

The Artful Life Italy Itinerary

Tuscany Fall of 2020

Day 1 *Arrival*

- 1:00 pm Pick up in Florence airport **OR**
- 2:00 pm Pick up at Florence train station. Transfer to Villa Bacio.
www.fattoriabacio.com (about 1.15 hrs. ride)
Settle into your room at Villa.
- 5:00 pm Meet up. Presentation of the program. Doug and Mary Lee
Snacks & drinks by Doug & Mary Lee
- 7:30 pm Three-course welcome dinner at the Villa *prepared by Patrizia*

Day 2 *Painting at the Villa*

- 8:00 am - 9:00 am Breakfast
- 9:15 am - 12:00 pm Introduction to the workshop
- 12:30 pm Wine and Olive oil tasting at the cellars of the farm with light *lunch prepared by Patrizia*. Tour of the cellar & walk in the vineyards if weather permits.
- 2:30 - 4:30 pm Painting at the Villa.
- 7:30 pm Dinner at the Villa *prepared by Mary Lee & Students*

Day 3 *Wine tour followed by Lunch & Painting at Claudia & Giovanni's*

- 8:00 am - 9:00 am Breakfast
- 10:00 am Leave for *organic farm with Doug & Mary Lee driving*.
- 10:45 am Visit wine cellars of La Spinoza followed by lunch and wine tasting.
- 2 pm Visit *Giovanni & Claudia's* house for a little coffee break and painting on the terrace.
- 3:30 pm Return to Villa for Painting or relaxing
- 7:30 pm Dinner at the Villa *prepared by Mary Lee & Students*

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Day 4 *Paint at Villa, late afternoon visit to Certaldo Alto*

8:00 am - 8:45 am Breakfast

9:00 am - 12:30 pm Painting at Villa

12:30 pm Light lunch prepared by Mary Lee & students

1:30 pm Painting at the villa.

3:30 pm Leave for Certaldo Alto. Doug & Mary Lee driving.

Afternoon walking tour in Certaldo Alto.

This traffic free town atop of a hill still retains its authenticity as a true medieval settlement and offers beautiful vistas. On own for walking, visit the museum, find an aperitivo or coffee.

5:30pm Return to the Villa

7:30 pm Dinner at the Villa prepared by Mary Lee & students

Day 5 *Day trip to Siena*

7:00 am - 8:00 am Breakfast

8:30 am Day trip to Siena. Doug & Mary Lee driving.

10:00 am Meet guide on Piazza del Campo under the tower.
Walk the short distance to the Duomo for a guided tour.
(pre paid tickets are to be changed with the tickets at the Duomo)

10:30 am Tour of the Duomo & city

1 - 4:45 pm Lunch ON OWN, shopping, etc. in Siena. Meet in Campo for trip back to villa

5:00 pm Leave Siena Doug & Mary Lee driving.

7:30 pm Dinner at the Villa prepared by Patrizia
(Alberto's dinner with wine selections of the Villa)

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Day 6 *Afternoon Visit to La Meridiana International School of Ceramics*

8:00 am - 9:00 am Breakfast

9:00 am - 12:00 pm Painting at Villa

12:30 pm Light lunch at Villa, prepared by Mary Lee

2 - 4pm Depart for La Meridiana. Doug & Mary Lee driving. Meet ceramic artists; visit the gallery and facilities

4 pm Return to Villa, free time to paint, walk, or nap!

7:30 pm Cooking Dinner with Mary Lee & Giovanni

Day 7 *Day trip to San Gimignano*

8:00 am - 8:45 am Breakfast

9:15 am Leave for S. Gimignano. Doug & Mary Lee driving. An essential feature of any visit to central Tuscany, not only on account of its remarkable towers but also the fabulous frescoes and other art works to be seen here.

12:30 pm Lunch on own in S. Gimignano.

4:00 pm Visit the Monastery Cellole

Return to Villa. Final painting time, wrap up, packing, etc.

6:00 - 8:00 pm Final dinner Mary Lee & students

Day 8 *Final Morning & Departure*

7:30 am - 8:30 am Breakfast

Depart the villa by 11 am.

6:30 am To be at the Florence airport by 7:30 am. This accommodates the flights that leave between 9:00 and later.

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