

# Bella Vita Italy

**MAY 19<sup>TH</sup> — 27<sup>TH</sup>, 2020**

*Join me on a trip of a lifetime to the beautiful land of food and wine! My name is Mark Parmigiani, wine connoisseur, avid foodie and manager of Cavallo Nero, a local Italian restaurant in Ancaster.*

*This year, my wife and I have decided to pay homage to my Italian heritage and devout love of food and wine with a culinary adventure to Italy and we want you to come with!*

*We are looking for a group of passionate food and wine travellers to join us on a once in a lifetime adventure, that will excite the taste buds, expand our culinary knowledge, and allow us to soak up the finest wines, sights and sounds that Italy has to offer.*



LAND ONLY

**CAD \$3779**

per person, Double Occupancy

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: **\$1399 CAD**

DEPOSIT **\$500** PER PERSON NON-REFUNDABLE

FINAL PAYMENT DUE **JANUARY 20 2020**

\*Prices listed are "from", per person, based on twin share and current exchange rate. All packages and prices are subject to availability. Please enquire about extensions or upgrades. Insurance is mandatory for travel.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Hosted by Mark Parmigiani and his wife Jackie
- 8 Nights in boutique accommodation
- Breakfast daily, 4 lunches, 2 dinners
- Premium private mini coach transportation
- Unlock the secrets of Tuscan Cuisine with included wine and cheese tastings
- Meet a local expert and discover how traditional gelato is made at Gelateria Dondoli
- Entrance included to all attractions in the itinerary including the Baptistery of St. John and Siena Cathedral
- All taxes and fees

### Visit 7 UNESCO World Heritage Sites

- Rome
- Florence
- Piazza del Duomo Pisa
- Cinque Terre
- San Gimignano
- Pienza
- Siena



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**19 MAY**

**ARRIVAL IN ROME**

Upon arrival at the Rome airport, you will be met by your professional English-speaking guide and transferred to the hotel. The remainder of your day is at leisure.

*Accommodation: BEST WESTERN SPRINGHOUSE (2 Nights)*

**20 MAY**

**ROME (B)**

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel and a full day at leisure to explore Rome your own way. Overnight.

**21 MAY**

**ROME – FLORENCE – LUCCA (BL)**

After breakfast this morning, depart for Florence by coach. Upon arrival in Florence, enjoy an in-depth guided walking tour of the city. Enjoy the Piazza del Duomo, where the cathedral, tower, and baptistery exhibit the traditions of Florentine art from the Middle Ages to the Renaissance. We will observe the massive and detailed façade of the Duomo before viewing the baptistery's bronze doors, designed by Ghiberti and which Michelangelo commented were worthy to be the "Gates of Paradise." Spend time in the Piazza della Signoria, an open-air museum of sculpture and walk in the streets of Florence to learn more about the history of this city. Continue on to Lucca for your overnight.

*Accommodation: PALAZZO DI PINTO (2 Nights)*

**22 MAY**

**LUCCA – CINQUE TERRE (B)**

Rocky coastline. Romantic candy-coloured villages. It's time to explore the Italian Riviera's sublime shoreline. The route brings you to Cinque Terre, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and a tour highlight. (1 day Cinque Terre Card included). After time spent discovering this beautiful area, you'll return to Lucca.



**23 MAY**

**LUCCA – PISA – VOLTERRA (B)**

Infamous and impossible to miss, the Leaning Tower of Pisa is a staggering sight and the first port of call today. Next, stop at a local winery for a tour and tasting. Afterwards, you'll travel on to Volterra, where you'll have the chance to explore the town at your own leisure. Perched on a plateau, this magnificent and mysterious medieval walled town is your home for the night. There's plenty of time for you to discover its unique character this evening.

*Accommodation: ALBERGO ETRURIA (1 Night)*

**24 MAY**

**VOLTERRA – SAN GIMIGNANO – PIENZA (B)**

Today you'll make tracks to San Gimignano, home to a magnificent piazza, meandering stepped streets and some beautifully preserved architecture. Here, you'll visit Gelateria Dondoli to sample the creations of a master gelato maker, before carrying on to Fattoria San Donato for an indulgent wine tasting complete with bruschetta and local meats and cheeses. After taking in the town's head-turning historic centre, you'll continue to Pienza. Then, take some free time to take in the enchanting views of Val d'Orcia and stroll along the narrow romantic streets and explore the medieval nooks and crannies that reveal local treasures within its shops and boutiques. Tonight, the evening is all yours.

*Accommodation: HOTEL RESIDENCE SAN GREGORIO (1 Night)*

**25 MAY**

**PIENZA – SIENA - CHIANTI (BLD)**

After breakfast this morning, depart for Siena. On arrival, enjoy a walking tour of the town. After the tour you'll allow a short time for shopping! Some of the most important Italian artists and poets walked these streets: Dante, Leonardo, Boccaccio and Petrarca. Popes and bankers (Monte dei Paschi di Siena is the oldest bank in the world!) Then depart for a Tuscan lunch at a local farm with tasting of the famous Pecorino Cheese. After, continue to Chianti to your hotel. This evening, the group will enjoy dinner together at the hotel.

*Accommodation: RALAIS FATTORIA VALLE (2 Nights)*

**26 MAY**

**CHIANTI (BLD)**

Spend the morning at your own leisure. Today you're cordially invited to the kitchen, where you'll roll up your sleeves and put on your apron. The villa's chef will treat you to an exclusive lesson in making Tuscan delicacies before you sit down to savour the fruits of your labours for lunch. After, depart for a Chianti Winery for a tour and tasting. This evening, meet for dinner at the villa.

**27 MAY**

**CHIANTI – FLORENCE (B)**

Sadly, you have to say goodbye to the villa this morning. After breakfast transfer to the Florence airport for your return flight home.

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