



TIME AROUND TUSCANY

INCOMING TOUR OPERATOR



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Time around Tuscany is a young and dynamic agency of tour organising that offers new and unknown paths outside the explored turistic routes.

Our favourite itineraries touch the undiscovered and the less celebrated sites of Tuscany and Umbria, regions that always have exciting places and experiences to live.

Time around Tuscany is a “Green” Tour Operator!

We pay a particular attention to Nature exploration to bring us back to rural life and live in a “slow” way to forget the daily rush.

It is for this reason that together with the classical itineraries of artistic, cultural and religious interest we always have several proposals for living Nature.

Exploring Tuscany riding a bicycle without being necessarily an athlete, discovering the beautiful Umbria countryside in Vespa to live the authentic Italian life-style, enjoying the fantastic weather and the unforgettable scenery...



Being on holiday you can take the chance to learn new things with joy, tasting wine and guessing the food pairing, improving yourself in Italian cooking classes and taste what you have prepared together with your “cooking colleagues”.



Cheese tastings, pottery hands on classes, visits to the most prestigious Italian wineries with our sommelier, sailing or kitesurfing on the beautiful Trasimeno lake are just some of our interesting ideas!

WHY US

I'm Claudia Cesarino, sommelier with a huge passion for travel, good wine and great food!

My career started in the international hotellerie and event organising in Rome, London and Asia and finally I opened my tour operating office in Cortona.

Working with the main Italian and foreign companies, I developed my attention to details and the importance for the quality of service.



My project was born from the desire to collect all the experiences I had around the world to satisfy my clients at the best here, in the heart of Tuscany!



TUSCANY CULTURAL ITINERARIES

Tours guaranteed by professional English speaking guides

FLORENCE

- **Guided walking tour of Florence historical centre** with view of the main historical sites: Piazza della Signoria, Palazzo Vecchio, Piazza della Libertà, Via Tornabuoni, Lungarno and Pontevecchio, Oltrarno area, Palazzo Pitti.
- **Uffizi Museum guided Tour** with view of the masterpieces of Italian art.
- **Uffizi and Vasari Corridor guided tour:** an elevated enclosed passageway which connects Palazzo Vecchio with Palazzo Pitti used by the Medici family to go out of the city.
- **Accademia Gallery** famous for its sculptures by Michelangelo: the Prisoners, the St. Matthew and the statue of David transferred here from Piazza della Signoria in 1873.
- **Florence and the Gardens guided tour:** Boboli and the Rose Garden with visit to the Michelangelo square with the most amazing view of Florence.
- **Markets and artisan workshops guided walking tour:** an interesting walk through the small and historical streets of Florence with visits to the main market of Florence, S.Ambrogio and Piazza dei Ciampi market.
- **Guided walking tour** of Brunelleschi's Dome, Cathedral, Baptistry and the Churches: S. Maria Novella, S. Croce and Orsanmichele.



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TUSCAN VILLAGES

- **S. Gimignano and Monteriggioni guided tour:** visit to the interesting hilly and medieval towns near Siena.
- **Montepulciano and Pienza guided tour:** visit to the towns renowned for the famous wine Nobile di Montepulciano and the Pecorino di Pienza cheese.
- **Montalcino guided tour:** visit to the city of Brunello wine.
- **Chianti historical guided tour:** visit to the small villages of Gaiole, Castellina, Radda and Greve in Chianti.



SIENA

- **Guided walking tour of Siena historical centre** with visit to the magnificent Cathedral, the baptistery, Piazza del Campo and S. Domenico area.
- **Unexpected Siena:** a guided visit to the uncovered medieval streets of Siena.
- **Siena and The Palio:** an unforgettable horse race held twice a year on July and August in Siena.

CORTONA

- **Guided walking tour of Cortona historical centre:** visit to the main attraction of Cortona, Piazza della Repubblica, Piazza Signorelli, Piazza Garibaldi, Via Jannelli and the historical centre.
- **Cortona and the Etruscans guided tour:** visit to the Etruscan museum and the Etruscan site in the Valdichiana valley.
- **Guided tour of Cortona Churches, Fortress and Saint Francis Monastery:** visit to some of the most beautiful churches in Tuscany: S. Maria Nuova, Calcinaio and the undiscovered Franciscan convent.
- **Pisa and Lucca entire day guided tour:** visit to the interesting historical centre of Pisa with Piazza dei Miracoli and Leaning Tower followed by Lucca city centre.
- **Cinque Terre entire day guided tour:** Visit to the 5 small and typical villages of Cinqueterre by ferry.

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UMBRIA

- **Perugia historical centre guided tour:** visit to the main squares and monuments of the city.
- **Spello and Assisi historical centre guided tour:** unforgettable visit to two of the most important and interesting cities of Umbria.
- **Orvieto, Todi and Deruta guided tour:** visit to the beautiful cities popular for their historical sites and potteries.
- **Trasimeno Lake guided tour:** visit to the lakeside villages of Tuoro, Castiglione del lago and Passignano sul Trasimeno with tour of the main island of the lake.



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ROME

- **Vatican city tour and Sistine Chapel:** guided tour of the Vatican state with visit to the chapel and optionally to the Vatican museums and Castel Sant'Angelo.
- **Ancient Rome and Colosseum tour:** guided tour of the Fori Imperiali, Circo Massimo, Piazza Venezia and the Colosseum.
- **Historical centre guided tour:** Piazza del Popolo, Via del Corso, Spanish Steps, Fontana di Trevi, Navona and Campo de' Fiori square with optional tour to Trastevere quarter.
- **Rome and the Gardens:** tour of the main Rome gardens, Villa borghese and Pincio with visit to the Borghese Museum.

NAPLES

- **Naples historical centre guided tour:** departure from the touristic harbour of Mergellina, passing through Via Caracciolo Promenade, Piazza dei Martiri and Via Chiaia until the heart of Naples historical centre, Piazza Dante.
- **Dungeon Naples guided tour:** visit to the dungeon interesting Naples.
- **Sorrentine Peninsula guided tour:** tour of Sorrento historical centre and beautiful surroundings.
- **Capri, Ischia and Procida islands guided tour:** visit to some of the most interesting Italian islands.

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- **Amalfi coast guided tour:** visit to Amalfi, Positano and Furore with stops for visit to undiscovered spots.
- **Venice historical centre guided tour**
- **Milan historical centre guided tour**



Tuscany is not done for being visited in a hurry. Small country roads, unbeaten paths, beautiful landscapes, visiting the monuments but also looking for the superb details of the scenery: country houses, hills, solitary cypresses and countless itineraries.

Val d'Orcia Tour: *Montalcino, Pienza & Montepulciano*

World heritage site since 2004, it's one of the most charming areas of Tuscany for the panorama and the cities famous for wine and the excellent Pecorino all over the world.

Siena Tour: *San Gimignano & Siena*

Urban trekking for living the art cities visiting museums, handicraft workshops, small markets, typical Tuscan taverns.

Chianti Tour

Visit to the characteristic towns where time seems to be stopped...you will have the chance to see some interesting vineyards too!

Umbria Tour: *Assisi & Perugia*

Religious and artistic itinerary of unique interest, going around the medieval alleys of the historical centres of these truly special cities.

Umbria Tour: *Orvieto, Todi & Deruta*

An interesting itinerary to visit three different cities, the thousand year old Orvieto, the evocative panorama of Todi, the popular ceramics of Deruta.

Pisa & Lucca Tour

Tour of Pisa and to the unique monuments: the Leaning Tower of Pisa, the cathedral and the beautiful Miracles Square. Visit of Lucca with the elegant historical centre and the city walls kept intact for centuries.

Cinque Terre Tour

It's a stretch of the Ligurian coast with a breathtaking view and declared World heritage site from UNESCO. Visit to the villages of Vernazza, Riomaggiore, Monterosso and to the wonderful Porto Venere.



Visit at the best Italian wineries guaranteed by a certified AIS Sommelier

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- **Firenze Food & Wine Tour:** visit to interesting wine and food producers in Florence and surroundings.
- **Siena Food & Wine Tour:** wine tours and tastings to the Chianti senese area with lunch/dinner at the estates.
- **Cortona Food & Wine tour** at Strada dei Vini consortium wineries:tour and tasting of Cortona wines and typical Tuscan products like cheese, cold cuts and Olive Oil.
- **Montepulciano wine Tour:** wine tours and tastings at historical cellars in town.
- **Chianti Wine Tour:** wine tours and tastings in the Chianti area at wineries owned by the most popular Italian wine producers such as Marchesi Antinori.
- **Brunello Wine tour:** wine tour & tasting at the most renowned Brunello di Montalcino wineries like Castello Banfi and Casanova di Neri.
- **Oil Mill Tour & Tasting:** visit to Olive Oil Mill with tasting of bread, Oil and typical products.
- **Cheese factory & tasting:** visit to the Pecorino cheese factory with tasting of different flavoured pecorino paired with red wines.
- **Buffalo Mozzarella making at the factory:** tour of the mozzarella factory, making fresh and authentically Italian Buffalo mozzarella followed by tasting of the final products just created.
- **Pasta factory:** tour of the Pasta factory assisting at the different varieties made by the Master Chef of Italian Pasta.
- **Typical Tuscan and Umbrian products tasting** (sauces, Olive Oil, salami) paired with Tuscan red wine.
- **Visit to Rome wine district:** guided tour of Rome award winning wineries.
- **Pizza Tour and Tasting in Naples:** visit to the best Italian Pizzeria assisting at the Pizza making process followed by tasting of different pizza flavours.



SPEND A BEAUTIFUL DAY...with us in the best wineries of Tuscany and Cortona area!

You will have the pleasure of visiting vineyards, cellars and taste the wines of some of the most popular Italian wine companies and to see how wines like **Syrah** and **Nobile di Montepulciano** are made.

A wine expert will explain all the phases of wine making and the characteristics of each wine, from the grapes in the vineyard to the barriques ageing in the cellar.

The tasting will be paired with typical Tuscan sliced salami, bruschetta, meats and cheeses or you could enjoy a beautiful lunch with view of the vineyards.

You will also have the opportunity to taste the typical Oil of the Trasimeno Lake area.

In collaboration with “**Strada dei Vini Cortona**” we take care of the visits to all the wineries associated to this consortium, amongst which there are some of the most important **Cortona Doc Syrah** producers.



- Visits to **Cortona Doc** & **Nobile di Montepulciano Docg** wineries
- Wine tours in **Chianti**
- Visits to the newest **Antinori** cellar created in Maremma at Castiglione della Pescaia (possibility to visit the cellar in the morning and enjoying the beach in the afternoon)
- Wine tours in Montalcino to visit the **Brunello** wineries and the charming town

IN COLLABORATION WITH





Let's Cook Together!



COOKING CLASSES

Cooking Classes

In Italy cooking is a “delicious” experience you can share with friends and it’s an important part of the meal...

The idea of sharing the food with someone and cooking together gives a different taste to the meal and that’s why we want to share it with you!

A half day hands-on cooking class to learn how to make a full Italian menu, different kinds of homemade Pasta with a variety of Italian dressings, the art of making bread, focaccia and pizza, preparing “bruschetta” with Tuscan Olive Oil and typical appetizers.

Some of our cooking classes are focused on Italian desserts like biscuits, crostata and custard creams.



Your day will start with a stroll in our vegetable garden to pick fresh herbs and vegetables for the lesson.

Our Italian Chefs will guide you through an authentic Italian menu and will teach you some interesting tricks of the real Italian cuisine.

The cooking class will include:

- Half day hands-on cooking class done by an authentic Italian Chef
- Lunch/dinner with the specialties prepared from you (in case of bread/dessert cooking class a typical Tuscan meal will be provided)
- Local wines
- A recipes kit to take home with you and on request "Time around Tuscany" aprons for the class
- Transfer from our meeting point in Cortona to the restaurant and back



Days

Our hands on cooking classes can be organised at several locations on your convenience:

- Cooking class at a typical Tuscan restaurant in Cortona historical centre
- Cooking class at one of the most popular Italian winery with wine tour & tasting in addition
- Poolside Cooking class at a beautiful Spa resort or farmhouse

Contact us and meet at our “Cucina”, we will look forward to cooking with you!



SPORT & WELLNESS

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- **Bike Tours** in the countryside: guided bike tours by English speaking guides.
- **Vintage Vespa Tours** in the countryside with stops to wineries for wine tours and tasting.
- **Horseback ridings** with stop for tasting at farmhouses.
- **Walking Tours** in the countryside/lakeside: visit to the wonderful countryside and historical sites walking with expert English speaking guides.
- **Guided Shopping Tours** at the Italian High Fashion Malls: visit to the worldwide reknowned Fashion Malls of Tuscany to buy the best designer brands at the cheapest prices.
- **Vintage Car Tours:** guided tour by vintage cars like Bentley, Rolls Royce, Fiat 500 and vintage rickshaw.
- **Artisanal workshops in the historical centres** (copper, pottery, Chianina butchery): visit to the Tuscan and Umbrian artisanal workshops to learn the Italian art of antiques and handmaking.
- **Relaxing at the Spa:** special Wellness packages for relaxing amongst Italian Nature (Tuscan & Umbrian hills, Amalfi coast and ancient Rome).
- **Falconry demonstration in Cortona:** Guided demonstration of Falconry in beautiful panoramic sites.
- **Bike rental**
- **Vespa rental**



Tuscany and Umbria offer endless possibilities of winding dirt roads, unforgettable pathways in the vineyards and shaded country roads.

Our professional and expert guides know the regions extremely well and will guide you through the treasures of these areas discovering beautiful castles, abbeys, rural churches and Etruscan finds with our “**archeotrekking**”.

Upon request visits to the interesting cellars of the popular wine **Nobile di Montepulciano Docg**, tour of cheese factories of the excellent Pecorino di Pienza and organization of “green” weekends with two days of guided bike tour, overnight in agriturismo and dinner with local food & wine!

- Half/full day Bike Tour
- Weekend Bike Tour with overnight in agriturismo
- Tour for couples
- Support vehicle for assistance or luggages transfer on request

The Tour includes

- Transfer from Cortona to departure point and back
- Professional guide
- Mountain bike for rent
- Schedule of the customized itinerary at the moment of booking

Date

Saturdays and Sundays, other days on request.

The distances can vary depending on the level of preparation of the participants.



LET'S GO HORSEBACK RIDING!

The Umbrian hills are perfect for a relaxing horse riding...
If these hills are facing the **Trasimeno Lake**, then you can't miss the experience!

Discover the most beautiful nature and enjoy a unique adventure with quiet and safe horses.

The wonderful **ranch** in the heart of the Umbrian countryside two steps away from the lake, is a place where man is in perfect harmony with horses that's why you will live unforgettable experiences!

- Lake view horse riding
- Moonlight horse riding with night picnic
- Horse riding at sunset, tasting of typical products and Jacuzzi
- Horse riding at dawn with small breakfast
- Horse riding with lunch at the ranch
- 1/2/3 days trekking with lunch
- Horse riding for kids



The ridings are all guided by 1 or 2 experts that speaks English, French and German.

ACCOMMODATION



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- Typical Tuscan apartments in Cortona historical centre (Suite del Syrah)



- City centers hotels and apartments
- Private Villas in the countryside with pool
- Apartments at the Agriturismo
- Beautiful resorts with private Spa
- Historical residences in Rome
- Rooms and B&B in ancient Palaces
- Luxury hotels and resorts
- Seaside resorts at the Amalfi and Sorrento coast
- Hotels and apartments in Capri, Ischia and Procida islands



Wedding AROUND Tuscany



Wedding around Tuscany is the agency's most creative side.

We organise weddings and special events in Tuscany & Umbria and take care of your Special Day.



- Required paperwork for civil, religious and symbolic wedding
- Choice of Venue and Church
- Catering & banqueting
- Light, Floral & Cake Design
- Tailor made Invitations, menus, tableau mariage, booklets
- Transfers and car rentals
- Customised wedding favours & confectionery
- Best Italian ateliers for wedding dress
- Hair and Make up consulting
- Photo & Music best partners
- Accomodation for guests
- Translation service

SposiWeb, our last creation: a private website where you can upload pictures and share the details of your wedding, to help the guests to reach the venue thanks to a shared map or just to talk about the news about your upcoming Special Day...

...And back from your honeymoon, you will find the website recorded on a CD for you!



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