



IFOTES/ EX04

PISA – p.m.

12 July and 15 July 2007

15h00 Departure from Piazza delle Carceri (Castello dell'Imperatore) with private coach and professional tour escort.

On your arrival in Pisa you will be met by an expert **local guide**.

Visit of **Campo dei Miracoli**, the most memorable square with the Cathedral, the Baptistery and the Cemetery and dominated by the **Leaning Tower**, an architectural project gone terribly wrong but world-famous. After the city tour, enjoy your free time wandering about the typical souvenir shops.

Return to your hotel by private coach.

Duration of the tour: 5 hrs

Price: Euro 35,00 per person

The price includes: tourist coach, tour escort, 2 hrs city tour in Pisa (local guide), entrance ticket to the Cathedral, Baptistery and Monumental Cemetery; bus entrance permit tax in Pisa.



- 1 Please be informed that the coach will drop off the group at the bus parking; a free shuttle bus will then bring the group near Piazza dei Miracoli (the monumental centre)



IFOTES / EX05

OUTLET SHOPPING TOUR VALDARNO – a.m.

12 July 2007

09h00 Departure from Piazza delle Carceri (Castello dell'Imperatore) with private coach and professional tour escort.

Drive south of Florence to reach the famous shopping center **The Mall**. Here you can find prestigious high fashion companies including: Gucci, Giorgio Armani, Fendi, Ferragamo, YSLaurent, Valentino, Loro Piana. Enjoy a 3 hrs shopping tour in the center with the possibility of a snack in the fashionable Caffè of the Center, before the drive back to your hotel.

Duration of the tour: 5 hrs

Price: Euro 28,00 per person

The price includes: tourist coach, tour escort and entrance to the shopping centre.

IFOTES / EX06

OUTLET SHOPPING TOUR AND WINE TASTING IN MUGELLO – a.m.

14 July 2007

09h00 Departure from Piazza delle Carceri (Castello dell'Imperatore) with private coach and professional tour escort.

A day of exclusive shopping, combined with the visit of a medieval castle and a much appreciated wine tasting. The location is the wonderful green valley of the Mugello, situated north of Florence.

The powerful Medici loved this area and left a great number of signs of their passage. The Barberino Designer Outlet opened its doors on March 2006: 95 stores, more than 25000 m2 of retail area, more than 2000 parking lots. This new outlet was designed according to characteristic Mugello and Tuscany Renaissance architecture.

The wine tasting will take place in an ancient fortress then transformed into a residential home by the Medici family.

Duration of the tour: 6 hrs

Price: Euro 42,00 per person

The price includes: tourist coach, tour escort, entrance to the shopping centre and wine tasting.





IFOTES/ EX07

PRATO AND THE TEXTILE MUSEUM - a.m.

13 and 15 July 2007

09h00 Meeting the professional **local guide** in front of (Castello dell'Imperatore) in Prato.

Enjoy a walking tour of the ancient city centre.

Visit the cathedral, characterized by the typical Pisan-Romanesque facade and by the white-and-green marble banding (the ones you can find in other important Tuscan cathedrals -Pistoia, Siena, Lucca); admire the Emperor Castle and the medieval palaces.

Proceed visiting the new textile museum. Recently moved to a former textile mill of the 19th century, the museum contains a collection of 5,00 samples representing 15 centuries of textile techniques used all over the world. The collection ranges from samples of archaeological and medieval fabrics to synthetic fibres and modern productions and offers over six hundred samples of precious fabrics such as damask, brocade, lampas and velvet, together with ethnical fabrics coming from India, Southern and Central America and old machineries used for weaving.

Duration of the tour: 4 hrs

Price: Euro 18,00 per person

The price includes: 4 hrs city tour of Prato and entrance ticket to the Textile Museum.





IFOTES / EX08
FLORENCE CITY TOUR – full day
14 and 16 July 2007

09h00 Departure from Piazza delle Carceri (Castello dell'Imperatore) with private coach and professional tour escort.

Meeting the guide in the city centre for a full day city tour: Piazza Santa Maria Novella and the splendid Basilica; Piazza Duomo with the Cathedral dominated by the marvellous Cupola del Brunelleschi, Campanile di Giotto and the Baptistery; Piazza San Lorenzo, with the imposing Basilica and the **Medicean Chapels**. Proceed to Piazza della Signoria, dominated by the imposing Palazzo Vecchio.

Enjoy a light snack (not included in the price) and have a short walk to reach Ponte Vecchio.

In the afternoon continue the guided tour visiting Piazza Santa Croce with the unique Franciscan Basilica of Santa Croce. Visit of the massive interior with Michelangelo's tomb designed by Vasari.

At the end of the tour, optional visit to "Scuola del Cuoio", a leather school where you can see things being made and also buy finished goods.

Duration of the tour: 7 hrs

Price: Euro 40,00 per person

The price includes: tourist coach, tour escort, 6 hrs city tour in Florence (local guide), entrance tickets to Basilica di San Lorenzo and Cappelle Medicee; Santa Maria Novella and Santa Croce; bus entrance permit tax in Florence.





IFOTES / EX08
LUCCA AND PISA – full day
12 and 16 July 2007

09h00 Departure from Piazza delle Carceri (Castello dell'Imperatore) with private coach and professional tour escort.

Drive towards **Lucca**, one of the most attractive cities of Tuscany.

On your arrival you will be met by an expert **local guide**. Visit The Romanesque Cathedral dedicated to St. Martin; continue with St Michael in Foro Church (*Andrea della Robbia's *Madonna e Bambino*), and the unique oval shaped Piazza Anfiteatro, where the houses were built on the foundation of an ancient roman imperial amphitheatre. Visit of the Cathedral of S.Giovanni Battista including the funeral monument to Ilaria del Carretto.

After a drive around the impressive fortification wall continue to **Pisa**, dominated by its world-famous Leaning Tower. The tour escort will accompany you to the city centre with the free shuttle bus.

Lunch in local restaurant .

After lunch, visit of Piazza dei Miracoli and its monuments with local guide: the Cathedral, the Baptistery and the Cemetery. Free time at leisure before driving back to your hotel.

Duration of the tour: 9 hrs

Price: Euro 65,00 per person

The price includes: tourist coach, tour escort, 2 hrs city tour in Lucca (local guide) and Pisa (local guide), lunch in local restaurant (3 courses menu, drinks not included), entrance tickets to Chiesa di San Michele, San Giovanni Cathedral and funeral monument to Ilaria del Carretto in Lucca; entrance tickets to the Cathedral, the Baptistery and the monumental Cemetery in Pisa; bus entrance permit tax in Pisa and Lucca.

IFOTES / EX09 - TUSCAN EXPERIENCE
SIENA & SAN GIMIGNANO (INCL. WINE TASTING) – full day
16 July 2007

09h00 Departure from Piazza delle Carceri (Castello dell'Imperatore) with private coach and professional tour escort.

Driving towards Siena you will experience an unique and unforgettable sight through **Chianti**: fabulous vineyards and olive groves, wine estates, abbeys, villas and castles.

Arriving in **Siena**, you will be met by an expert **local guide** for a city tour.

You will immediately notice an ancient and mysterious atmosphere floating through the little, narrow streets and squares. You'll feel as if you've stepped backwards in time. Draped on its three hills, Siena is a very beautiful city to visit, a flamboyant medieval ensemble of places and towers cast in warm, brown, Siena-coloured bricks. The city is dominated by the Gothic Cathedral (Duomo), the taut needle of the Torre del Mangia and yet the shell shaped Piazza del Campo, where every year (on 2nd July and 16th August) the "Palio" horserace, take place. Visit to the Libreria Piccolomini

Free time for lunch (not included). Continue the tour driving to **San Gimignano**. Free time at leisure to visit the characteristic medieval borough: the narrows streets are animated by numerous artisan and food shops.....it will certainly be a very amusing wander about

Proceed to a **local farm: visit of the estate's vineyard and wine tasting**. A well appreciated wine tasting and a light snack with local products ("bruschette", cheese and local salami) will be offered you.

In the late afternoon, drive back to the hotel with your private coach.

Duration of the tour: 9 hrs

Price: Euro 65,00 per person

The price includes: tourist coach, tour escort, 3 hrs Siena city tour (local guide), wine tasting, entrance tickets to the Cathedral and Libreria Piccolomini in Siena; Collegiata in San Gimignano; bus entrance permit tax in Siena and San Gimignano.



A DAY AT GROTTA GIUSTI TERME IN MONSUMMANO **11 July and 16 July 2007**

09h00 Departure from Piazza delle Carceri (Castello dell'Imperatore) with private coach and professional tour escort.

Enjoy a day at one of the best renowned spa in Tuscany.

Grotta Giusti benefits from its very own thermal grotta, a fascinating natural cave with a hot water underground lake in which guests can enjoy a relaxing and detoxifying steam bath. In addition to the steam baths, the Spa offers mud therapy, ozonised baths in thermal water, massages, inhalation treatment, a new area for Oriental Disciplines, a gym center, an avant-garde Aesthetic Medicine Centre and a spacious relaxation zone.

The new **open-air thermal swimming pool**, a high-tech facility, measures 750 sq. m., with a large and spectacular waterfall and underwater hydro-massage in spa water.

The Wellness Centre offers a range of thermal and aesthetic treatments aimed at keeping you in perfect psycho-physical shape. Inside the centre, the new area dedicated to the Orient proposes ancient disciplines and invigorating techniques for re-establishing a correct inner. Yoga, shirodhara, shiatsu massage for two and thai massage in an atmosphere rarefied by aromas of the Orient. *Crisalide*, chromo-music therapy, *New Derm* treatment for a fresh radiant skin, essence of citrus fruits in the new *Citroderma* treatment for a burst of energy.

Duration of the tour: 7 hrs

Price: Euro 52,00 per person

The price includes: tourist coach, hostess, entrance ticket to Thermal Bath including bathing-cap, bathing-wrap, towel and slippers.

- 1 Possibility to reserve personal treatments and wellness packages. Please check on our page for treatment list, prices and reservation terms.





TIMED ENTRANCE TO UFFIZI AND ACCADEMY GALLERY

Reserve in advance your visit to Uffizi or Academy Gallery using the attached reservation form!!

THE UFFIZI GALLERY

The GALLERIA DEGLI UFFIZI houses the Medici's private art collection, together with other collections that have joined the core group during the past years.

The Gallery is arranged to illustrate the evolving story of Italian art.

During the tour you will admire paintings by Giotto and Cimabue, Lorenzetti and Martini, Piero della Francesca and Filippo Lippi, Botticelli, Michelangelo and Raffaello....

At the end of the tour have a short time free wandering about Piazza della Signoria and Pontevecchio.

Return to the hotel by your private coach.

THE ACCADEMY GALLERY

The **Accademy Gallery** is particularly famous for its sculptures by Michelangelo: the Prisoners, the St. Matthew and, especially, the statue of David which was transferred here, to the specially designed tribune, from Piazza della Signoria in 1873.

In the adjacent rooms, which were part of two former convents, important works of art were collected here in the 19th century from the Academy of Design, the Academy of Fine Arts and from suppressed convents. The holdings comprise mostly religious paintings by major artists working in and around Florence between the mid-13th and the late 16th centuries. The collection is especially important for its gold-ground paintings. In the first floor rooms is a sequence of splendid late-gothic polyptychs, complete in all their parts.

There is also a collection of sculptures in plaster by the 19th-century sculptors Lorenzo Bartolini and Luigi Pampaloni, besides a section of Russian icons.

GUIDED TOUR OF THE UFFIZI OR ACCADEMY GALLERY WITH EXPERT LOCAL GUIDE:

Euro 85,00 p.p. (minimum 2 pax)

Price includes: timed entrance ticket to Uffizi or Academy Gallery (reservation included), private guided tour in the language requested.

ADVANCE RESERVATION TICKET UFFIZI OR ACCADEMY GALLERY (NO GUIDE)

Euro 15,00 per person including agency fees

ALL THE TOURS WILL BE CONFIRMED WITH A MINIMUM OF 35 PARTICIPANTS.

With groups of 35 participants speaking the same language a tourist guide of the same language will be available. Otherwise tourist guides will be English speaking.

We recommend to send your optional tours' reservation before June 15th, 2007

For reservation and payment please use the *booking reservation form*

Payment will be by credit card (Carta Si, Visa, Mastercard or American Express)