



Our home in Tuscany



Being Proud of our Ravioli

Limited to 9 women \$3299 based on single occupancy and \$2999 based on double occupancy. All rooms are spacious with private modern bathrooms. We stay in a luxury 10 bedroom villa midst vineyards and near our sightseeing. Most rooms are in the main building; two are ten steps away in a charming annex. Rooms are assigned first come first served.

Deposit \$750 of which \$400 non refundable unless we do not reach our minimum (we had a wait list in 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017). Balance payable 120 days before departure and non refundable. Travel insurance available to protect you and your money.

Deposits by check made out to ECPS Consulting Corporation (legal name of our group). Mail Payment and Filled Out Booking Form to:

Phyllis Stoller
ECPS Consulting Corporation
Suite 4A
116 East 63rd Street
New York NY 10065

As soon as we have a full group, we advise you so you can book your flight. When we receive your deposit, we will send you a receipt by email.

Itinerary

Leave North America **April 20** arrive **April 21, 2018.**

Some women each year leave a day early and overnight in Pisa on April 20. We recommend Hotel Bologna, which offers a free airport shuttle. You must book directly on <http://www.hotelbologna.pisa.it/> for the shuttle. A taxi ride from Pisa Airport is about 15 minutes and costs 25 euros. The hotel has free snacks at its bar and an excellent breakfast. Pisa is a small town, walking to the Tower takes about 15 minutes. You will have a list of everyone in the group so you can connect on this optional pre tour day. You will have the names and flights of everyone on the trip if you wish to see the Leaning Tower and have dinner together.

Day One April 21 2018

Our transfer meets you at Pisa Airport for flights that arrive by 3PM (earlier if last flight is before 3PM). We drive to the villa less than an hour away. This is a group transfer so you might have to wait if you arrive early. Those already in Pisa will be picked up at 1PM at the Hotel Bologna. Tonight welcome drinks followed by dinner prepared by our local chef.

Day Two

After breakfast we enjoy our first cooking lesson with our chef, enjoying the results for lunch. This afternoon we visit Lucca for a casual guided walk. A local escort stays with us in the villa and accompanies us on each walk. Dinner is prepared for you at the villa. *All meals in the villa include wine or Prosecco or both.*

Day Three

Enjoy our second hands-on cooking lesson after breakfast, and eat the results for lunch. Afternoon, visit a

winery for wine tasting. See the gorgeous photos on Facebook and on our site of each day of this trip. Return to the villa for dinner prepared by the chef.

Day Four

After breakfast visit Florence. Enjoy a day sightseeing or shopping. Our guide accompanies us for a look at this great city then you will have free time. For the Uffizzi Gallery, you must book tickets on line ahead of time. Lunch is at a local "trattoria". Return late afternoon for dinner.

Day Five

Another cooking lesson then lunch. The afternoon is a visit to a Tuscan chocolate maker with tastings. Dinner at the villa.

Day Six

This morning is our fourth cooking lesson, followed by lunch. The afternoon will be spent in San Gimignano with a chance to explore, before dinner at a local restaurant in town.

Day Seven

After breakfast is our final cooking lesson and lunch. Enjoy our last afternoon relaxing at the villa. If you wish to visit Siena, you must talk to our escort early on, and she will secure a per person cost for our driver/bus and arrange for the excursion. Cost can be divided up amongst those who want to go and payable by cash. In the evening, we enjoy a special farewell dinner prepared by our chef.

Day Eight April 28 2017

After breakfast, our early AM transfer takes you back to Pisa for flights. We base our group transfer on flights from 10AM onwards. If all flights are later, we make our transfer later. If you wish a private transfer, we can arrange it optionally.

Price Includes:

- Land only \$3299 single and \$2999 share.
- Airport transfers from Pisa for flights scheduled no later than 3PM- i.e. leave no earlier than 10AM.
- 7 nights private bathrooms, at a Tuscan villa. Note: there are stairs in our villa.
- 5 x 3 course cooking lessons with our Italian chef.
- Experienced host throughout your stay.
- Meals as noted with wine
- Visits as above
- Recipes printed for you and apron to take home.
- Transport by private minibus

Price Excludes: Airfare, insurance, items of personal nature, drinks not mentioned, tips to guide/chef or drivers. Private transfers are \$80+ per vehicle from Pisa. We recommend travel insurance for all trips and can quote for you. We supply tipping guidelines with final documents.

Sample Menus from the past two years included biscotti, fresh linguini, fresh ravioli, chestnut cake, tiramisu, pannacotta, chicken and sausage dishes, all delivered with lots of cooking tips and some with glasses of wine in hand.

Villa: stay in a luxury private villa. All rooms have private bathrooms with hairdryers, and country decor. The villa is large, with several living rooms, several dining rooms, wifi in public areas. It is modern and surrounded by vineyards. There are washer dryers, tv's in public areas, and our lovely escort arranges for bowls of fruit around the villa. The villa has some stairs. Linens, towels and soap are provided; you need to bring other personal products. Housekeeping will come mid week and change linens and clean.

