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

Dear Friends,

we want to help you understand who we are, how we operate and most, importantly, why to choose us! Let's introduce ourselves: **Arianna, Consuelo, Luca, Moira, Anna, Davide, Alex, Cristiano, Diletta and Yvonne.**

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.

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** and stay away from overtourism.

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.

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 leave as family!"

BECOME A NEW FRIEND OF OURS 😊

Meet your friends in Tuscany



Consuelo, resourceful and proficient. She holds the position of office bookings manager. She customizes requests and creates the perfect experiences.



Diletta, caring and patient. Very attentive to detail, she manages all sorts of bookings to ensure a dream Tuscan vacation.



Luca, cheerful and knowledgeable. He serves as an 'all tours' guide, specializing in vespa and e-bike tours, olive oil, cheese, and truffle experiences.



Moira, knowledgeable and fun. She is our top guide for all tours involving history, art, sightseeing and culture. She is also a competent wine and olive oil expert.



Alex, patient and competent. He is a wine connoisseur and a skilled cook. He leads numerous wine- olive oil- and truffle tours, as well as cooking classes, vespa excursions and Ferrari tours.



Cristiano, fun-loving and diligent. He is a cheese tour expert and he also leads many cooking classes and olive oil tours, as well as adventurous vespa tours



Yvonne, enthusiastic and experienced. She is a true wine expert and the leader for many wine and olive oil tours, bike excursions and cooking classes.



Davide, attentive to details and sociable. He is in charge of Andrea Bocelli's Teatro del Silenzio holiday packages and other local events.



Anna, friendly and dedicated. She patiently coordinates all our private chef services and cooking classes in collaboration with local cooks.



Arianna, intuitive and determined. She handles the company management, plans and organizes tours & activities and ensures smooth execution of all operations.

**In this section you'll find: Wine&food day tours with a touch of art&history +
Art&history day trips with a touch of wine&food**

Explore the most authentic area of Tuscany with your Tuscan Friends

NEW 2026

**G26. MAJESTIC SAN MINIATO AND A SPECIAL PASTA FACTORY
G.30 HANDS-ON GELATO ADVENTURES IN PECCIOLI**

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 private transfers 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

Wine & Food Tours with a Touch of History and Art

A Perfect Blend of Taste and Culture.

*History, Art, and Flavors: Tuscany in Every
Sense.*

F7. WINE & OLIVE OIL AT THE ABBEY

Our motto for this tour: **"from monks to wines: a journey with a taste of history"**

With your guide, visit one of the oldest estates in our region, a **nearly 1000-year-old Abbey** nestled in the small town of Morrone near Terricciola. Established in 1089 by Count Ugone, this monastery has been a focal point of religious, political, and civil life for centuries, guided by the Camaldolese monks.

During our exclusive visit, **explore the former convent and trace the history of the monastery's evolution**, from its origins as a convent to its transformation into the summer residence of the bishop of Volterra in the 15th century. **Discover the enchanting late 11th-century church that adds to the historical charm.**

Visit with us the **winery** with its large fermentation tanks and the **fascinating barrel room**. Learn about the production of wine in all its steps. Visit the olive mill for the farm and enjoy a **unique olive oil blind tasting**, refining your ability to understand the differences between a good extra virgin olive oil and a commercial one. An experience that will forever change your approach to olive oil.

Explore the winery's secrets and taste 6 distinct wines. A delightful Tuscan light lunch accompanies the wine tasting, creating a **harmonious mix of history, excellent wines, flavorful olive oil, and delectable food**. This tour promises an unforgettable combination of past and present that you won't want to miss!

More info:

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



Available from Monday to Saturday

€ 400 for 2 people

Additional person:

€ 85 adult

€ 55 teen (12-17 years)

€ 45 child (4-11 years)

Duration: 4 hours

Rate includes:

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

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

A half-day tour to discover the **enchanting Tuscan hilltop town of Lari**, offering a glimpse into the treasures of the "Terre di Pisa" region. **Lari is a little town with lots of hidden gems. Let's discover them together.**

Begin your journey by exploring the **renowned Martelli Pasta Factory**, a culinary gem in **operation since 1926**. **Meet Dino Martelli and his passionate family**, who uphold traditional pasta-making methods with profound respect. Learn about their philosophy of life and work, understanding why their pasta stands out.

Next, **venture to the XIV-century Castello dei Vicari**, overlooking the town center. Our guide will lead you through its **historic halls, including an ancient prison, an old courtroom, and a frescoed hall**. Marvel at the inner court adorned with coats of arms from Tuscany's influential families over the centuries.

A visit to a local butcher's shop unveils the secrets of curing prosciutto and salamis. The **butcher shares their expertise in crafting genuine meats using traditional techniques and natural products**, culminating in a delectable **tasting of their salami and prosciutto** and many other meat specialties.

Visit an underground cheese grotto, where a **special blend of cow, goat, and sheep's milk cheese is aged for months**. Indulge your taste buds in the unique flavors of this exquisite cheese.

We will also stop at a local bar for an aperitif featuring a taste of the region's **cherry liquor**.

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

More info:

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

Available: Mondays to Saturdays

(not on Wednesdays)
not 9-30 August

€ 300 for 2 people

Additional person:

€ 40 adult

€ 30 child or teen
(4-17 years)

Lunch is optional, at extra charge:

€ 40 per adult

€ 35 per teen/kid

including 2 dishes with Martelli pasta and local wine or soft drinks.

*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 cold cuts, cheese cherry liquor + 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 Wednesdays, not 9-30 August)

€ 480 for 2 people

Additional person:

€ 90 adult

€ 80 teen (12-17 years)

€ 70 kids (4-11 years)

Duration: 6,5 hours

Rate includes:

private guide + visit to the pasta factory + castle + oil mill + butcher's + tasting of salami and cold cuts+ cherry liquor + lunch with 2 sorts of pasta + olive oil tasting



G4. LARI + WINE TOUR

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

Mon-Sat (not on Wednesdays, not 9-30 August)

€ 500 for 2 people

Additional person:

€ 120 adult

€ 90 teen (12-17 years)

€ 70 kids (4-11 years)

Duration: 6,5 hours

Rate includes:

private guide + visit to the pasta factory + castle + winery + butcher's+ tasting of salami and cold cuts + cherry liquor + lunch with 2 sorts of pasta + wine tasting



G22. LARI + CHEESE & GELATO

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

Mon-Fri (not on Wednesdays, not 9-30 August)

€ 450 for 2 people

Additional person:

€ 90 adult

€ 80 teen (12-17 years)

€ 70 teen (4-11 years)

Duration: 6 hours

Rate includes:

private guide + visit to the pasta factory + castle + cheese factory + cheese tasting + cherry liquor+ lunch with 1 sort of pasta + artisanal gelato



F31. ANCIENT GRAINS & ARTISANAL GELATO

ORGANIC ESTATE EXPERIENCE

Begin your journey at an **organic estate that exclusively produces flours from ancient grains** within an integrated system. Nestled in the countryside between Peccioli and Volterra, the farm offers a breathtaking view. **Explore their production of ancient grain flours, legumes, pasta, bread, and biscuits, gaining insights into adopting a healthier diet.** Let's also learn about the admirable mission of the two brothers who have invested significant efforts in creating an **environmentally friendly space that is entirely free of chemicals.** You'll taste some of their products, and be able to purchase something truly healthy.

CHARMING PECCIOLI: A CULINARY HAVEN

Next, visit Peccioli, one of the most charming towns in the region, where you'll meet a **delightful family passionate about creating excellent food.**

They are the proud owners of a restaurant that, in the previous generation, started as a local pastry shop. **The dedication and curiosity of the last two generations have transformed the business into one of the most esteemed pastry shops in the area.** Over time, it has evolved also into a restaurant where the chef continually delights guests with new creations and culinary experiments, all while maintaining a strong connection to tradition. **They utilize ancient grain flours, produced at the farm we visited, for crafting pizzas, bread, and other specialties** that you'll have the pleasure of tasting in a delectable lunch.

ARTISANAL GELATO PROJECT

Additionally, Nicolò, a young family member has successfully initiated a project to create a **unique gelato.** **Crafted in an artisanal manner and using local and organic raw materials,** they experiment with taste combinations to create **unconventional gelato flavors** exclusive to this location. **A gelato tasting following lunch is a must-try experience.** Delight your taste buds with the result of their creative experimentation, featuring unusual gelato flavors that you can only savor here.

More info:

<https://www.ariannandfriends.com/wine-food-tours/ancient-grains-gelato/>



Available from Tuesday to Friday

€ 430 for 2 people

Every extra person:

€ 75 adult

€ 65 teen (12-17 years)

€ 50 child (4-11 years)

Duration: 5 hours

Rate includes:

private guide + visit to the ancient grain estate + tasting of some ancient grain-based products + visit to Peccioli + lunch with ancient grain products + gelato tasting

F4. EXCLUSIVE TOUR OF GHIZZANO: ORGANIC WINERY & NOBLE PALACE TOUR

Live an extraordinary journey, **blending history, organic wine production and contemporary art** in the small town of Ghizzano, that may be a small village, but it holds a wealth of experiences.

Our tour is the most comprehensive tour go Ghizzano you'll find online.

Your visit includes not only a **tour of the village and its wine cellars, complete with wine tasting**, but also **exclusive access to a 700-year-old historic villa**. You'll have the rare opportunity to **climb the panoramic tower**, where you can enjoy breathtaking views that stretch as far as the ocean on clear days. On top of that the experience includes also a **guided and relaxing walk through the vineyards and olive groves**, where you'll discover the unique organic and biodynamic methods used to produce their exceptional wines and olive oils.

Accompanied by your private guide, the day takes you to the **aristocratic noble palace** that belongs to the **noble family of Counts**, who have called Ghizzano home for many centuries and have dedicated themselves to winemaking through the generations.

Your exclusive tour includes a **visit to the private quarters of Countess Carla**, the palace's current resident, as well as a **stroll through her elegant gardens**. Don't miss the stunning 360° panoramic view from the **rooftop tower**, offering unparalleled vistas of the Tuscan hills.

The tour also takes you through the **vibrant streets of Ghizzano, adorned with surprising contemporary art installations** that blend perfectly with the historic architecture. You'll stop at the local baker's to have a tasting of the **best local focaccias**.

The experience concludes in the **historic wine cellars, where premier wines "sleep" in barrels**. Here, you'll enjoy a tasting of **4-5 exceptional organic wines** paired with bruschettas, cheeses and cold cuts sourced from a nearby organic producer. The tasting features a white wine, a classic red, two aged red wines, and, if available, a special wine aged in a distinctive amphora. You'll also sample their **exquisite olive oils**, crafted using unique techniques.

More info:

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



Available from Monday to Friday

€ 400 for 2 people

Additional person:

€ 90 adult

€ 40 teen (12-17 years)

€ 30 child (4-11 years)

Duration: 4 hours

Rate includes:

private guide + visit to the villa, panoramic tower, garden,
+ walk in the olive grove + walk in the vineyards + wine
tasting + olive oil tasting + focaccia at the bakers + light
lunch in the cellars

G.30 HANDS-ON GELATO ADVENTURES IN PECCIOLI NEW 2026 ♥

If you're a big fan of gelato, this tour is made for you! Let's meet Nicolò, the master gelato maker, officially recognized as one of the best in Italy **Discover the Charm of Peccioli and Meet Nicolò's Family.**

Our young gelato Master lives in the charming town of Peccioli, and together with your private guide, you'll explore this lovely town, discovering its most scenic spots. Along the way, you'll stop at **Nicolò's family-run restaurant and pastry shop**, a local favorite for generations.

Here, you can meet the family, enjoy some coffee, and soak up the **warm, authentic atmosphere.**

Now it's time to **create your own gelato** at the Master's workshop. Nicolò uses **only the freshest, seasonal ingredients** to craft his gelato. Many of the fruits and ingredients he used come from his own farm. **You'll help him create unique flavors** and learn the tricks to making high-quality gelato even at home. And of course, you'll taste the gelato you've created.

This gelato reflects a strong connection to local and seasonal ingredients, emphasizing freshness and authenticity.

The experience can end here, or you can make it even more special by combining it with:

- **A full lunch at Nicolò's family restaurant**
- **A visit to a chocolate workshop for an exclusive tasting with the master chocolatier**

This is a hands-on, deliciously fun experience that lets you dive into the best of Italian gelato, food, and culture.

More info:

<https://www.ariannandfriends.com/wine-food-tours/hands-on-gelato-adventures/>

Gelato Making/tasting+ visit to Peccioli + Coffee at the family café (2,5 hours)

€ 300 for 2 people, Additional person: € 70 adult, € 60 teen/child (4-17 years)

Gelato Making/tasting+ visit to Peccioli + Lunch at the family restaurant (3,5 hours)

€ 400 for 2 people, Additional person: € 90 adult, € 80 teen/child (4-17 years)

Gelato Making/tasting+ visit to Peccioli + visit to chocolate workshop + chocolate tasting (4 hours)

€ 500 for 2 people, Additional person: € 130 adult, € 120 teen/child (4-17 ys)

Gelato Making/tasting+ visit to Peccioli + visit to chocolate workshop + chocolate tasting + Lunch at the family restaurant (5 hours)

€ 600 for 2 people, Additional person: € 170 adult, € 150 teen/child (4-17 ys)



G8. LAJATICO TOUR & ANDREA BOCELLI WINES

Our guide, Moira, will introduce you to **one of the most fascinating historical villages in the Valdera area: Lajatico**. Lajatico is the **birthplace of Andrea Bocelli** and the location of the **Teatro del Silenzio, a prestigious annual music event** organized by the renowned singer himself. We will stop at the Teatro del Silenzio to **enjoy stunning views** and learn more about the life of Andrea before he became famous. Next, you will visit the town center to **connect 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 visitors in a friendly and warm manner. **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 buildings and piazzas.

You will have a **Tuscan lunch at a local restaurant** with local specialties and enjoy an **exclusive guided tasting of two 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 and access Bocelli's museum.

More info:

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

**Available from
Tuesday to Friday**

€ 460 for 2 people

Additional person:

€ 80 adult

€ 60 teen (12-17 years)

€ 40 child (4-11 years)

Duration: 3 hours

Rate includes:

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



G11. LEONARDO & THE WINE AT MEDICI VILLA

Let's explore an authentically charming area, **far from the crowds of mass tourism: Vinci and its countryside**. Let's start this journey with visit with a local guide **the medieval town of Vinci, the birthplace of Leonardo, the world-famous genius**. Highlights of the day is the reproduction of the renowned "**Uomo Vitruviano**," and also the **baptismal font where Leonardo was baptized**.

Accompanied by your private wine expert guide, you'll visit an estate that once belonged to the famous **Medici family**, the most prestigious family of the **Renaissance in Tuscany**. Discover the romantic charming villa and its historic wine cellar. **Taste four wines** produced by the current owners, a noble family of counts. End this journey in the Lands of Leonardo, with a **delightful light lunch at the villa**.

Additional option: If you wish, you visit independently either the classical Leonardo museum or the interactive Leo Lev museum. Extra cost to be paid on-site for the ticket. (€ 11-15 per person).

No guided tour in the museums.

More info:

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

**Available from
Monday to Friday**

€ 510 for 2 people

Every extra person:

€ 80 adult

€ 60 teen (12-17 years)

€ 40 child (4-11 years)

Duration: 5 hours

Rate includes:

private guide + guided
walk in Vinci + visit to
winery + wine tasting +
lunch



G23. VOLTERRA, PIZZA & BEER FROM THE SALT MINES

A truly unique tour in and around Volterra! Explore the fascinating territory of this magical town by visiting some **unusual destinations**. Start with your expert guide on a 2-hour tour of the charming town of Volterra, uncovering its hidden gems, and admiring the **Palazzo dei Priori and the rests of Roman Thermal baths and Theater**.

For lunch, **skip the traditional restaurant and enjoy street food like a local**: savor a delicious **panino con cecina** (a local specialty made with **chickpea flour**) and slices of excellent **local pizza**, sipping some "spuma", a traditional drink that locals match with pizza and cecina.

Next, we'll head to a remarkable **microbrewery** located just a few kilometers outside the town, operating **inside the salt mines of Volterra**. It's the only brewery in the world housed in such an extraordinary setting. Here, innovation meets sustainability, as the **brewery uses energy generated during the salt extraction process** to craft its beers. By utilizing this natural energy, **they reduce waste and conserve resources**, offering a truly eco-friendly brewing experience.

You'll also have the opportunity to see the **majestic salt cascade** and **taste four of their exceptional craft beers**.

More info:

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

Available from Monday to Saturday

€ 440 for 2 people

Additional person:

€ 70 adult

€ 40 teen (12-17 years)

€ 30 child (4-11 years)

Duration: 5 hours

Rate includes:

private guide + visit to Volterra + street food lunch with pizza and Cecina + visit to the brewery + visit to the salt cascade + beer tasting



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

Valdera sounds like a captivating destination, offering a **delightful blend of history, art, and tradition** and we are going to explore two typical villages.

Peccioli offers modern art scene featuring Hidetoshi Nagasawa, Daniel Buren, and Jeppe Hein, providing a striking contrast to the town historical richness, such as the main **church that dates back to the 12th century**.

In Peccioli, winner of the prize "Borgo dei Borghi" in 2024, as the prettiest little town of Italy, the **Palazzo Senza Tempo and its suspended terrace** promise **breathtaking views of the Tuscan valley**, making it a must-visit.

The inclusion of a **typical Tuscan lunch at a local restaurant**, featuring regional specialties and wine, adds a delicious touch to the experience.

Ghizzano, with its small population and **picturesque location**, seems like a **hidden gem**. Exploring contemporary artworks by Alicja Kwade and David Tremlett amid the **ancient charm of a 1,000-year-old village** is a unique experience. The **Counts Venerosi Pesciolini's historical villa** and **organic wine production** add a touch of aristocratic elegance to the visit. The family arrived in Ghizzano in the **14th Century** and still today live in the village.

We'll also have a walk in the **beautiful Italian gardens** right in front of the villa, restored at the beginning of the 20th century.

We'll taste 3 of their **delicious organic wines**.

More info:

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



Available from Monday to Saturday

€ 520 for 2 people

Additional person:

€ 140 adult

€ 80 teen (12-17 years)

€ 60 child (4-11 years)

Duration: 6 hours

Rate includes:

private guide + visit to Peccioli + visit to Ghizzano + visit to the Palazzo
+ visit to the winery and wine tasting + lunch in town

G5. VOLTERRA & OLIVE OIL

A tour to the most ancient town of Tuscany, **Volterra**, with the tasting most traditional of the local produce: **extra virgin olive oil**.

The tour starts with the ancient town of Volterra, a world-famous location for its beautiful historical center. **The town is resulting from 3 millenniums of civilization, from the Etruscans and the Romans through the medieval Municipalities and the Renaissance time.**

You'll be crossing stunning squares, entering a sumptuous cathedral (ticket entrance to be paid onsite), visiting alabaster workshops or staring at the Roman or Etruscan ruins.

At the oil mill, located a few kms from the town, our guide gives you an interesting and detailed introduction to the **world of extra virgin olive oils**, from the methods of cultivation of the trees to the techniques for extraction from the olives, before entering the mill to see the machinery and the technology used for production. The guide will show you how **to taste and identify a real and genuine extra virgin olive oil** and how to differentiate it from commercial olive oils.

The tasting is accompanied by a **full lunch** with local specialties.

More info:

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

**Available from
Monday to Saturday**

€ 420 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 oil
mill + olive oil tasting +
lunch



G9. HILLTOP VILLAGES, FARMERS MUSEUM & PICNIC AT THE TEMPLE

During this tour you will discover the rural villages of Palaia and Montefoscoli, learning **how agricultural history shaped the Tuscan landscape**.

In **Palaia**, you walk through the small hilltop village and reach the old fortress area, where you can enjoy wide views over the countryside. On clear days, you can see the Leaning Tower of Pisa.

In Montefoscoli, you visit the **local farming museum located inside a historic palace**. The museum shows tools, objects, and documents that explain the daily life of farmers and the development of the village over the centuries. Here you can enjoy **beautiful views over the valley** and toward Pisa.

The tour ends at the **former Masonic Temple of Minerva Medica**, on the private estate of the historic Vaccà Berlinghieri family. You walk through the oak woodland surrounding the temple before **enjoying a rustic picnic prepared by a local cook**. The picnic includes seasonal products such as vegetables, pasta, panini, and frittatas.

To finish, you **taste white and red wines** from the estate together with their **extra virgin olive oil**, completing an authentic experience in rural Tuscany

More info:

<https://www.ariannandfriends.com/day-tours-activities/tuscan-hamlets-tour/>

**Available from
Monday to Saturday**

€ 490 for 2 people

Additional person:

€ 50 adult

€ 30 teen (12-17 years)

€ 30 child (4-11 years)

Duration: 4 hours

Rate includes:

private guide + visit to
Palaia, to Montefoscoli, to
the farming museum + to
the Temple + traditional
picnic



F30. VIP, PASTA MUSEUM, WINE & HISTORY

History and typical products: a winning combination. Let's start our journey with the visit to a **local pasta factory, whose family initiated the business in the 19th century**, and then continue with the visit to a **wine estate that boasts a heritage dating back to the 16th century**.

When you mention pasta, Italy naturally comes to mind. However, when it comes to good quality pasta, it's essential to explore and discover the finest pasta producers committed to respecting the natural products they use and their meticulous processing methods. Join us on an exploration into the world of pasta, beginning with a **visit to the museum of a high-quality pasta factory in Tuscany**. To better understand our discussion, we'll also **tour the factory, exploring its various production phases**. Established in 1860, this family-run enterprise, now in its **fifth generation, continues to uphold its traditions**.

Following the tour, enjoy a **tasting of the delicious pasta** produced there. **Lunch includes 2 pasta dishes**, each narrating a different story, along with a typical dessert, all accompanied by a glass of exquisite local wine.

Our journey continues to a winery located in a **timeless place, where intellectuals, famous personalities from the international and Italian artistic, cultural, and business world have stayed over the years**. From the Florentine family Capponi, through the writer Alessandro Manzoni, to the actor Marcello Mastroianni, this place is even connected with the history of the Agnelli family (Fiat) and the Piaggio family (Vespa) in the 50s.

Explore the main salon of the **private historical villa and its typical Italian Renaissance Garden**. Visit the **modern cellars** and the captivating **historical cellars** where their finest wines age, and **taste three wines** where Sangiovese and Syrah grapes take the spotlight. As a keepsake, **you'll receive a silk-screened wine glass to take home**.

More info:

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



Available from Wednesday to Friday

€ 510 for 2 people

Every extra person:

€ 130 adult

€ 70 teen (12-17 years)

€ 50 child (4-11 years)

Duration: 6 hours

Rate includes:

private guide + visit to the pasta factory+ visit to the pasta museum + pasta-based lunch + visit to the wine estate + wine tasting + wine glass as souvenir

G25. HISTORIC WONDERS: CHARTERHOUSE OF PISA & VICOPISANO with OLIVE OIL TASTING

If you've already visited Pisa, join us to **uncover hidden gems just outside the city** in a wonderful country setting.

Let our knowledgeable guide take you back in time with a **visit to the Charterhouse of Pisa, founded in 1366** by **Carthusian monks** who lived there until 1977. This magnificent site, transformed in the 17th century, boasts breathtaking Baroque architecture. Wander through the impressive church, its beautifully decorated chapels, and uncover **the secrets of the monks' mysterious lives** that still linger within these walls.

After exploring the Charterhouse, we'll head **to the Monte Pisano area to savor the iconic extra virgin olive oil**. You'll discover how to distinguish the superior quality of olive oil from our hills compared to the commercial varieties found in stores. The Pisan Mountains, particularly in **Buti and Vicopisano**, are renowned for producing some of the finest extra virgin olive oils in Tuscany. They even boast the **'Strada dell'Olio,'** or Olive Oil Route.

In a local restaurant, you'll enjoy a delicious **traditional Tuscan lunch**, learning about how olive oil can be used in the kitchen to make excellent Italian food.

Our journey continues with a stroll through the **historic streets of Vicopisano**. Discover the town's **majestic tower houses, the clock tower, the Brunelleschi Fortress, and an enchanting medieval church**, capturing the timeless atmosphere of the Middle Ages. and experience the life of a small town of Italy.

Duration: 5 hours

More info:

<https://www.ariannandfriends.com/day-tours-activities/calci-vicopisano-tour/>



Available from Monday to Saturday

€ 440 for 2 people

Additional person:

€ 75 adult

€ 60 teen (12-17 years)

€ 45 child (4-11 years)

Rate includes:

private guide + visit to the Certosa + admission tickets + visit to Vicopisano + olive oil tasting + lunch

G26. MAJESTIC SAN MINIATO & A SPECIAL PASTA FACTORY- NEW 2026 ♥

San Miniato is located on the top of the hill from where it dominates the surrounding valley, and it's famous today as the most important town of truffles in Tuscany. It's also a cradle of beautiful medieval and renaissance art inherited thanks to its **strategic central position in Tuscany along the Via Francigena**, the most important artery of pilgrimages across Italy during the Middle Ages.

Discover the beauty of this lovely town and its importance over the centuries.

The town is related even with the emperor Napoleone Bonaparte. A beautiful town with many charming squares and with an important historical meaning as the headquarter in Tuscany for the emperor Frederick II during the 13th Century.

You will visit the cathedral, the city center protected by walls, and we will walk up to the **hilltop fortress**, from which you can enjoy the stunning view of the whole Valdarno.

The day goes on visiting a **historic pasta factory** located just 15 minutes from San Miniato. **Founded in 1860 as a family-run business**, the company is now proudly managed by the fifth generation. Over the years, it has grown into a renowned **producer of premium Italian pasta**, crafted from the finest durum wheat, whole wheat, and wheat germ. The factory also produces special pasta infused **with various flavors and in many different shapes.**

Before lunch, you will have the opportunity to **tour the pasta factory to see in person the phases of the pasta production**, and visit the company's **pasta museum**. Here, you will explore the history of how dry pasta was traditionally made in the past. Afterward, enjoy a lunch featuring a **tasting of two types of pasta** produced here, along with typical and traditional sauces, one glass of local wine and dessert included.

More info:

<https://www.ariannandfriends.com/day-tours-activities/san-miniato-and-pasta/>

Available from Wednesday to Saturday

€ 420 for 2 people

Additional person:

€ 70 adult

€ 60 teen (12-17 years)

€ 45 child (4-11 years)

Duration: 4,5 hours

Rate includes:

private guide + visit to the town of San Miniato + Cathedral + visit to the pasta factory + visit to the pasta museum + pasta lunch



G27. PECCIOLI & LAJATICO: WHERE HISTORY MEETS CONTEMPORARY ART

Peccioli is a little hilltop medieval village that hosts numerous **contemporary art pieces integrated into the medieval architecture** of its historic center. We will explore various contemporary art installations by artists such as **Remo Salvadori, Hidetoshi Nagasawa, Daniel Buren, Jeppe Hein, Tuttofuoco** and uncover the ancient soul of the village, including the **Romanesque church of San Verano**.

We will also visit the "**Palazzo Senza Tempo**," recently restored while preserving its 15th-century façade that reinterprets traditional medieval architecture. This building offers a stunning terrace overlooking the rolling hills surrounding the village. **In 2024, Peccioli earned the title Borgo dei Borghi**, a competition highlighting Italy's most beautiful villages.

If interested, and when available, we can visit the tiny and **charming Etruscan museum**, opened in the mazy basements of a historical palace in town. It is an opportunity to learn a lot about the usages and the history of this original Pre-Roman population through several recent finds belonging to a rural sacred temple.

A typical lunch with traditional recipes is served at one of the charming restaurants either in Lajatico or Peccioli.

Lajatico is a village famous for being the birthplace **of tenor Andrea Bocelli**, who organizes a grand concert every year in the surrounding countryside at a truly spectacular venue, the **Teatro del Silenzio**. This event attracts tens of thousands of guests annually. The guided tour of Lajatico lasts about an hour, during which you will explore the **village and uncover its history**. The town also features several contemporary art installations, which change every year. Afterwards, we'll take a pleasant walk to the **Teatro del Silenzio, a magical spot offering breathtaking views**. We'll end our day toasting with a **glass of sparkling prosecco produced by the family of Andrea Bocelli**.

More info:

<https://www.ariannandfriends.com/day-tours-activities/peccioli-lajatico-tour/>

Available from Tuesday to Saturday

€ 420 for 2 people

Additional person:

€ 70 adult

€ 50 teen (12-17 years)

€ 40 child (4-11 years)

Duration: 5 hours

Rate includes:

private guide + visit to Peccioli + visit to Lajatico and to Teatro del Silenzio + lunch + Bocelli prosecco



G21. DEEP IN THE GROUND: THE COPPER MINE THE SALT MINE NEAR VOLTERRA

Exploring the Val di Cecina in the southern part of Terre di Pisa promises a **journey into history and hidden treasures**. The valley, named after the Cecina River, has a rich Etruscan heritage, particularly renowned for its deposits of valuable elements like iron and copper.

Montecatini Val di Cecina, with its medieval charm and stone houses, **stands out for its copper mine, operational from 1827 to 1907**. The museum visit provides a fascinating insight into the extraction process and the lives of the workers in that era. **Venturing inside the mine, especially to "The Belly of the Whale,"** reveals the underground world and the impressive beams that upheld the galleries.

After the mine exploration, a **well-deserved lunch at a traditional local restaurant** offers the chance to savor the flavors of the region.

Not far from Montecatini, we will visit a factory near Saline di Volterra. **"Saline" stands for salt mines**. Here the extraction of salt dates back to Etruscan times. This **salt, considered the purest in Italy**, is extracted from deep deposits in the ground. The tour includes a glimpse of the **majestic salt waterfall**, unveiling the story of this precious substance from ancient times to the present. Visitors can purchase this unique salt, a product of the earth's depths, as a memorable souvenir.

This journey through Val di Cecina promises a blend of history, exploration, and culinary delights, making it a truly enriching experience.

*1-hour Extension with **Beer tasting** and matching snacks at the Salt Mines:*

€ 20 per adult, 10€ per teen/kid (some snacks and a juice for them)

The brewery uses energy generated during the salt extraction process to craft its beers

More info:

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



Available Thursday, Friday and Saturday

€ 490 for 2 people

Additional person:

€ 85 adult

€ 75 teen (12-17 years)

€ 65 child (4-11 years)

Extended tour with Beer tasting and snacks

+ € 20/adult for and € 10/teen/kid

Duration: 5 hours (or extended version 6 hours)

Rate includes:

private guide + visit to the copper mine+ visit to the salt factory +
Tuscan lunch + (optional beer tasting)

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 holds a unique significance in Tuscany as the most important town for understanding the **Etruscan community**, the initial settlers in the Tuscan lands before the Romans. During a 2-hour guided stroll through the narrow lanes, our guide will also showcase stunning views.

Before making our way to a **locally-owned winery for wine tasting and lunch**, we'll pause to admire the **remaining sections of Volterra's ancient city walls**, constructed by the Etruscans in the 4th century B.C. At the winery, run by the charming Claudia, a skilled winemaker, we'll have the opportunity to explore the cellar and partake in an engaging and educational **wine tasting experience on the terrace**, offering **breathtaking views of the Tuscan hills.**

More info:

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

**Available from
Monday to Saturday**

€ 500 for 2 people

Additional person:

€ 70 adult

€ 50 teen (12-17 years)

€ 40 child (4-11 years)

Duration: 6 hours

Rate includes:

private guide + visit to
Volterra & the walls + visit
to the farm + wine tasting
+ lunch



G6. VOLTERRA & CHEESE FARM TOUR

Visit the captivating **Etruscan town of Volterra**, renowned for its **ancient city walls**, **the archaeological site of a Roman Theater**, and stunning **Medieval and Renaissance palaces**. Explore the rich history and architecture that spans centuries. As part of the tour, **witness the craftsmanship involved in creating alabaster artifacts at a local workshop in town.**

Following some free time for shopping, the journey continues with **a visit to a charming organic pecorino cheese farm in the countryside**, offering breathtaking views of the surrounding valley and Volterra.

At the cheese farm, you'll get a tour of the aging rooms, where numerous **cheese wheels mature**. The experience concludes with a **delectable lunch featuring at least six varieties of pecorino cheeses produced on-site.**

More info:

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

**Available from
Monday to Saturday**

€ 460 for 2 people

Additional person:

€ 50 adult

€ 45 teen (12-17 years)

€ 40 child (4-11 years)

Duration: 6 hours

Rate includes:

private guide + visit to
Volterra + visit to the
cheese farm + cheese
tasting + lunch



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M17. SIENA AND ITS DOLCETTI

Together with your charming guide Margarita, explore the enchanting town of Siena. Marvel at the uniqueness of **Piazza del Campo, the iconic setting for the renowned Palio horse race**. During your visit, enjoy the **exclusive privilege of touring one of the "Contradas" of the Palio, the headquarters of the competing teams**, where you'll have the opportunity to meet the vibrant local community. Wander through the historical center, uncovering picturesque districts, and visit the **majestic Cathedral, a true gem** adorned with countless masterpieces.

As a **sweet conclusion** to your experience, Margarita will guide you to one of the town's most esteemed **pastry shops**. Here, indulge in a **tasting of several typical pastries**, including the **delectable Ricciarelli and Panforte**, adding a delicious touch to your exploration of Siena.

More info:

<https://www.ariannandfriends.com/day-tours-activities/guided-tour-siena/>

Available every day

€ 360 for 2 people
Additional person:
€ 35 per adult
€ 25 teens & kids (4-17 years)

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, to be paid onsite

M18. SAN GIMIGNANO, VERNACCIA WINE AND TYPICAL FOOD

Discover San Gimignano, renowned as one of the most **spectacular medieval towns in Tuscany**, distinguished by its ancient towers and distinctive skyline. Some people call it "The Tuscan Manhattan". Your knowledgeable guide will unravel the fascinating history of this uniquely beautiful town, where a **triangular-shaped square and narrow stone-paved lanes** contribute to its charm.

As you explore, your guide will lead you to **taste some of its typical products**. **Savor the renowned Vernaccia, a local white wine** that captures the essence of the region. Additionally, indulge in a **sampling of local cheeses and hams**, further enriching your sensory experience and providing a taste of the authentic flavors that define this enchanting town.

More info:

<https://www.ariannandfriends.com/day-tours-activities/san-gimignano-walking-tour/>

Available every day

€ 340 for 2 people
Additional person:
€ 25 per adult
€ 20 teens & kids (4-17 years)

Duration: 2,5 hours

Rate includes:
Private guide,
Tasting of salami, cheese and Vernaccia wine



Tickets to museum or churches not included

M1. PISA TREASURES WITH ITALIAN APERITIF

First time in Pisa? Enjoy our exclusive private guided tour of the historic city center, including the inspiring **Piazza dei Miracoli**.

Marvel at the majestic beauty of the **iconic Leaning Tower** and delve into the rich history that surrounds it. You are welcome to climb on it right after the tour. With our expert guide, you will **access the Duomo**, stroll along the enchanting and **romantic Lungarno riverbanks**, and absorb the **elegant ambiance of the Piazza dei Cavalieri**.

To end the experience in the best way, your guide will take you to a **café in an historic building, to enjoy a delicious Italian aperitif** with delicious local snacks. Raise a toast to a memorable visit – salute!

Kids under 8-year-old are not allowed to climb the Leaning Tower for safety reasons.

More info:

<https://www.ariannandfriends.com/day-tours-activities/guided-tour-pisa/>

Available every day

€ 390 for 2 people

Additional person:

€ 40 per adult

€ 35 teen/child (4-17 years)

Duration: 3 hours

Rate includes:

Private guide,

Ticket to the Duomo,

Italian Aperitif



Tickets to the Leaning Tower are extra. To be booked in advance € 25 per person.

M6. PISA BIKE TOUR & GELATO TASTING

Explore the charming town of Pisa with a **guided bike excursion suitable for all ages**, thanks to its flat terrain and absence of hills. If you're seeking an easy and enjoyable way to experience **Pisa from a different perspective—interacting with locals, not just fellow tourists**—then this tour is tailor-made for you. Your journey begins near the train station, where you'll set off on a leisurely ride to an **unconventional gem: the renowned mural by Keith Haring, 'Tuttomondo'**. Continuing through the picturesque lanes of the historical center, you'll make stops along the way.

Indulge your taste buds with a **gelato tasting at one of the town's premier shops**. Traverse through local fruit and vegetable markets nestled in typical squares near the prestigious university. As you pass through **Giardino Scotto park, cross the Fortress bridge, and relish the scenic views along the riverbanks** until you reach the **iconic Piazza dei Miracoli**. This guided bike tour not only provides a unique perspective of Pisa but also ensures a delightful journey through its landmarks, hidden gems, and delectable treats.

More info:

<https://www.ariannandfriends.com/day-tours-activities/guided-tour-pisa/>

Available every day

€ 400 for 2 people

Additional person:

€ 35 per adult

€ 30 teen/child (4-17 years)

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

Are you a **fan of artisan products, handcrafts, and traditional techniques?**

This is the tour for you! Accompanied by our expert guide, you'll have the unique opportunity to **visit three artisan workshops, ranging from goldsmiths and blacksmiths to shoemakers and dressmakers**, tailored to your preferences. In Pisa, a town not defined solely by its famous attractions, we offer an **authentic glimpse into the real Pisa**—where people live and work.

As part of this immersive experience, your guide will lead you **to sample handcrafted beer from the Pisa area**, providing a taste of the local brewing traditions. Additionally, treat your palate to some **typical pizza pisana and the renowned cecina tart**—an exquisite snack crafted from chickpea flour, baked like a pizza.

More info:

<https://www.ariannandfriends.com/day-tours-activities/guided-tour-pisa/>

Available every day
€ 420 for 2 people
Additional person:
€ 40 adult
€ 35 teen/child (4-17 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

A **unconventional tour of Volterra** that transcends the standard and classical walking experiences. Your guide will lead you through the historical center of this enchanting Etruscan town, offering a unique perspective. Traverse panoramic viewpoints that unveil the **spectacular sight of the ruins of a Roman Theater**, providing a captivating glimpse into the past.

As part of this exclusive journey, your guide will unveil a **hidden gem: Palazzo Viti**. Nestled in the heart of the town, this **elegant Renaissance Palace** showcases original furniture and precious works of art.

To complete your experience, enjoy a **complimentary coffee at the finest café** in town.

More info:

<https://www.ariannandfriends.com/day-tours-activities/volterra-walking-tour/>

Available from Monday to Saturday, from March through October

€ 330 for 2 people
Additional person:
€ 15 per person

Duration: 2,5 hours

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



M11. VOLTERRA, ARTS AND ALABASTER

Indulge your love for **paintings from the Middle Ages to the Renaissance, and artists like Rosso Fiorentino and Ghirlandaio**, with our curated tour of Volterra. Your journey takes you to the **Pinacoteca**, an art museum housed within a **15th-century palace**, boasting a remarkably rich collection of **paintings, sculptures, and ceramics**.

Within the same historic building, your tour extends to the **alabaster museum**, offering a fascinating insight into the craftsmanship of this precious stone in Volterra. Witness the evolution of alabaster crafting techniques that have thrived for over 2,000 years, dating back to Etruscan times.

To complement your cultural journey, enjoy a **complimentary coffee and pastry snack at the finest café in town**.

More info:

<https://www.ariannandfriends.com/day-tours-activities/volterra-walking-tour/>

Available from Monday to Friday

€ 350 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

Uncover the **mysteries of the ancient Etruscans on this classical tour of Volterra**, a civilization that settled in this region almost 3 thousand years ago. Your journey will take you to the captivating **Etruscan Museum known as Guarnacci**, where you can absorb the rich legacy of this enigmatic population. Delve into their culture, learn about their **pantheon of gods and goddesses**, and gain insights into their **appreciation for beauty and the significant role women played in their social hierarchy**.

This tour is tailored **for those with a keen interest in history and archaeology**, catering to enthusiasts at any level of expertise. As a delightful conclusion to your cultural exploration, enjoy a **complimentary gelato** at one of the most historical cafés in town.

More info:

<https://www.ariannandfriends.com/day-tours-activities/volterra-walking-tour/>

Available from Monday to Friday

€ 340 for 2 people
Additional person:
€ 20 per person

Duration: 3 hours

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



M19. VOLTERRA FOR FOODIES

This is a unique tour that offers a delightful **exploration of the romantic town of Volterra from a culinary perspective**. Our expert guide will lead you to discover the town's diverse and delectable food offerings.

Enjoy the charm of Volterra as you visit little shops and historic bars renowned for their culinary treasures. Indulge in **tasting the typical cecina, a mouthwatering chickpea tart, and the authentic Pisan pizza**.

Additionally, taste **truffle-based products**, and savor the **precious Volterra salt**—considered the **purest in Italy**. Treat yourself to irresistible **chocolates**. Don't forget to experience the richness of **extra virgin olive oil**, a healthy culinary delight. Each product on this tour is intricately tied to the history and traditions of the town, **providing a genuine and flavorful journey through Volterra**. Let this be a true pleasure for your taste buds as you savor the culinary delights that make **Volterra a gastronomic haven**.

More info:

<https://www.ariannandfriends.com/day-tours-activities/volterra-walking-tour/>

Available from Monday to Friday

€ 400 for 2 people
Additional person:
€ 50 adult
€ 45 teen (12-17 years)
€ 35 child (4-11 years)

Duration: 3 hours

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



M13. LUCCA AND ITS CITY WALLS & TYPICAL SWEETS

Explore the **elegance of the small town of Lucca**, where **incredibly large defense walls, still intact today**, stand as a testament to centuries of protection. Join our guide to unravel the rich history of this powerful town and its historical rivalry with Florence. Your journey through Lucca will include a visit to the **unusual elliptical square**, the **Anfiteatro**, along with other captivating attractions nestled in the historical center, and **the tasting of some typical and traditional sweets** such as Buccellato at a local café.

Lucca is the ideal destination for those seeking a **refined shopping experience**. This charming town offers **some exclusive boutiques, including some artisanal gems**, awaiting your exploration.

More info:

<https://www.ariannandfriends.com/day-tours-activities/guided-walk-lucca-walls/>

Every day

€ 350 for 2 people
Additional person:
€ 15 per person

Duration: 3 hours

Rate includes:
Private guide
Tasting of typical sweets

Upon request you can book a bike to ride on the city walls. The cost is extra: € 10-15 per hour per bike



M14. FIRENZE, MEDICI FAMILY & MICHELANGELO

Start a journey through **Florence and the Renaissance era** with a tour that takes you into the incredible history of this town during the prosperous and **powerful Medici years**. This particular tour places a special focus on the **artistic genius of Michelangelo**, an extraordinary Tuscan artist whose works transcend imagination.

Your visit to the **Accademia museum** will unveil the masterpiece of Michelangelo, **the iconic statue of David**, along with other attractions linked to Michelangelo and the influential Medici family.

This tour promises an immersive experience, allowing you to witness firsthand the brilliance of Michelangelo's creations and the enduring legacy of the **Medici dynasty in shaping the artistic and cultural landscape of Florence during the Renaissance**.

More info:

<https://www.ariannandfriends.com/day-tours-activities/walking-tour-florence/>

Available from Tuesday to Sunday

€ 460 for 2 people

Additional person:

€ 45 per person

Duration: 3 hours

Rate includes:

Private guide

Skip the line tickets to David at Accademia



M15. ARTISANS IN FLORENCE

Discover the rich tradition of old Florence by exploring **the famous artisans' workshops, known as 'botteghe.'** This unique tour begins with a visit to some of the main squares and highlights of Florence before delving into the area where **ancient crafts are passed down from one generation to the next**.

Immerse yourself in century-old traditions as you learn about **the commesso Fiorentino, the typical Florentine hard stone inlaid mosaic**. Gain insights into the art of crafting natural perfumes, and wander through a maze of alleys and side streets where skilled goldsmiths continue to create earrings reminiscent of those worn by noble ladies in times gone by.

This tour offers an authentic glimpse into the living history of Florence, providing a connection to **the artisans who carry on centuries-old traditions, shaping the cultural and artistic fabric** of this remarkable city.

More info:

<https://www.ariannandfriends.com/day-tours-activities/walking-tour-florence/>

Available every day

€ 380

per party

Duration: 3 hours

Rate includes:

Private guide,

Visit to the workshops



M16. FLORENCE FOR FOODIES

If you've already explored the museums and historical attractions of Florence and are **looking for a fresh perspective, why not delve into the city through its culinary delights?** Join our expert guide for a food-focused tour, **exploring local markets and shops** to discover the essence of typical Florentine products. Uncover the secrets behind the making of **dried tomatoes, fresh vegetables, home-made pasta, porcini mushrooms, honey, salami, pecorino cheese, prosciutto, and extra virgin olive oil.**

The tour includes **tastings of Tuscan focaccia**, known as schiacciata, **typical cookies**, and, of course, **some local wine.**

More info:

<https://www.ariannandfriends.com/day-tours-activities/walking-tour-florence/>

Available from Tuesday to Sunday

€ 460 for 2 people

Additional person:

€ 40 per person

Duration: 3 hours

Rate includes:

Private guide,

Tasting of 4 typical products

More tasting possible at extra charge



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

Meet your guide on the iconic **Ponte Vecchio**, cross the enchanting river **Arno**, and step into the **Oltrarno district**—an area of Florence that is unique, lively, and brimming with charm, with many local trattorias, osterias, and craftsmen's workshops.

Your journey continues with a visit **to the Palatina Gallery inside the Pitti Palace**, the former residence of the **powerful Medici Family** for centuries. And discover **works of art by Raffaello, Tiziano, and Caravaggio** as you explore this magnificent gallery.

If open, seize the opportunity to visit the **beautiful church of Santo Spirito**, featuring **Michelangelo's crucifix.**

For an extended experience, consider booking a version of the tour that includes a **guided visit to the romantic Boboli Gardens**, situated behind the Pitti Palace. These unique gardens, once owned by the Medici family, showcase **grottos, nymphaeum, and temples**, adding an extra layer of historical and natural splendor to your exploration of Florence.

More info:

<https://www.ariannandfriends.com/day-tours-activities/walking-tour-florence/>

Available from Tuesday to Sunday

€ 440 for 2 people

Additional person:

€ 35 per person

Duration: 3 hours

Rate includes:

Private guide,

Skip the line tickets to Palazzo Pitti

Extension of the tour:

1 additional guided hour to visit the Boboli Gardens extended version

€ 120

per party +

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



M 21. FIRENZE & UFFIZI GALLERY NEW 2025 ♥

Join us for an unforgettable guided tour of Florence, a city brimming with art, history, and culture. Explore iconic landmarks such as the Piazza del Duomo, Ponte Vecchio, and the stunning Palazzo Vecchio.

The highlight of the tour is a visit to the world-renowned Uffizi Gallery, home to masterpieces by Botticelli, Leonardo da Vinci, Raffaello, Michelangelo and Caravaggio. Your expert guide will provide fascinating insights into the art and history of Florence, making every step of the journey come alive.

You'll also have the chance to stroll through charming streets, hidden squares, and vibrant markets, enjoying fully the beauty of this timeless city. Whether you're an art lover or a history enthusiast or simply curious about art and history in Florence, this tour promises an enriching experience in one of Italy's most beautiful cities.

Note: the time spent at the Uffizi is around 1 hour. If you are interested in spending more time in the museum, this tour can be extended.

More info:

<https://www.ariannandfriends.com/day-tours-activities/walking-tour-florence/>

Available from Tuesday to Sunday

€ 500 for 2 people

Additional person:

€ 60 per person

Duration: 3 hours

Rate includes:

Private guide,

Skip the line tickets to Uffizi Gallery

Extension of the tour:

€ 120/hour

per party



Important: In tourist towns like Pisa, Volterra, Siena, Lucca, Florence, and San Gimignano, only licensed guides are permitted to lead tours to the monuments. The M-coded tours are led by licensed city guides. In Volterra and Pisa, your guide might be our in-house guide Moira or one of our trusted external colleagues. For the other towns, we collaborate with external experienced city guides who have been working with us for many years.

Check our web pages for more info on:

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

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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	
Food restrictions	Last minute changes are not possible				

DETAILS OF SERVICES

DATE & TIME OF SERVICE <i>You can list more than one date if you are booking multiple services</i>	CODE <i>As per catalogue. E.g.:F2</i>	NAME OF SERVICE	TOTAL RATE
			€ _____ .00
			€ _____ .00
			€ _____ .00
			€ _____ .00
Please be aware of our cancellation policy below. Last minute cancellations for any reason are non-refundable.			TOTAL AMOUNT € _____ .00

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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 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:

Bank: BANCA POPOLARE DI LAJATICO S.C.p.A Bank Address: Via Mezzopiano, 2 , Capannoli 56033, Italy

IBAN: IT66 F052 3270 9200 0000 0030 023 SWIFT/BIC: BLJAIT3LXXX

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%

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
