



Springtime in Italy 2010
Saturday 24th April to Sunday 2nd May

Only a few places remaining, maximum group 10 guests

Come along on this personalised tour with 'Essence of Italy Tours' guided by bilingual Italophile **Catherine Stanley** and resident wine educator **Paula Tewksbury**, from 'All About Wine'.

This fabulous **all inclusive 9 day, 8 night** adventure encompasses visits and stays in historical castles and cities and dinners and tastings with local wine and food identities.

Tour Highlights Include

- Tutored **Wine Tastings**
- **Cycling** the ancient walls of Lucca
- Enjoying panoramic views of historical cities from **Guinigi Tower** in Lucca and **Bell Tower** next to the famous Duomo in Florence
- **Guided Walking tours** of iconic sites in Rome, Siena and Florence
- A **picnic excursion** in the Abruzzese mountains with local guide
- **Cooking class** with celebrated chef Fabrizio and enjoy the fruits of your labour, a delicious 4 Course Menu in the Castello restaurant.
- Indulge at the **Buddha Spa and indoor pool** at Borgo La Bagnaiia including a relaxing massage





Special Features of the Tour

- **Themed lunches and dinners** to be enjoyed with various local identities from the Wine Industry in Italy
- Dinner in Rome, a special occasion with **Gancia and Pallini** Wines
- Lunch at **Castello Banfi** with international export manager
- **Cocktail Event** around the pool at **Castello di Gabbiano** with views over the rolling hills of Chianti.
- Themed dinners and tastings with **local artisans at Santo Stefano di Sessanio** in Abruzzo
- Lunch with Catherine's favourite Chef & **Restaurateur in Lucca** featuring Wines of Lucca

Accommodation

- **Hotel Internazionale in Rome** with views from the terrace to St Peter's Basilica and short stroll to Spanish Steps and Medici Gardens
- **Albergo Difuso** in Santo Stefano in Abruzzo, a living village with local artisans and products
- **Hotel degli Orafi** in Florence, from the movie '**Room with a View**' is our resting place in Florence. See Brunelleschi's Dome from the terrace bar.
- Breathtaking luxury of **Borgo la Bagnaia in Montalcino**
- Foster's Jewel of Italy, **Castello di Gabbiano in Chianti**

All our fabulous accommodation **includes daily buffet breakfast** with delicious locally made produce and pastries.

This fabulous tour is available for \$5275. 20% deposit required by 31st of January and balance 60 days prior to departure 24th of February 2010.

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