

Italy: G Adventures' Local Living Italy – Tuscany

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Type of tour

This is a seven day small-group tour from Rome to Tuscany and return by public transport (train and bus). After one night in Rome the remaining five nights are in San Gimignano, where the accommodation is shared with the other members of the tour group.

Brief outline of tour

Although this tour was for seven days, I added three nights in Rome before it began and three days in Tuscany afterwards. There were six others in the group. We had an Italian CEO but not a tour guide. The cost was \$1749.

The accommodation, which came with ensuite and kitchenette, was at Agriturismo Casa Florelia in San Gimignano. Our hosts were fantastic, providing drinks and snacks one evening, plus a meal and drinks on another night, plus free access to their herb garden for our own cooking. We stayed on in San Gimignano after the tour and moved to an apartment in a 'villa' – a converted 11th Century mill (fantastic).

Major highlights of the tour

Tour inclusions were a cooking class, a walk through the Tuscan countryside, wine tasting at a vineyard and day trips to Siena and Florence by train. In these places we 'did our own thing', so we booked ahead for Accademia (David) and Uffizi, for example. I really liked the independence provided by this approach. By the way, San Gimignano, our base, is a marvellous medieval city.

Other comments

Three days in Rome before the tour was an easy add-on. I've been to Rome many times but had not visited the Rose Gardens before.

My time in Italy was part of a 3½ month trip. Feel free to contact me if you wish to know about various things I did in the UK, including:

- The Chelsea Flower Show
- Bletchley Park
- The sights of London



- Windsor Castle
- Eastbourne
- Woburn Safari Park and Abbey
- Hastings
- Henley-on-Thames
- Manchester
- Bedford
- Stratford-Upon-Avon

OR other trips such as:

- Corfu
- Portugal (Algarve)
- Ocean Cruise (MSC) from Southampton to France, Spain, Germany, The Netherlands
- River cruise (Uniworld) from Bucharest to Budapest
- Paris

Except for the cruises, all these were independent travel.

Useful website links

[G Adventures Local Living Tours](#)

[G Adventures – Local living Italy – Tuscany San Gimignano](#)

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