

# PLAZA E DE RUSSIE

VIA REGGIO  
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*Top experiences in the  
special charm of Versilia*

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# Cinque Terre



The Ligurian coast between the Gulf of Poets and the Five Lands is a cultural landscape of extraordinary universal value recognized from UNESCO World Heritage from 1997.

## VIP PROGRAM

Tour with a private boat

Available: from April to October and fully customizable.

Type of tour: This excursion to the Cinque Terre allows you in one day to have a taste of this magnificent region: walk inside the villages, a touch of local culture, stunning views from the seaside, experience local specialties.

Suitable for: individuals and small groups: maximum 10 persons.

Transportation: move between the villages, by a private boat.

Price per package € 3.500,00, including: english speaking skipper, all risk insurance, food (water, soft drinks, beer, fruit and fresh focaccia) beach towels, complimentary toilets, snorkeling and some water games.

Return transfer from Hotel Plaza e de Russie to the Port not included in the price.

Duration: 7/8 hrs.

## STANDARD PROGRAM:

Tour with a public boat, leaving from the pier of Viareggio

Type of tour: This excursion to the Cinque Terre allows you in one day to visit the most beautiful villages of this land.

Suitable for: individuals and groups.

Timetable and Prices:

Departure from the Pier of Viareggio

Costs: € 50.00 per adult and € 20.00 per child (6-11 years old).

Trip: Free stop in each village of the "5 Terre".



## Marble Safari



*Discover where the sculpture of Michelangelo and Canova was born!*

*Different and charming reality made of fatigue and cleverness, old sweat and modern technology. The world of marble is not only the extraction or processing of a stone, but the history of a region and its population which have always been synonymous with the marble.*

*Enjoy tracing the footsteps of Michelangelo, visiting the Fantiscritti white marble quarry to see blocks being cut from the mountain, the quarry museum to learn the history and production of the stone, a studio to see sculptors at work.*

### **PROGRAM:**

"Inside The Marble "Guided Tour ( private tour )

- Pick up / drop off in Hotel Plaza e de Russie
- Start of the excursion towards the marble quarries with your private driving guide aboard one of our Land Rover Defender (8 1 seats) exclusively for you reserved.
- The Fantiscritti marble quarry
- Marble Cave Museum with the illustration of the techniques of working and extraction of marble and many other curiosities about the history of marble
- Crossing tortuous and very steep roads, we'll reach in few minutes the highest quarries, up to 1000 mt. altitude. You'll enjoy a lot of stopovers inside many different kinds of active quarries (open sky quarries, as a well developed quarries etc.), for further explanations, to see the different systems of excavation, to take spectacular photos etc.
- Panoramic visit of the 2 Valley (Miseglia) with stopover inside one more quarry to enjoy a taste of the famous "Colonnata's Lard IGP" with an ice cold Prosecco glass or a refreshing soft drink, before to come inside a spectacular underground quarry, where the most disenchanted visitors too, are unable to mask the attraction that comes in an absolutely lunar place.
- Private Tour Package max duration 2 hours 30 minutes

Price per visit: € 450,00

## Become a Chef for a day



Experience the inimitable flavors of traditional Italian cuisine with private hands-on cooking class (1h 30')

Cooking class supervised by our Michelin starred executive Chef Luca Landi and his brigade will lead the guest to discover the recipes and the secrets of making Italian pasta.

Our cooking classes are designed around the sort of cooking you would do in your own kitchen to entertain family and friends. Our aim is to inspire you and transform your way of thinking about approaching food. It doesn't matter what level you are, just come along and enjoy the experience! You'll learn how to make delicious homemade pasta! Your private cooking lesson will begin in the professional kitchen at our Michelin starred restaurant where you will be inspired by the fabulous atmosphere. Our team will be at your disposal to teach you the secrets of making Italian pasta.

After the cooking class you will enjoy lunch/dinner eating the food that you have previously prepared at our Michelin starred restaurant "Lunasia".

Price: €150,00 per person

### Kid's cooking class

Young guests can also take part in special children's cooking classes where they will learn to make homemade pizza.

Price: €100,00 per child



# Wine Tasting



## Discover the scents and flavors of the Lucca vineyards

In this experience our territory is savored in every single step ...

You will taste the best wines of categories D.O.C , D.O.C.G. in the most exclusive winery. Every tour includes an introduction with the history of the company, the visit of the cellar with the explanation of every single phases of the wine making process, from the harvest to the bottling, visit of the barriques room and of the Historical Cellar.

Guided tour: Italian, English, French, Spanish and Portuguese languages are spoken by the staff.

## Wine Olive Oil Tasting- Price €30,00 per person

Upon arrival at the winery a welcome drink will be served: Spumante Particolare Brut, followed by Tour of the cellar

After the visit will be held the wine tasting and oil at the tasting room accompanied by a chopping board of salami an Tuscan cheeses.

Reserve Wines:: Vasario IGT Toscana, Cercatoja IGT Toscana, Il Fortino IGT Toscana, Spumante Particolare Inedito.

Duration: about 2 hours.

## Wine Tour with Lunch- Price €70,00 per person

Upon arrival at the winery a welcome drink will be served: Spumante Particolare Brut, followed by Tour of the cellar

After the visit will be held the wine tasting and oil at the tasting room accompanied by a chopping board of salami an Tuscan cheeses.

Reserve Wine: Vasario IGT Toscana, Cercatoja IGT Toscana, Il Fortino IGT Toscana, Spumante Particolare Inedito.

Duration: about 2 hours.

Lunch will be served at Syrah Restaurant: welcome entre , a first dish from the menu, a second dish from the menu, small pastry

On request: Private round transfer from Hotel Plaza e de Russie to vineyard.

# Truffle Hunting



Experiencing truffle in every aspect

From woods to the table, the precious fruit of the earth.

The Truffle experience is a total immersion in the mysterious world of truffle , an exclusive experience for wine and food lovers.

The goal is to offer an unforgettable emotion both in nature and at the table by tasting delicacies combined with selected wines of the area.

Truffle Hunting is a way for experiencing true nature trough the hunt and taste of the precious diamond of the woods. Truffle Hunter show you how to find truffles walking in the woods, how to use them in the best way,giving all the secrets, and how to cook and enjoy them. The relationship between the truffle hunter and his loyal dog is going to leave you spellbound. The scent of the woods, the dog playing his favourite game: the research of the little smelling stones.

The tour culminates with a lunch allowing to taste many of our products and fresh truffle of the season.

Price: €100,00 per person

On request: Private round transfer from Hotel Plaza e de Russie to San Miniato



## Cheese Lover's Tour



Enjoy exclusive visit to private dairy farm

A gastronomic experience linked to the dairyman world to live all stages of the process of transforming milk into cheese. The visit begins in the production laboratory, continues in the premature rooms and ends with a tasting of the finished product.

This tour will take you to discover one of the best Tuscan products, right at a dairy farm located in the beautiful hills of the Lucca. Here, you will observe the techniques of cheese processing, meeting these artisans of flavors, understanding the differences between the various types of Pecorino cheese, and finally you will learn to taste it. Flocks of sheep graze on the Lucca hills, feeding on the herbs offered by this area: the result is a high-quality milk, which, once it is processed, turns into the famous Pecorino cheese, with its unmistakable flavor. Be it fresh, semi-seasoned, or seasoned, you will realize that Pecorino cheese is excellent in every version, pure or paired with honey or jams.

Price: €160,00 per tour ( up to 5 pax)

Private round transfer from Hotel Plaza to dairy farm € 450,00

# Olive Oil Experience



A very important part of the overall Tuscan agricultural production is extra virgin olive oil. Thanks to the patient care to the trees and the groves, the result of the olive pressing is an unrepeatably olive oil.

Spend the morning in the glorious Tuscan countryside, taking in spectacular views of rolling hills and historic villas. Visit a family-run farm to try the area's best olive oil, with wine and seasonal bites to accompany the tasting.

A half day tour where you will immerse yourself in the amazing world of liquid gold "olive oil". You will make a "walk" through the EVOO Oil world, exploring the entire process from cultivation to olives harvest, transformation at oil mill and finally conservation. Then you will have a real walk among olive trees to start recognizing the different kind of olives. After that we will introduce you in the charming world of professional oil tasting, as done by the official "oil sommelier".

price: on request



# Fishing Tour



The experience to live on board a typical Viareggio fishing boat and its crew that will take you to the high seas to discover the secrets of fishing and much more.

It starts at 9.00 from the characteristic pier of Viareggio in the direction of "high seas" to the place where the nets were lowered the night before.

Together they will pull the nets to the boat to discover "the catch of the day". The journey will continue towards the Gombo, in the heart of the natural park of "Migliarino and San Rossore" and you cannot miss an evocative swim in the clear waters of this uncontaminated sea where, with a little luck you can spot the dolphins that inhabit this area .

Lunch will be based on the "catch of the day", cooked in the manner of fishermen and enjoyed directly on the boat.

After a bit of relaxation, the journey will resume towards the port of Viareggio where the return will be scheduled around 4 pm.

Rates:

group tour maximum 12 people: € 110.00 per person.

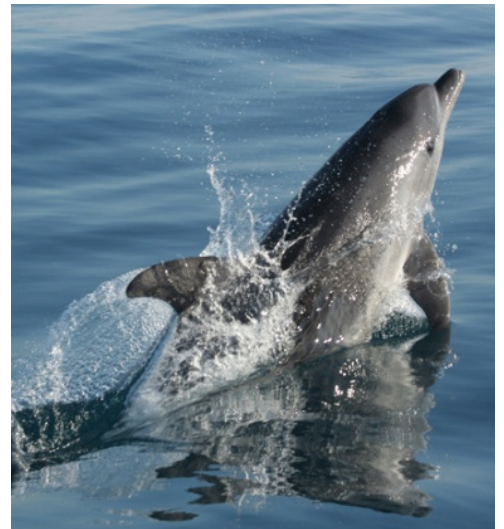
Exclusive tour up to 12 people: € 1,300.00 total.

The starting point is easily reached on foot

Duration: from 9.00am to 16.00pm

Tour available from spring to October

# Dolphins Watching Tour



If you want to experience something different and at the same time learn a little bit more about the sea and the dolphins in their natural habitat, you came to the right place!

A journey aboard a catamaran sailing in search of dolphins in the area called "the cetacean sanctuary" which is located right in front of Viareggio. The trip will be guided by an expert Biologist and his crew who will take you offshore explaining the characteristics and habits of this protected species.

It starts at 9.30 am from the characteristic pier of Viareggio towards the open sea and the places where dolphins usually love to swim. During the trip you can sunbathe or even participate in the life on board alongside the crew.

The Biologist's experience will be fundamental to identify dolphins and to be able to observe them respecting the environment that surrounds them.

A light lunch will be served and there will be moments to take a bath in the clear waters of our sea.

The journey will resume towards the port of Viareggio where the return will be scheduled for around 15.30.

Price:

group tour, max10 person: € 80.00 per person (children € 55.00).

Exclusive tour: € 780.00



# Hiking in the middle of Apuan Alps



The professional mountain guides have in store many appointments for hiking enthusiasts, to discover exceptional and breathtaking places.

Apuane park is located in Tuscany, only for his geo-morphological and naturalistic characteristics, it is developed for around 60 kms along the coast of the Tyrrhenian sea in the areas of the Versilia, Lunigiana and Garfagnana.

You will walk along ancient paths, through woods to reach the summit of a mountain, surrounded by breathtaking views overlooking charming valleys and the sea coast far away.

## The Monte Procinto- hiking in fixed rope route

The Via Ferrata is a complex of structures and technical gear fixed on a rocky mountain side to make easier and safer for the climber to reach the top. This particular via ferrata is also suitable for children from 8 years old and up, and you will be always accompanied by a professional, authorized, English speaking alpine guide to ensure your safety.

## The Monte Forato hiking

Monte Forato is one of the most common destinations in the Apuan Alps because of the suggestive natural arch that joins two twin peaks and creates a hole that can be seen from Garfagnana and Versilia.

The hike is moderate-demanding in difficulty since it includes a dislevel of about 800 meters

### *The Legend of Monte Forato*

*One of the many legends heard in Garfagnana regards the origin of the hole in the mountain. Legend has it that it was caused during a tremendous clash between Saint Pellegrino and the Devil himself.*

*The Devil, tired of seeing the saint prey and sing all day, sought to tempt him while he was making a beech wood cross, but it was all in vain. Irritated, the Devil slapped the saint so hard he was knocked down. San Pellegrino slowly got back up and also tired of the continuous torments he was made to endure, instead of turning the other cheek slapped the Devil right back so hard he was hurled against the crest of the mountain. The Devil hit the mountain with his head, the terrible impact created the hole that we can see today.*

Meeting point: pick-up in hotel

Duration: about 4-5 hours

Price: € 330 per tour

Participants: On private basis min 1 max 4 people per guide.

Price includes: expert alpine guide and transfer from/to meeting point.

Language: The tour takes place in English or Italian depending on the group composition

To bring with you: wear comfortable clothing for hiking, bring one extra t-shirt, drinking water.

Period: from April to November

# Liberty in Viareggio



The liveliness of Liberty, the true soul and identity of Viareggio

This is a story that begins during the year 1905 when the whole of Viareggio was taken over by the Liberty style which resulted from both Arabic and Nordic artistic influences and which was fully re-emphasized from 1917 onwards when the Art Nouveau movement imposed its sinuous lines and decorative oriental references which still seduce and fascinate us today. Along Viareggio seaside you can see Grand Caffè Margherita, the Balena beachclub, the Caffè Concerto Eden and several others buildings trimmed with enamels, lacquers and ceramics typical from '20s and '30s.

The journey starts from the Hotel Plaza e de Russie, the first Hotel built in Viareggio, an Art Nouveau jewel of 1871, we will continue towards Piazza Shelley to tell about the characters who lived in our city, Paolina Bonaparte, Maria Luisa di Bourbon and the artists who have linked their name.

We will walk along the promenade as the Viareggio people call the "Viali a Mare" to admire the splendid buildings in Liberty style, eclectic and very interesting, decorated by Galileo Chini, from the manufacture of Borgo San Lorenzo.

Price: €110,00 per tour

# The Magic of Carnival



Discover the secrets of the art of papier mache, working directly on the raw material of the great floats of the Viareggio Carnival. Admire the history of the event through the original sketches and the models of the most beautiful buildings of the past.

It starts from the museum where the "path" trace a summary of the events that marked the origin and evolution of Viareggio festival, highlighting the historical and cultural roots. Followed by a visit to Hangar 16 / "Espace Gilbert" where you can admire the works in papier mache and significant elements of the allegorical buildings divided by themes.

In the Papier-Mache Workshop the various stages of processing will be explained and using the plaster casts, the sheets of newspaper and the flour glue you can create an imaginative and personal work in papier mache.

Price: from € 150 per tour

Transfer to the Citadel not included

Duration: around 1.30' / 2.00 hours



# Lucca and its gardens



Tourists going to soak up the charming and engaging atmosphere of Lucca, must prepare to be in a city where there is much to see.

Walking along the streets and alleys, you can admire all its faces: the roman and medieval Lucca, the classic one and especially the renaissance Lucca which has the greatest splendor in the well preserved walls.

And for lovers of "Grand Tour", the villas of Lucca are the main attraction: a journey that allows you to look at the architecture, the frescoes and the gardens that are an expression of the different styles in which the Italian art has excelled.

## PROGRAM

HALF DAY Guided tour: € 170,00 - entrance fees excluded

Tour of Lucca with a visit to:

Palazzo Pfanner

Gardens of Palazzo Orsetti

Walls of Lucca

Torre Guinigi.

FULL DAY Guided tour: € 340,00 - entrance fees excluded

Tour of Lucca with a visit to:

Palazzo Pfanner

Gardens of Palazzo Orsetti

Walls of Lucca

Torre Guinigi

Free time for lunch

Parco di Villa Reale di Marlia (transfer from Lucca not included)

Villa and garden of Torrigiani a Camigliano (transfer from Marlia not included)



# Fall in love with Florence



*Fall in love with Florence, cradle of the Renaissance*

*Florence's museums, palaces, and churches house some of the greatest artistic treasures in the world. The most popular and important sites in Florence include the Cathedral, the Baptistery, the Uffizi, the Bargello, and the Accademia. The churches of Santa Maria Novella and Santa Croce are veritable art galleries, and the library of San Lorenzo is a magnificent exhibition of Michelangelo's architectural genius. Wander some of the oldest streets in the city until you reach the Arno River, cross the Ponte Vecchio, and experience the "newest" area of Florence, the Oltrarno. Be sure to set aside time to see the vast and varied art collection housed in the Pitti Palace.*

HALF DAY (3h) Guided tour: € 180,00 - entrance fees excluded

Santa Maria Novella, The Cathedral Santa Maria del Fiore (with Giotto's Bell-tower and Baptistry), Dante's House, Orsanmichele Church, Piazza Signoria with Loggia dei Lanzi, Uffizi Gallery, Ponte Vecchio and Pitti Palace.

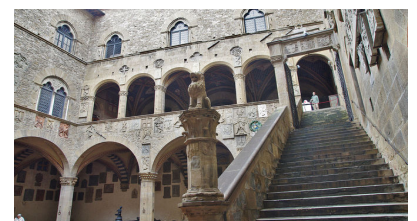
FULL DAY (5h) Guided tour: € 300,00 - entrance fees excluded

Santa Maria Novella, The Cathedral Santa Maria del Fiore (with Giotto's Bell-tower and Baptistry), Dante's House, Orsanmichele Church, Piazza Signoria with Loggia dei Lanzi, Uffizi Gallery, Ponte Vecchio and Pitti Palace.

Free time for lunch

Guided tour of the Uffizi Gallery - entrance fee € 24,00 per person

Guided tour in Italian, English and Russian.



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