



Hike, cook and have fun in Tuscany



The most popular and favourite tour among our customers! This tour programme exceeds guests' expectations in every way.

The simple recipe for a successful holiday is:

- stay at a Hotel Relais in Tuscany's countryside in the area of Volterra. The hotel is owner-managed by an affable young couple who will do everything they can to ensure guests enjoy a pleasant stay
- accessible hiking routes with spectacular views
- a well versed programme of culinary delights with cookery courses
- excellent breakfast and dinner, exceeding expectations of the customers
- a tour programme that combines walking tours with cookery courses. Guests can take part in different activities

And a good mood ... these are the ingredients for an exciting holiday in Tuscany.

The Hotel... Hotel Relais Il Palagetto



Wonderful view from your room

The 3* Hotel Relais is immersed in the hilly landscape of Tuscany. The recently renovated hotel has preserved its original architecture. The hotel is built in true Tuscany's stile, with handmade earthen floor, ancient roofs and traditional building materials and handicrafts. The rooms with 55 beds are equipped with air conditioner, comfortable bathroom and own toilet, some of them have whirlpool and satellite TV. Rooms are nicely furnished with traditional furniture. A restaurant, a café and a terrace are available to guests. The 10x20 large swimming pool with its waterfall fits into the surrounding landscape, an ideal choice to relax.





Package prices 2006 - 2007

from 25 Pax

per person in dbl from Eur 297,00

SGL-Supplement Eur 80,00

The package price includes:

- ◆ 5 nights half board with full breakfast
- ◆ 2 guided hiking tours (see tour features)
- ◆ 3 escorted tour (see tour features)
- ◆ 4 cookery lessons
- ◆ Visit to an oil mill and wine tasting with snack
- ◆ Wine workshop and wine tasting in Oliveto castle
- ◆ 1 dinner party with Aurora (our top singer)



**If you like this offer, please complete this form and send it to the Gadis team;
we will prepare a special tailored offer as soon as possible.**

We are interested in your _____
Proposals and would like _____
To option the following dates: _____

Company name _____ Address _____

Group responsible _____ Post code/City _____

Telephone & Fax _____ Country _____

e-mail _____

Other destinations in Italy _____
In which we would be interested: _____



... Programme features ...

Day 1

Arrival at the hotel. Welcome's cocktail and introduction to the programme. Dinner in the hotel and overnight stay. Hotel guests enjoy the stunning night-time landscape in Tuscany's countryside.

Day 2

We undertake a morning excursion to **Oliveto castle** for a **wine workshop with wine tasting**. The ambience of the castle takes guests back into the Middle Ages.



Oliveto castle lies a few kilometres southeast of Castelfiorentino. The 15th century castle was commissioned by the powerful Florence family Pucci as a defensive stronghold to provide shelter to the family and their goods, however it became a hunting and holiday retreat. The castle draws its name from the olive groves that encircle its hillside position. One of the most beautiful castles in Tuscany, Oliveto castle is protected by walls, towers and a moat that provide a fine example of earlier war and castle buildings.

The castle is surrounded by cypress, holm oak and bay trees that invite guests to take a stroll.

In the afternoon transfer back to the hotel.

Here guests take part in 2 activities:

GROUP A

Hiking with guide: the Balze and the Calanchi

Discover Volterra from an usual perspective through the forms, characteristics and scents of its surroundings. A spectacular hiking trail takes

you in the heart of the wonderful landscape around Volterra and its Calanchi..

GROUP B

Cookery course

Today you make **Crostoni & Crostini** (of course you get to eat them too!!)

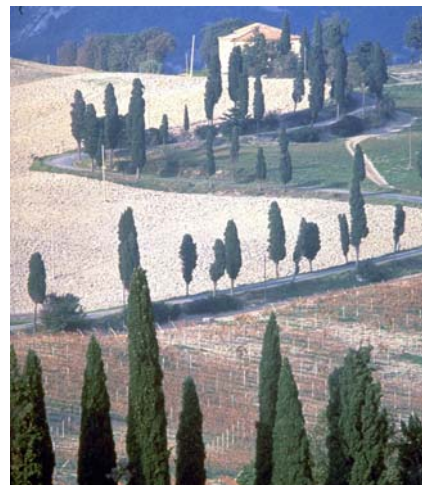


Dinner at the hotel and overnight stay.

Day 3

Morning excursion to Volterra, the capital of the alabaster

Volterra is filled with artistic treasures from the Etruscan and Roman times up to the Middle Ages and the Renaissance. Located atop of a hill at 550 m above the sea level, Volterra dominates the valley of Cecina river up to the Tyrrhenian sea. Strolling in the town visitors will be captivated by historical monuments and the ancient ambience.





Thanks to its hillside position between rivers Era and Cecina and the protection provided by its surrounding natural setting, Volterra is an early Stone Age settlement. Since the 9th century BC the culture of Villanova became widespread and laid down the foundations of the Etruscan civilisation. Volterra was one of the 12 cities of the Etruscan federation. Among the most important remains from those times are the city gate and the remnants of the walls from the 4th century BC. Roman old sites include the Vallebuona theatre and the thermal springs. As well as for its medieval buildings such as the Palazzo dei Priori and the Palazzo Pretorio from the 13th century, Volterra is famous for being home to the famous alabaster, that was used by the Etruscans for making cinerary urns. Today the alabaster still plays a notable role in local economy. Visitors have the opportunity to visit an alabaster workshop.

In the afternoon transfer back to the hotel

Today the following activities are programmed:

GROUP A
Cookery course

The course concentrates on **Panzanella**, a Tuscan bread and vegetable salad, one of Tuscany's most traditional dishes

GROUP B
Hiking tour with guide The Balze and the Calanchi

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Dinner in the hotel and overnight stay.



Day 4
Morning visit to the **wine estate Orgiaglia** with a snack

This farm estate within easy reach from the hotel is owned-managed by the parents of Laura, the owner of the Palagetto. We visit the oil mill and have a merenda (snack):

- Crostone alla cinta senese
- Crostone con la salsa di franco
- Bruschetta with oil and garlic
- Cold cuts
- Pasta dish
- Water- Wine tasting
- Dessert





Transfer back to the hotel.

Afternoon programme:

GROUP A
Hiking tour with guide The nature reserve
„Foresta del Monte Nero“

The hilly landscape that encircles the hotel invites guests to take a stroll. Visitors may also discover the wonderful landscape with horses in the neighbouring.

GROUP B
Cookery course

You make fresh **Ravioli**, a renown Italian dish. They taste even better if you make them by yourself!

Dinner in the hotel and overnight stay.

Day 5

After a rich breakfast you take part in different activities:

GROUP A
Cookery course

Long **Tagliatelle** ... have fun making fresh Tagliatelle ... and eating them.

GROUP B
Hiking tour with guide - The nature reserve
„Foresta del Monte Nero“

The hilly landscape that encircles the hotel invites guests to take a stroll. Visitors may also discover the wonderful landscape with horses in the neighbouring.

In the afternoon free time to relax, in the evening you will dance and sing...

Dinner in the hotel. You will receive a certificate of participation and enjoy (a lot of) music ... Overnight stay.

Day 6

Breakfast and departure ... if you can persuade your customers to leave!!



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