visiting 3 of these tiny family-run wineries in our territory and taste about 10 wines. A Tuscan lunch with typical food is also included.

Wine making is not just the work in the fields and in the wine cellar, but it's also strictly linked with family traditions and people with deep roots in the local community. Learning about wine is learning a "terroir", discovering what makes every single bottle special and how those wines are reflected around the surrounding landscape, the transition of the seasons and the stories of the villagers.

If you have already visited the main wineries of the area, and you wish to have a bespoke, special experience, this is the tour for you.

You'll taste wines made with great, old indigenous grapes and new international grapes, and you'll discover how rural life is a balance between tradition and modernity, and a great bottle of wine the perfect balance between the work of nature and the work of men. Let's meet our Tuscan friends together.

More info:

<https://www.ariannandfriends.com/wine-food-tours/microwineries-tour/>

Mon-Sat

€ 460 for 2 people

Additional person:

€ 100 adult

€ 65 teen (12-17 years)

€ 40 child (4-11 years)

Duration: 6 hours

Rate includes:

private guide + visit
to three wineries+ 3
sets of wine tasting +
lunch



F13. CHEESE MAKING CLASS AT THE FARM

Visit an **organic cheese farm** near Volterra and taste their delicious cheeses. Meet the family of **Giovanni, cheese producers for generations**, who started their business in Sardinia and brought their knowledge and expertise to Tuscany over 50 years ago. Today they are one of the best organic farms in the territory of Volterra. After visiting the **sheep shed and the milking facility**, the guide will show you the **pasteurizing room and the aging cells**, revealing the **secrets for making a great organic cheese** and explaining the methods to turn milk into delicious cheese. And now it's your turn for a **hands-on experience to create fresh cheese**. Find out all the phases of this fascinating process and **make your own cheese!** You will use fresh milk from the farm, warm it up and add the rennet until you have created your *caciotta* cheese to take home with you in a vacuum pack. **A unique and tasty souvenir from Tuscany, made with your own hands!**

Your lunch will be served in the former barn, now turned into a rustic style restaurant, and will include several tasty dishes, all cheese-based of course.

More info: <https://www.ariannandfriends.com/wine-food-tours/cheese-making-class-tuscany/>

Tuesday and Thursday

€ 480 for 2 people

Additional person:

€ 80 adult

€ 70 teen (12-17 years)

€ 50 child (4-11 years)

Duration: 4 hours

Rate includes:
private guide +
cheese making
experience + visit to
the farm + tasting +
lunch



F10. HISTORICAL WINERY & CONTEMPORARY WINERY with WINE AND OLIVE OIL TASTING

This tour focuses on two wineries that are very different from one other, both on the Tuscan hills, near Peccioli. You will experience two diverse ideas and approaches to making wine and two different atmospheres. One is a **modern winery adopting modern machineries**. In the barrique room wines are adorned by contemporary art pieces that make this place very special. **The other one is a small traditional winery**, where wine has been made for 700 years and where to admire the historical cellars and the elegant palace of the owners. **Sangiovese, Cabernet, Merlot, Petit Verdot, Alicante, Viognier: these are some of the grape varieties used to make very special blended wines at both locations.** Comparing the results from different wine making methods will be a very interesting exercise for your taste buds. **In total you will taste 10 wines and also some delicious olive oil produced there.** At the contemporary winery you will enjoy typical dishes in a **rich Tuscan lunch** with view.

More info: <https://www.ariannandfriends.com/wine-food-tours/diverse-winery-tour/>

Mon-Fri

€ 440 for 2 people

Every extra person:

€ 105 adult

€ 70 teen (12-17 years)

€ 60 child (4-11 years)

Duration: 6 hours

Rate includes:
private guide + visit to two
wineries + wine and olive
oil tasting + lunch



G1. LARI WITH PASTA, CASTLE & PROSCIUTTO – for foodies

A half day tour to discover a typical Tuscan hilltop town and its treasures, a good example of what the area "Terre di Pisa" can offer to visitors. **In the tiny medieval village of Lari we will first visit the renowned Martelli Pasta Factory operating since 1926** and located in some historical buildings of the town. You will **meet Dino Martelli and his lovely family**.

Everyone here **works with passion and with a big respect for the traditional way of making pasta**. We will understand their philosophy of life and their approach to work and understand why their pasta is so special and good for you. Then we will go to **visit Castello dei Vicari, dating back to the XIV century**, right in front of the pasta factory, dominating the town center. With our guide **you will visit an ancient prison, an old court room, a frescoed hall** and admire **the inner court with coats of arms** of the most important families of Tuscany over the past centuries.

Before we walk to reach the local bar where we will taste a local **cherry liquor for an aperitif**, we will stop at a **local butcher's** shop and meet the butcher, who will show us their **red brick walled cellar**, where prosciutto and salamis are cured. We will learn how they make genuine meats and prosciutto using traditional techniques and only natural products. **A delicious tasting of their salami and prosciutto is included.**

Lari is a little town with lots of hidden gems. One such gem is a **cheese grotto**, located **underground** and where a very **special cheese is aged** for many months. We will have the pleasure of tasting this cheese made with a **mixture of cow, goat and sheep's milk**, a real joy for our taste buds.

More info:

<https://www.ariannandfriends.com/wine-food-tours/pasta-factory-and-castle-tour/>

Mon-Sat
(not on Wed)
(not 10-30 August)

€ 280 for 2 people

Additional person:

€ 35 adult

€ 25 child or teen
(4-17 years)

Lunch is optional, at extra charge:

€ 35 per adult

€ 25 per teen/kid
including 2 dishes
with Martelli pasta and local wine.

*Duration: 3,5 hours
+ 1 hour time for lunch*

Rate includes:

private guide + visit to the
pasta factory + castle +
butcher's+ cheese grotto +
tasting of salami, cheese + 2
sorts of pasta for lunch and 1
glass of wine

**Extend your Lari tour with
a wine tour, an olive oil
tour or a cheese tour and
make a full day of it. See
options below**



G3. Lari + olive oil tour

<https://www.ariannandfriends.com/wine-food-tours/pasta-castle-oilmill-tour/>

Mon-Sat (not on Wednesday, not 10-30 August)

€ 420 for 2 people

Additional person:

€ 80 adult

€ 65 teen (12-17 years)

€ 55 teen (4-11 years)

Duration: 6 hours

Rate includes:

private guide + visit to the pasta factory + castle + oil mill + butcher's+ cheese grotto + tasting of salami, cheese + 2 sorts of pasta for lunch + olive oil tasting



G4. Lari + wine tour

<https://www.ariannandfriends.com/wine-food-tours/pastamakers-castle-winery-tour/>

Mon-Sat (not on Wednesday, not 10-30 August)

€ 440 for 2 people

Additional person:

€ 90 adult

€ 65 teen (12-17 years)

€ 55 teen (4-11 years)

Duration: 6 hours

Rate includes:

private guide + visit to the pasta factory + castle + winery + butcher's+ cheese grotto + tasting of salami,+ 2 sorts of pasta for lunch+ wine tasting



G22. Lari + cheese tour

<https://www.ariannandfriends.com/wine-food-tours/pastamakers-castle-cheese-tour/>

Mon-Fri (not on Wednesday, not 10-30 August)

€ 420 for 2 people

Additional person:

€ 85 adult

€ 75 teen (12-17 years)

€ 65 teen (4-11 years)

Duration: 6 hours

Rate includes:

private guide + visit to the pasta factory + castle + cheese factory + butcher's+ cheese grotto + tasting cheese + 2 sorts of pasta for lunch and 1 glass of wine



G8. LAJATICO TOUR & ANDREA BOCELLI WINES

Our guide Moira will introduce to you one of the most fascinating historical villages of the Valdera area: **Lajatico**. Lajatico is the **birthplace of Andrea Bocelli and location of the Teatro del Silenzio**, a prestigious, annual music event organized by the renowned singer himself. We will stop at Teatro del Silenzio to enjoy **stunning views** and learn more about the life of Andrea before he became famous. You will then visit the center of the town to get in **touch with the local people** and appreciate the authentic life of a small village in the Tuscan countryside, where everybody knows each other and they all take part in welcoming the visitors in a friendly and warm way. Lajatico has become a little gem in Tuscany, and together with your guide you'll also discover the many **contemporary works of art that blend perfectly with the historical building and piazzas**. You will have a **Tuscan lunch at a local restaurant** with local specialties and enjoy a **guided tasting of 2 wines from the wine cellar belonging to the Bocelli family**. At the **Bocelli food court**, you can even purchase some wine, olive oil or grappa made by Andrea's family.

More info:

<https://www.ariannandfriends.com/day-tours-activities/andrea-bocelli-village-tour/>

Tue-Sat

€ 350 for 2 people

Additional person:

€ 70 adult

€ 45 teen (12-17 years)

€ 30 child (4-11 years)

Duration: 3 hours

Rate includes:

private guide + visit to
Lajatico & Teatro del
Silenzio+ visit to Bocelli
food court + tasting +
lunch



G10. FAMOUS BUTCHER, T-BONE STEAK & WINERY IN SAN MINIATO

A day dedicated to the area around the charming town of San Miniato, a little Tuscan gem on a hilltop, famous for the ancient fortress of Federico II and for the connection with Napoleon, the Via Francigena pilgrim route, monumental squares and palaces, excellent wines and truffles.

With your guide you'll then visit the shop of one of the **most famous butchers of Tuscany**. Here you will learn how they produce high quality meats, bistecca and cold cuts and have **a great lunch, enjoying the delicious meats and hams produced there as well as other typical dishes, including an unforgettable T-bone steak and a glass of quality local wine**. The tour continues in the afternoon with the visit to a **local family run winery, producing very peculiar Tuscan wines. You'll taste 5 wines** from the farm while admiring the view over the vineyards and learn about the specific wine making art adopted in this estate.

More info:

<https://www.ariannandfriends.com/wine-food-tours/winery-san-miniato-tour/>

Mon-Sat

€ 480 for 2 people

Additional person:

€ 110 adult

€ 80 teen (12-17 years)

€ 50 child (4-11 years)

Duration: 6 hours

Rate includes:

private guide + visit to San Miniato + visit to the butcher's shop + meat tasting + lunch with T-bone steak+ visit to the winery + wine tasting



G11. VIP LEONARDO MUSEUM IN VINCI & WINERY TOUR

Guided visit to the medieval **town of Vinci, birthplace of Leonardo, the world famous genius**. Here you will enjoy a guided tour to **Leonardo's museum** where to admire scale models of many of his inventions and understand the reasons why Leonardo is still considered the most important genius of all times.

Who invented the bicycle? Who invented the helicopter? And the snorkeling mask?

After Vinci, you will visit a **historical cellar in a stunning majestic Medicean villa in the countryside**, a spectacular **Renaissance location** where you will taste **4 typical Tuscan wines while enjoying a delicious lunch**.

More info:

<https://www.ariannandfriends.com/wine-food-tours/leonardo-museum-winery-tour/>

Mon-Fri

€ 540 for 2 people

Every extra person:

€ 80 adult

€ 60 teen (12-17 years)

€ 50 child (4-11 years)

Duration: 6 hours

Rate includes:

private guide + visit to Vinci's museum + visit to winery + wine tasting + lunch



NEW 2023 ♥

G23. ORGANIC BEER PARTY & PIZZA IN VOLTERRA

A journey focusing on **craft beers from organic farming in the heart of Tuscany**. We will visit a **family-run craft micro-brewery in the rolling hills north of Volterra**. First we visit the charming town of Volterra for about 2 hours, discovering its hidden gems. **We'll have a tasty lunch with a panino con Cecina (a local specialty made with chickpea flour) and one or two slices of excellent pizza**. Then we will move to the brewery that is the last development of a farm which has been producing organic grains in the surrounding fields for generations. **Since 2020, the family has invested in an ultra-modern plant for the production of beer with a very low carbon footprint**. You'll discover all the steps of beer production, from the initial cereal to the bottle, passing from the processing and cooking of barley malt, through the alcoholic fermentation, up to the re-fermentation in the bottle. **The guided visit ends in a tasting of 6 beers accompanied by a platter of local cold cuts and cheeses**. In good weather it is all set up under an **outdoor pergola with a splendid Tuscan panorama**.

More info:

<https://www.ariannandfriends.com/wine-food-tours/volterra-beer-and-pizza/>

Mon-Sat

€ 360 for 2 people

Additional person:

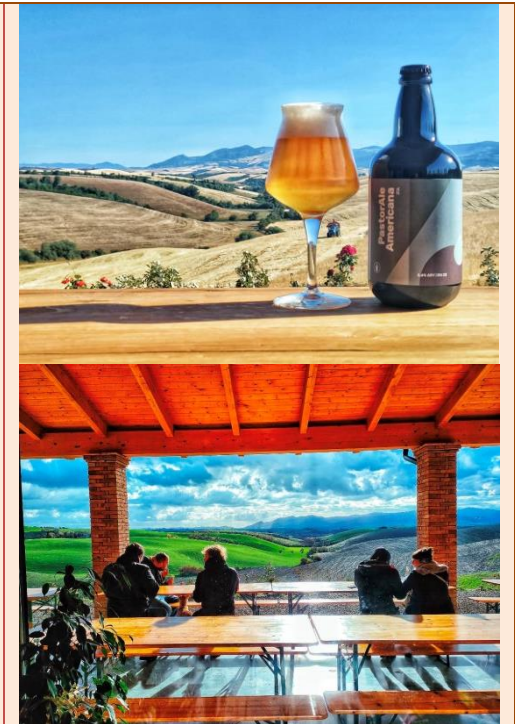
€ 50 adult

€ 40 teen (12-17 years)

€ 30 child (4-11 years)

Duration: 6 hours

Rate includes:
private guide + visit to
Volterra + street food
lunch with pizza and
Cecina + visit to the
brewery + beer tasting



NEW 2023 ♥

G16. PECCIOLI & GHIZZANO: traditional and contemporary art, with wine tasting

Valdera is a beautiful area that surprisingly offers **a perfect mixture of modernity and tradition, contemporary art works and 1,000 year old churches**. Discover with us **Ghizzano, a little hamlet where just 300 people live**, perched on the top of the hill, and surrounded by vineyards and olive groves. **It is rich with contemporary art works** by Alicja Kwade and David Tremlett. The village surrounds the villa of the Counts Venerosi Pesciolini, who arrived in Ghizzano in the 14th Century and still today live in the village. **They produce great organic wines that we will taste after visiting the impressive historical cellar**. We'll also have a walk in the beautiful Italian garden right in front of the villa, restored at the beginning of the 20th century. In Peccioli, discover the contemporary works of Hidetoshi Nagasawa, Daniel Buren and Jeppe Hein and also the archeological museum, to learn everything about the Etruscans that lived in the area starting from the 6th Century BC. **Enjoy the beautiful Palazzo Senza Tempo, and walk on a suspended terrace with spectacular views** of the Tuscan valley.
A light lunch at a local restaurant based on local specialties and 1 glass of local wine is included

More info:

<https://www.ariannandfriends.com/day-tours-activities/peccioli-ghizzano-tradition-and-contemporary-art-with-wine-tasting/>

Mon-Sat

€ 390 for 2 people

Additional person:

€ 80 adult

€ 65 teen (12-17 years)

€ 40 child (4-11 years)

Duration: 6 hours

Rate includes:
private guide + visit to Peccioli and Ghizzano + visit to the Palazzo + visit to the winery and wine tasting + lunch



G21. DEEP IN THE GROUND: the mine of Montecatini and the Salt of Volterra

In the southern part of the Terre di Pisa there's the **valley called Val di Cecina**, taking its name from the Cecina river that passes through it. We want to take you there to discover **some hidden gems!** The hills of this area have been widely known since the Etruscans times, for the presence of precious elements such as iron and copper. The medieval town of **Montecatini Val di Cecina, with its lovely stone houses, is famous for its copper mine, active from 1827 to 1907.** Today a guided visit to the museum is possible, and the visitors can learn about the extraction system and the life of workers in the area.

We'll go inside the mine, down to the galleries to reach the area called "The Belly of the Whale", deep underground, where we'll see the suggestive beams used to keep the underground galleries open.

After the mine visit we will move to a **nearby organic winery, whose history is connected with this territory of ancient miners, that produces wines certified with quality label DOC Montescudaio.** Here we'll visit the winery and **taste 5 different** wines served with local snacks for light lunch while taking in the view. The delicious wines produced here are based on traditional Sangiovese grapes but also on elegant cabernet sauvignon, cabernet franc and merlot, to create really memorable blends.

Not far from Volterra there's a little village called **Saline di Volterra, which actually means 'Salt mines of Volterra', where, since Etruscan time, you can find huge deposits of salt deep in the ground, that is working today.**

The **salt produced in Volterra is the purest salt of Italy.** Inside the salt factory we will see the majestic salt waterfall, discovering the story of this precious material from the ancient times to nowadays, and it will be possible to buy this unique salt that comes from the depths of the earth.

More info:

<https://www.ariannandfriends.com/day-tours-activities/mining-site-tuscany/>

Thur-Sat

€ 400 for 2 people

Additional person:

€ 85 adult

€ 70 teen (12-17 years)

€ 60 child (4-11 years)

Duration: 6 hours

Rate includes:
private guide + visit to the copper mine + + visit to the winery and wine tasting + visit to the salt factory + light lunch



G14. VOLTERRA & WINE TASTING WITH VIEWS

Volterra, what a treasure! **A hilltop town with almost 3000 years of history.** It has been used as setting for many historical movies because of its fascinating atmosphere, which **brings you back to the Middle Ages or the Renaissance.** Volterra is also the most important town in Tuscany for learning about the **Etruscan community, the population that first settled into the Tuscan lands before the Romans** arrived. Our guide will take you on a 2-hour stroll through the tiny lanes and show you some stunning views. There's also time for you to enjoy some shopping in the center and to taste a good Italian coffee that is complimentary. Before heading to a **family run local winery for wine tasting and lunch**, you will also stop to see the rest of the most **ancient city walls of Volterra, that were built by the Etruscans in the IV century B.C.**

At the winery, a charming family run business, Claudia the wine maker, will open the cellar for us, and will prepare an **interesting and educational wine tasting experience**, in the terrace with **stunning views of the Tuscan hills.**

More info: <https://www.ariannandfriends.com/wine-food-tours/volterra-winery-tour/>

Mon-Sat

€ 420 for 2 people

Additional person:

€ 60 adult

€ 45 teen (12-17 years)

€ 35 child (4-11 years)

Duration: 6 hours

Rate includes:
private guide + visit to
Volterra & the walls+
coffee break + visit to
the farm + tasting +
lunch



G6. VOLTERRA & CHEESE FARM TOUR

Visit to the fascinating Etruscan town of Volterra with its ancient city walls, the **archeological site of a Roman Theater and stunning Medieval and Renaissance palaces.**

You will also **see the production of an alabaster artefact at a local workshop in town.** After some free time for shopping, the tour goes on with the visit to a **charming organic pecorino cheese farm in the countryside, with wonderful views** over the surrounding valley and over the town of Volterra. At the farm we will visit their barn where to see the sheep and we will visit the aging cold rooms containing many cheese wheels, to learn the process of the cheese making art. Then you'll **enjoy delicious lunch based including at least 6 types of pecorino cheeses** produced there.

More info:

<https://www.ariannandfriends.com/wine-food-tours/cheese-and-volterra-tour/>

Mon-Sat

€ 360 for 2 people

Additional person:

€ 40 adult

€ 35 teen (12-17 years)

€ 30 child (4-11 years)

Duration: 6 hours

Rate includes:
private guide + visit to
Volterra + visit to the
cheese farm + cheese
tasting + lunch



G.18 VIP - ELEGANT TEATIME WITH THE COUNTESS

We have a big surprise for you! A guided walk in the tiny roads of the historical center of the village Terricciola culminating with an exclusive meeting. We will introduce you to the **most important family in the town, the noble family Gherardi del Testa, whose ancestors have been living here since 1660**. We will visit their private palace and **have tea with Countess Valeria in person!**

The villa was built in 1660 for Sebastiano Gherardi Del Testa, a nobleman coming from Pisa, and his family have never moved out of the palace. The villa represents the center of the typical sharecropping system that was in place throughout the whole area for centuries. **The manor house still preserves elegant frescoes and decor that gives us a glimpse into the life of a noble family in the countryside**, from its origin to modern day. We will have the pleasure of sitting in their main reception room with century old furniture and **enjoy some tea in the company of the Countess** with the delight of some home-made biscuits and mini sandwiches served in a precious porcelain tea serving set.

G.19 VIP - MEMORABLE MEAL WITH THE COUNTESS

We want to impress you even more: **a full meal in the company of Countess Valeria Gherardi Del Testa, in her private elegant dining room.**

(see more info in the G18 coded tour).

After visiting the external part of the Palazzo in Terricciola dating back to the 1660 with our expert guide, you will enter the elegant private lodgings of the villa and admire the original frescoes and historical pieces of art in each room. You will then meet the Countess Valeria and together you will have an elegant lunch or early dinner served on an original porcelain, crystal and silver dining set. **The Countess will tell us stories of eccentric artists, famous cultured people and bizarre military soldiers attending the villa many years ago**, when she was still a child. It will be an authentic step back in time to the magnificent life of a noble Italian family.

More info:

<https://www.ariannandfriends.com/wine-food-tours/dining-with-countess/>

Mon-Fri

€ 320 for 2 people

Additional person:

€ 45 adult

€ 30 teen (12-17 years)

€ 30 child (4-11 years)

Duration: 3 hours

For private parties of max 10 people

Rate includes:
private guide + visit to the villa + tea with the Countess



€ 550 for 2 people

Additional person:

€ 90 adult

€ 70 teen (12-17 years)

€ 50 child (4-11 years)

Duration: 4 hours

For private parties of max 10 people

Rate includes:
private guide + visit to the villa + meal with the Countess



J6. GRAPE HARVEST EXPERIENCE

During the harvest time, you are welcome to join local farmers in their vineyards and learn how to pick grapes to produce a great wine.

In the company of our expert guide and the winemaker you will spend some time in the vineyards sharing many phases of the wine making production.

You will help the farmers pick the grapes by hand, see the de-stemming process in the cellar and the pump-over of grape juice that turns into wine.

We offer you a great hands-on experience at a real Tuscan vineyard including a visit to their wine cellar, wine tasting and a full Tuscan lunch.

The location could be Terricciola, Peccioli, Volterra or San Miniato, depending on who is available for the harvest. You'll meet the farm staff, busy and thrilled for this magical moment of the season, ready to share with you their experience and knowledge that is sometimes handed down from generation to generation.

NOTE This activity is strongly related to weather conditions, so there might be changes to the date or to the itinerary. This will be evaluated closer to the date. An obligatory insurance for the day must be issued.

More info:

<https://www.ariannandfriends.com/wine-food-tours/grape-harvest-experience-tuscany/>

From late August till end of September

€ 450 for 2 people

Additional person:

€ 100 adult

€ 70 teen (12-17 years)

€ 50 child (4-11 years)

Including health insurance for the day, obligatory.

Duration: 5 hours

Rate includes:

private guide + visit to the winery + wine tasting + harvest experience + lunch



J7. OLIVE HARVEST EXPERIENCE

This is one of the most fascinating activities of rural life: picking olives together with a local farmer and his family. For one day you will enjoy a complete agricultural experience including helping the farmers to pick olives by hand, and visiting a running oil mill where the olives are crushed and turned into extra virgin olive oil.

Learn how a great extra virgin olive oil is made and change your approach to the use of it in your diet and other common uses. Locations could be Terricciola, Peccioli, Volterra or San Miniato, depending on who is available for the harvest.

The tour also includes a very interesting comparative olive oil tasting to understand the difference between an industrial olive oil and a real Tuscan genuine and healthy olive oil, made the right way. A rustic lunch with local specialties completes this experience.

NOTE: This activity is strongly related to weather conditions, so there might be changes in the date or in the itinerary. This will be evaluated closer to the date. More info:

<https://www.ariannandfriends.com/wine-food-tours/olive-harvest-experience-tuscany/>

From mid-October till mid-November

€ 380 for 2 people

Additional person:

€ 80 adult

€ 60 teen (12-17 years)

€ 30 child (4-11 years)

Duration: 5 hours

Rate includes:

private guide + visit to the oil mill + olive oil tasting + harvest experience + lunch



Tour extension option:

J8. OLIVE HARVEST EXPERIENCE & WINE TOUR

You can extend the olive harvest experience to include a wine tour.

At the same farm or at a farm nearby you will visit the wine cellar and taste their best wines, which are representative of the territory of Terre di Pisa wine district, for a more complete tour.

More info:

<https://www.ariannandfriends.com/wine-food-tours/olive-harvest-wine-tour-with-lunch/>

For this extension add

€ 30 per extra adult

€ 15 teen/child

1 additional hour



MORE IDEAS & SIGHTSEEING

L5. WANNABE ITALIANO – UNCONVENTIONAL ITALIAN LANGUAGE CLASSES

Learn Italian with our super-guide Massimo, who is also a qualified Italian language teacher. According to your experience, he will set up a program that will be focused on **conversation and on live experiences when dealing with local people.**

You will learn some basic grammar but most of all Massimo will teach you **how to hold a conversation in Italian on subjects you are interested in.**

With your teacher you'll **practice your Italian while visiting local farms and villages.**

Spending time with local people is the best way to learn a foreign language.

Each lesson takes 3 hours, made of 2 modules of 1.5 hours. The offer will be fully personalized.

Lessons take place at your accommodation hotel/resort/villa. If your accommodation is located more than 30 minutes from Terricciola, an extra charge applies for travel costs.

More info:

<https://www.ariannandfriends.com/day-tours-activities/italian-classes-tuscany/>

Mon-Sat

Rates for 1 to 5 people

"Just a start" formula:

3 hours at **€ 180**

Short formula:

6 hours at **€ 360**

Medium formula: 1

2 hours at **€ 720**

Full formula:

18 hours at **€ 1080**



M17. SIENA AND ITS DOLCETTI

With our lovely guide Margarita you will visit the charming town of Siena and admire its unique **Piazza del Campo**, the location of the famous Palio horse race. You'll have the **great privilege of visiting one of the "Contradas" of the Palio**, the headquarters of the competing teams, and get to meet the local people. You will wander through the historical center, discovering picturesque districts, then up to the **majestic Cathedral**, a gem full of numerous masterpieces and a place to remember for a lifetime. Your guide will take you to one of the most important **pastry shop in the town for a tasting of several typical pastries such as Ricciarelli and Panforte**.

Every day

€ 310 for 2 people

Additional person:
€ 30 per person

Duration: 3 hours

Rate includes:

Private guide, access to the Contrada, Pastry tasting

Tickets to the Cathedral are extra € 8-15 per person according to season



M18. SAN GIMIGNANO, VERNACCIA WINE AND TYPICAL FOOD

San Gimignano is known as one of the **most spectacular towns amongst the medieval towns of Tuscany for its ancient towers and a unique skyline**. Your guide will tell you about the history of this strange yet beautiful town, with its triangle shaped square and little stone paved lanes. The guide will also take you to taste some typical products: **Vernaccia**, a local **white wine and some local cheese and hams**.

Every day

€ 290 for 2 people

Additional person:
€ 20 per person

Duration: 2,5 hours

Rate includes:

Private guide, Tasting of salami, cheese and Vernaccia wine

Tickets to museums and churches not included



M1. PISA TREASURES WITH ITALIAN APERITIF

First time in Pisa? Enjoy our private guided visit to the historical center of Pisa and its incredible **Piazza dei Miracoli**. **Admire its majestic beauty, the famous Leaning Tower.**

With our expert guide, you will access the Duomo, walk along the **romantic Lungarno riverbanks** and soak up the elegant atmosphere in the **Piazza dei Cavalieri**.

To end the experience in the best way, your guide will take you to enjoy a **delicious Italian aperitif with snacks, at a historical pastry shop. Salute!**

Every day

€ 300 for 2 people

Additional person:
person:

€ 25 per person

Duration: 3 hours

Rate includes:
Private guide,
Ticket to the
Duomo,
Italian Aperitif

Tickets to the Leaning Tower are extra. They must be booked in advance and they cost € 25 per person. Kids under 9's are not allowed.



M6. PISA BIKE TOUR & GELATO TASTING

The town of Pisa is ideal for guided bike excursions for all ages as it flat terrain and there are no hills. If you want an **easy and enjoyable bike tour in Pisa to see the town from a different perspective**, meeting local people not just tourists, then this is your tour. You 'll start near the train station and cycle to an unusual spot, the **famous mural of Keith Haring 'Tuttomondo'**. After that you will continue to ride through the typical lanes of the historical center, stopping. **for a gelato tasting at one of the best shops in town, multi-award winning for their quality ice-cream.**

You'll then travel through local fruit vegetable markets in typical squares in the center of Pisa, near the prestigious university.

Through the park Giardino Scotto, you will cross the Fortress bridge and enjoy the view by the riverbanks until you reach the unique Piazza dei Miracoli.

Every day

€ 280 for 2 people

Additional person:
person:

€ 25 per person

Duration: 3 hours

Rate includes:
Private guide,
Gelato,
E-bike rental for 3
hours

No museums or access to other attractions included



M7. ARTISANS & BEER & PIZZA TASTING IN PISA

If you are a **fan of artisan products, handcrafts and traditional techniques**, this is your tour! Our expert guide will take you to visit 3 **artisan workshops among goldsmiths, blacksmiths, shoemakers, dressmakers** etc... according to your preferences. Pisa is not a big town and beside the most famous attractions, with us you can see the real Pisa, where people live and work.

Your guide will take you to taste some **handcrafted beer** made in Pisa area, and some typical **pizza pisana and the famous cecina tart**, a very delicious snack made of chickpea flour and baked like a pizza.

Every day

€ 330 for 2 people

Additional person:
person:

€ 30 adult

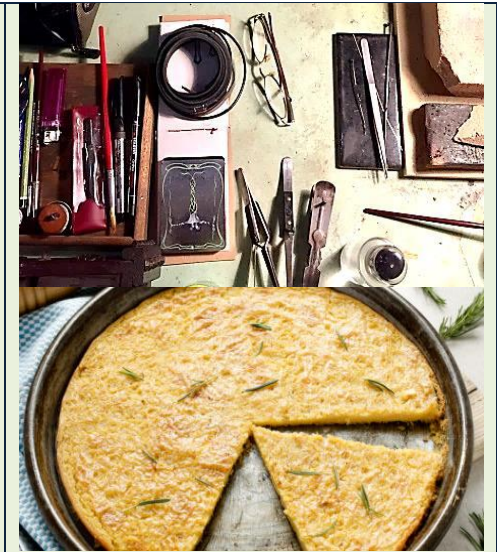
€ 20 teen (12-17
years)

€ 20 child (4-11 years)

Duration: 3 hours

Rate includes:
Private guide,
Street food Lunch,
Beer tasting,

No museums or
access to other
attractions included



M10. VOLTERRA AND THE NOBLE PALACE VITI

An original tour to Volterra, out from the standard and classical walking tours. The guide will show you the historical center of this charming Etruscan town and take you to **panoramic viewpoints, to see the spectacular view over the ruins of a Roman Theater**. She will also take you to discover a **very special private place: Palazzo Viti. It is an elegant Renaissance Palace**, right in the middle of the town, where you will admire all the original furniture and precious works of art collected by the Viti family. **A complementary coffee at the best caffè in town is also included.**

Mon-Sat

From March through
October

€ 260 for 2 people

Additional person:
€ 20 per person

Duration: 3 hours

Rate includes:
Private guide,
Ticket to the
museum,
Coffee break



M11. VOLTERRA, ARTS AND ALABASTER

This tour of Volterra is the best choice for those who **love paintings from the Middle Ages to Renaissance, as well as artists such as Rosso Fiorentino and Ghirlandaio**. You will visit the Pinacoteca, an art museum inside a **15th century palace**, with a very rich collection of paintings, sculptures and ceramics. In the same building, you will also visit the **alabaster museum** and understand how the precious stone has been crafted in Volterra for over 2,000 years, from the Etruscan times to today. A complementary **coffee & pastry snack** at the best café in town is also included.

Mon-Fri

€ 280 for 2 people

Additional person:

€ 25 per person

Duration: 3 hours

Rate includes:
Private guide,
Ticket to the
museum,
Coffee break



M12. VOLTERRA AND THE ETRUSCANS

The Etruscans: a **fascinating and mysterious population of the ancient times living here almost 3 thousand years ago**. This is a more classical tour of Volterra including the visit to the charming **Etruscan museum called Guarnacci**, where you can take the time to admire works of art from the Etruscan times and **learn about their culture, gods and goddesses, their love of beauty and the role women played in their social hierarchy**. It is an ideal tour for those who have an interest in history and archaeology, at any level. A **complimentary gelato** at one of the most historical cafés in town is included in the tour.

Mon-Fri

€ 260 for 2 people

Additional person:

€ 20 per person

Duration: 3 hours

Rate includes:
Private guide,
Ticket to the
museum,
Gelato



M19. VOLTERRA FOR FOODIES

Our expert guide will show you the **romantic town of Volterra** from a different point of view, its typical food! You'll discover the little shops and historical bars where you can taste the **typical cecina, a delicious chickpea tart and Pisan pizza**. On top of that we will also discover some nice **truffle based products, the precious Volterra salt, the purest in Italy**, mouth watering **chocolates**, and not forgetting the **healthy extra virgin olive oil**, and. Each product is related to the history and the traditions of the town. It will be a real pleasure for your taste buds to visit Volterra like this!

Mon-Fri

€ 350 for 2 people

Additional person:

€ 45 adult

€ 40 teen (12-17 years)

€ 30 child (4-11 years)

Duration: 3 hours

Rate includes:
Private guide,
Tasting of pizza,
cecina, salt, olive
oil, truffle,
chocolate



<p>M13. LUCCA AND ITS CITY WALLS</p> <p>Lucca is a very elegant small town with incredibly large defense walls that protected it for centuries and are still intact today. With our guide you will learn the history of this powerful town and the rivalry with Florence. You will also visit the unusual anfiteatro elliptic square and many other attractions in the historical center.</p>	<p>Every day</p> <p>€ 210 per party</p> <p><i>Duration:</i> <i>3 hours</i></p>	<p><u>Rate includes:</u> Private guide</p> <p>Upon request you can book a bike to ride on the city walls. The cost is extra: € 10 per hour per bike</p>	
<p>M14. FIRENZE, MEDICI FAMILY & MICHELANGELO</p> <p>Florence and Renaissance: a fascinating tour focused on the discovery of the incredible history of this town during the Medici years of prosperity and power. A particular attention is paid to the work of the artist Michelangelo, an extraordinary Tuscan artist, whose works of art exceed any imagination. You will visit the Accademia museum, to see the statue of David by Michelangelo and many other attractions related to Michelangelo and the Medici family.</p>	<p>Tue-Sun</p> <p>€ 290 per party</p> <p><i>Duration:</i> <i>4 hours</i></p>	<p><u>Rate includes:</u> Private guide</p> <p>Skip the line tickets to David at Accademia are extra. Booking must be in advance and payment on site: € 25 per person for the Accademia ticket</p>	
<p>M15. ARTISANS IN FLORENCE</p> <p>Discover the old Florentine tradition visiting the famous artisans' workshops, called 'botteghe'. After the visit to some of the main squares and highlights of Florence, we will access the area where the ancient craft making is continued on from one generation to the next. Experience century old traditions and learn about the commesso Fiorentino, the old Florentine hard stone inlaid mosaic, or learn how natural perfumes are made. In a maze of alleys and side streets, you may find goldsmiths making earrings similar to those worn by the noble ladies of past times.</p>	<p>Every day</p> <p>€ 280 per party</p> <p><i>Duration:</i> <i>4 hours</i></p>	<p><u>Rate includes:</u> Private guide, Visit to the workshops</p>	

M16. FLORENCE FOR FOODIES

Do you know Florence already? Have you already visited many museums and historical attractions? Then how about seeing this town from another perspective: FOOD! With our expert guide, **visit the local markets and shops where you will find typical Florentine products** and learn how they are made and why they are so special.

Find **dried tomatoes, bread, fresh vegetables, home-made pasta, porcini mushrooms, honey, salami, pecorino cheese, prosciutto, extra virgin olive oil and a large varieties of pastries**. Some tasting is included: the Tuscan focaccia called **schacciata**, typical cookies and of course some local wine!

Mon-Sat

€ 310 for 2 people

Additional person:

€ 35 per person

Duration: 3 hours

Rate includes:
Private guide,
Tasting of typical products

More tasting sessions and purchasing of the products are possible, at an extra charge to be paid onsite



M 20. THE OTHER SIDE OF FLORENCE: PITTI PALACE AND OLTRARNO DISTRICT

Meet your guide on the Ponte Vecchio, walk across the river Arno and reach **the other side of Florence to discover the Oltrarno district**. It is a unique & lively area of Florence, typical and charming, where you will find very good local trattorias and osterias and also craftsmen with their workshops. With our local expert guide you will also visit the **Palatina Gallery inside the Pitti Palace, residence of the Medici Family** for centuries, where you can admire paintings by **Raffaello, Tiziano and Caravaggio**. When open, there will also be a chance for you to visit the beautiful **church of Santo Spirito, with Michelangelo's crucifix** as an extension to the tour. You can book an extended version of the tour including the guided visit to the **romantic Boboli Gardens, behind the Pitti Palace**, the unique park owned in the past by the Medici family, where you can discover **grottos, nymphaeum and temples**.

Tue-Sun

€ 240 per party

Duration: 3 hours

extended version
€ 300 per party

Extended version of the tour: 4 hours

Skip the line tickets to the Pitti Palace are extra:
€ 20 per person
Booking must be in advance and payment on site.

Extension of the tour:
1 additional guided hour to visit the Boboli Gardens

€ 10 for the ticket to Boboli Gardens per person to be paid onsite.



ANNUAL EVENTS

WINE FESTIVAL - 8 & 10 September 2023

Join us at one of the most spectacular wine experiences in Tuscany, a famous wine festival at a renowned winery in San Miniato wine district. This event is dedicated to the unique grape Tempranillo, an unusual variety of grape that arrived in our area in the middle ages. On Friday 2 or Sunday 4 September 2022, come with us for a memorable al fresco self-service dinner based on the best T-bone steak and other delicious meats and vegetables provided by a local butcher from San Miniato and local farmers.

Before dinner, there is a walking tour of the property at sunset including a visit to the Tempranillo vineyards, the winemaking area and the barrique room.

You will then sit at a table in the middle of a vineyard or in the garden facing the vineyards. You'll taste 3 delicious IGT wines based on the unique Tempranillo di Toscana, with the possibility of trying more wines produced by the farm, including Chianti, Riserva, and Vinsanto. You will be entertained by local musicians and artists, performing live right in front of the winery and you are more than welcome to dance.

You'll have the chance to purchase bottles of your favorite wines and also to have them shipped to your home.

More info: <https://www.ariannandfriends.com/packages/tempranillo-di-toscana-festival/>

OFFER A: Entrance + wine tasting + buffet dinner + live music + guided visit to the vineyards and winery
Self-drive
€ 90 per person

OFFER B: offer A + return shared transfer
€ 150 per person

OFFER C: offer A + return private transfer
€ 180 per person (for your party 3-6 people)
€ 240 per person (if only 2 people)



ANDREA BOCELLI'S TEATRO DEL SILENZIO - July 2023-2024

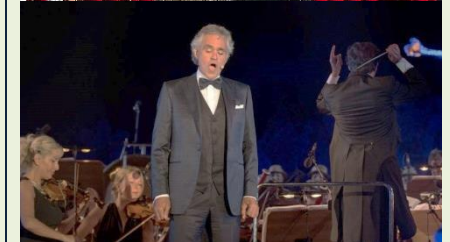
If you are a fan of Andrea Bocelli there is no better way to enjoy his voice than attending his annual show in Lajatico, his home town. We organize packages that include tickets to the show and transfers to the venue, private or shared, and also accommodation at nearby hotels, B&Bs and resorts.

The location is a magical natural theater in the middle of the Tuscan hills with the skyline of Volterra behind the stage and just before the show starts, the sunset creates a beautiful, romantic atmosphere.

Some of our packages also include a pre-show dinner at a local winery with wine tasting, while enjoying the view of the Tuscan hills. We make sure everybody arrives on time and doesn't spend too much time in the inevitable traffic. Lajatico is a small village with only 1000 inhabitants and for this special event between 10-12,000 people are expected, so it is a special moment for the small community of Lajatico and the surrounding areas.

Andrea wants this event to be a unique and once in a lifetime experience, therefore the maestro and the other artists involved will create a special evening, that includes mostly opera, following a specific theme that changes from year to year. Prices are different depending on the ticket category and type of transportation booked.

More info: <https://www.ariannandfriends.com/special-events/andrea-bocelli-teatro-del-silenzio/>



Check our web pages for more info on:

COOKING CLASSES (at authentic farms in Tuscany) <https://www.ariannandfriends.com/cooking-classes/>

IN-VILLA SERVICES (chef service, massages, cooking classes, DJ, food tasting in villa)

<https://www.ariannandfriends.com/services/private-services-at-your-tuscan-villa/>

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES (e-bike, vespa, quad tours) <https://www.ariannandfriends.com/vespa-tours/>

Enjoy Tuscany with your Tuscan friends!



BOOKING FORM

DETAILS OF CUSTOMER						* This information is compulsory to complete booking	
FIRST NAME *			LAST NAME *				
E-mail address *			Billing address*	Please, provide a billing address for our receipt of payment. It's mandatory. It is only for billing issues and nothing will be posted.			
Telephone number while in Italy							
Name of your accommodation	Please, provide the name of your hotel/B&B/resort:		N. of adults in your party *		N. of teens * 12-17 years old		N. of children * 4-11 years old
DETAILS OF SERVICES							
DATE & TIME OF SERVICE <small>You can list more than one date if you are booking multiple services</small>	CODE <small>As per catalogue. E.g.:B3</small>	NAME OF SERVICE				TOTAL RATE	
						€ _____ .00	
						€ _____ .00	
						€ _____ .00	
Please be aware of our cancellation policy below. Last minute cancellations for any reason are non-refundable.							
Notes: Please indicate if you have any food restrictions or special requests. Last minute changes are not possible.						TOTAL AMOUNT	€ _____ .00

HOW TO BOOK BY CREDIT CARD Booking by credit card with full payment in advance, using the form below.

AUTHORIZATION OF CHARGE TO CREDIT CARD

The credit card holder _____
Name(s) Surname

authorizes the withdrawal of the above-mentioned total amount from the following credit card: **VISA** | **MASTERCARD**

Card Number _____

Expiry date ____/____/____
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_____ **Holder's signature**

This is a personal card OR this is a business card



NOTES ON BOOKINGS VIA CREDIT CARD

In case of payments through a EU and non-EU business card the charge will be in Euro.
 In case of payments through a EU personal card the charge will be in Euro.
 In case of payments through a non-EU personal card, the charge will be in the currency of card's account. This means that the amount of the charge will be reckoned on the conversion rate of the day of the transaction.
 Markups or commissions applied by the tour operator's bank and the credit card holder's bank may apply.

HOW TO RETURN THIS BOOKING FROM

The form is valid as a booking contract for the services agreed on and listed here above. Print these pages, fill in and scan them or take a picture of them with your smartphone and make a JPG file. Alternatively, use a pdf printing program. Send the completed booking form to our main e-mail address info@ariannandfriends.com or via whatsapp to +39 348 3352039.

DATA PRIVACY POLICY

The tour operator and travel agency Arianna & Friends Srl (here defined as the T.O.) through the website Ariannandfriends.com and through this catalogue complies with the General Data Protection Regulation (Regolamento Europeo n.2016/679). The T.O. understands the importance of maintaining the confidentiality of the information stored about the traveler while providing services. Contacts and other personal data the customer supplies are stored by the T.O. and will be used to provide the customer with the information they have requested. The collected information may be used by the T.O.'s staff to keep the customer updated about its newest activities and events. The T.O. will never willfully disclose identifiable information about any customer to any party without first receiving permission from that person. Yet, the T.O. is obliged to pass such information on to the relevant suppliers of accommodation or transfer service, and, if required by them or by law, to security or credit checking companies and public authorities such as customs/immigration offices. The customer can remove any of the information that the T.O. stores about them, at any time, by sending an email to info@ariannandfriends.com or through a request of deletion from the T.O.'s mailing list.

This travel contract is understood, accepted and agreed by

The Tour Operator & Travel Agency Arianna & Friends

The Customer

HOW TO BOOK BY BANK TRANSFER

Booking through bank full payment in advance using the form above. Please make sure that all bank fees are charged to your bank account and that the payment is made in Euro (EUR - €).

Beneficiary Name: Arianna and Friends s.r.l. Via Carducci 9, 56037 Peccioli (PI) Italy

Beneficiary Account Details:

IBAN CODE: IT26D050347110000000001381 **Swift/BIC CODE: BAPPIT21T90**

Bank: BPM - Banco Popolare di Milano Bank Address: Via Mazzini 17, Peccioli, Pisa, Italy. Please send us a copy of the issued transaction via email to

info@ariannandfriends.com or whatsapp to +39 348 3352039.

CANCELLATION POLICY

In case of cancellation by customers, they are requested to contact Arianna & Friends immediately. The percentage of the entire amount of the booking to be retained as a cancellation fee depending on the number of days preceding their activity date can be seen below

FROM	TO	Cancellation fee
Reservation day	50 days before the date of the booked service	30%
49 days before the date of the booked service	30 days before the date of the booked service	50%
29 days before the date of the booked service	15 days before the date of the booked service	70%
14 days before the date of the booked service	0 days before the date of the booked service	100%