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## Brydie Forsyth ROME TUSCANY COUNTRYSIDE ROME OLLAMI

Sep 2, 2023 - Sep 8, 2023

Period: 2th - 8th September 2023

Total days: 7 days / 6 nights

Destinations: Tuscany Countryside

Guest: 1 people

## September 2 - Day 1 Rome - Tuscany Countryside



### Private transfer from Rome to the hotel in Tuscany Countryside



### Tuscany countryside - Check in at Palazzo Leopoldo Dimora storica & spa

4 star hotel

N.1 classic room (20 sqm)

Breakfast included - City tax not included



#### Palazzo Leopoldo

Via Roma 33, Radda in Chianti, SIENA, IT, 53017



### Tuscany countryside - Optional tours not included

**Optional activity:** This early morning you will enjoy a **hot air balloon ride**. You will fly above the beautiful hills of Chianti at the early hours of the morning. Discover the rolling fields of Tuscany from a unique aerial perspective with a luxury hot air balloon ride. After getting picked up from your hotel, head to the starting point where you will receive a quick safety briefing before take-off. If you wish, you can help with the aeration of the balloon before entering the cart for your flight. During your **1-hour flight**, you will sail at heights varying from 500 feet to 3000 feet, depending on the wind of that day. Admire the breathtaking landscape of Tuscany and see gentle hills dotted with pretty Italian villages, cypress trees, dominant castles, and abundant vineyards, olive groves and orchards. Upon landing, toast your experience with a glass of **sparkling wine** and **light breakfast**. Flight routes and taking off locations are subject to flying conditions.

**Optional tour:** in Tuscany **Ape Tuk Tuk** was used by people who lived in small villages, where streets were narrow, or to take goods from the farms. Today you can enjoy a special Ape Tuk Tuk tour of Tuscany countryside or in Florence. A wine tasting will be served. You can also ride around your Tuscany with a **vintage Fiat 500**, with an **Italian Vespa** or a supercar like **Ferrari or Lamborghini**.

**Optional tour:** Today you will enjoy an amazing bike-tour. Pedaling in Chianti is the perfect way to taste delicious wines & enjoy great views. The Tuscany bike tour will show you the colors and flavors of Tuscany. This extraordinary Tuscany bike tour suitable for all levels, follows an itinerary which highlights small medieval towns and stunning landscapes. A relaxing atmosphere where you can leisurely pedal and admire the scenery, stop for pictures

**Optional tour:** Today your personal driver will pick you up at the hotel lobby to enjoy a cooking class with a professional chef. You will learn how to make traditional Tuscan dishes. You will learn the secrets of local ingredients and the connections between recipes and Tuscan fascinating history and culture. After cooking you will get to eat your well deserved meal! It will be an amazing real Italian life experience.

**Optional tour:** this morning private transfer to **Montepulciano**, one of the most characteristic and intact medieval cities in Italy which, from a height of 605 meters above sea level, offers amazing views over the surrounding hillsides. You will explore the wonderful town center of Montepulciano. Continue the drive to a vineyard for a wine taste and lunch. In the afternoon stop in another vineyard for another wine taste.

**Optional tour:** you will visit **Siena** with the guide. In Siena you will enjoy a tour in the historical center. You will see Piazza del Campo, the Tower of Mangia and the lively and narrow streets surrounded by romantic palaces. You will see the stunning gothic Cathedral, where you'll enjoy a panoramic view from the Facciata.

**Optional tour:** you will enjoy a guided visit of **San Gimignano** known as the City of Beautiful Towers. It is a classic medieval walled hill town in Tuscany. You can admire its 14 surviving medieval towers that create a beautiful skyline visible from the surrounding countryside. The historic center is an UNESCO world heritage site for its architecture. You will see the landmark Great Tower - Torre Grossa.

**Optional tour:** with your guide you will visit **Lucca**, which is the only old town in Italy entirely surrounded by walls which are still very well preserved. Visit the **San Frediano church**, with its magnificent thirteenth-century mosaic representing Christ in Majesty. Then, explore the **Piazza del Anfiteatro**, the most beautiful square of Lucca passing by elegant shops of **Via Filungo** through small medieval streets. End in the **Duomo** which houses the famous Volto Santo and the splendid Ilaria del Cretto sarcophagus, a masterpiece of Jacopo della Quercia. Passing **Piazza Napoleone**, we finally arrive at **Piazza San Michele**, the central civic square of Lucca since Roman times.

**Optional tour: Marble Experience** allows you to discover the many attractions of charming **Carrara**, one of Tuscany's jewel towns, and visit an authentic, working, **marble of Carrara quarry** in the mountains with the privilege of private transportation, private guide assistance and an exciting mountain-side adventure aboard a rumbling Jeep.

**Optional tour:** with your guide you will visit **Pisa**. Start your tour with a walk alongside the Medieval walls up to the entrance gate: Porta Santa Maria. From here you will see a unique panorama of **Piazza dei Miracoli** with its marble architecture and neat grass lawns. You will visit the interiors of the Cathedral a masterpiece of Romanesque art. Besides the Tower, Piazza dei Miracoli houses other buildings of historic artistic value such as the Baptistery and the Monumental Graveyard. At the end you will climb one of the most celebrated monuments in the world: **The Leaning Tower**.

**Optional tour:** our driver will take you for a full day-trip into the **Val d'Orcia** region. Have a guided tour of **Arezzo** the strongest and richest of the Etruscan towns. The next stop is **Cortona**, one of the oldest cities in Tuscany, also famous for the movie "under the Tuscany sun".

**Optional tour: Pienza** is a small village in southern **Tuscany** that you should visit! Is the most renowned town of the famous **Val d'Orcia**, known all over the world for its art, landscape and **Pecorino cheese** Pienza is the **town of Pecorino**, a very tasty cheese made from sheep's milk, more or less aged, very well known and very delicious . Pienza is known around the world as the "ideal" city of the **italian Renaissance**, built by Enea Silvio Piccolomini who became Pope Pius II . Pope Pius II was born in the small village of Corsignano (the ancient Pienza) and wanted to transform his own village into a "utopian" city embodying the principles and philosophy of the classical age and the Italian Renaissance. So under the direction of Rossellino and Leon Battista Alberti it has become the city we know today: a complex of beautiful and harmonious buildings, the beautiful Piazza Pio II, the Cathedral, the papal residence, its picturesque alleys and suggestive views.

**Optional tour:** When you visit Pienza you have to taste **Pecorino Cheese**, the most famous typical product of the area. You can learn all the secrets of Pecorino di Pienza, taste it and see how it is produced. You will visit a farm in the countryside a few kilometers from Pienza and using the milk of our 150 sheep and 30 goats we produce Pecorino di Pienza in its dairy. The milk used comes from the farm's livestock and production is carried out without pasteurization and cheese ripening varies in length and mode.

Here you can join a guide tour with an experienced dairy man. He will guide you through the entire production process from milking to ageing.

**Optional tour:** It is a classic fairytale hilltop town, set within a full circle of fortified walls and watched over by a mighty castle of medieval perfection. **Montalcino** is a beautiful village immersed in the breathtaking Val d' Orcia Natural Park, renowned all over the world for the production of its precious **Brunello red wine**.

**Optional tour:** enjoy the **IGT Super Tuscan Wines** around Tuscany countryside. You will visit two wineries **Tenuta dell'Ornellaia Winery**, one of Tuscany's most historic and respected estates, and **Antinori** or **San Felice**.

**Optional activity:** enjoy an half day or full day **horse riding** around Tuscany. Available in different area and with different horses. With or without a guide.

**Optional activity:** join the locals, feel the blood-rush, and experience authentic Tuscan excitement at il **Palio di Siena**: a bareback horse race in Medieval times. Watch the historic parade, admiring the bedecked horses and Sienese in period costume, enjoy a delicious buffet and refreshments on a **private terrace** or a **dedicated window** in one of the splendid noble palaces overlooking the square. The race takes place only twice a year, on July 2 and August 16.

**Optional tour:** discover the authentic fishing villages of the **Cinque Terre, Five Lands**. This 5-mile stretch of beautiful rocky coast takes its name from the five villages of Riomaggiore, Manarola, Corniglia, Vernazza, and Monterosso. With our guide you will have the opportunity to visit 3 or 4 villages in one day with a combination of **easy walks**, **train rides** and a **boat trip**.

**Optional tour:** you will enjoy a **horse riding excursion along Chianti hills**. Following an expert you will admire along a lush vineyards, thick shady woods and olive groves and catch breathtaking unforgettable views.

## September 3 - Day 2 Siena and San Gimignano



### Full day - Mercedes class E



### Tuscany Countryside - Private guided tours of Siena & San Gimignano

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#### Siena

Siena, Tuscany, IT, 53100



#### San Gimignano

San Gimignano, Tuscany, IT, 53037

## September 4 - Day 3 Pienza - Montalcino - Montepulciano



### Full day - Mercedes class E



### Tuscany Countryside - Private guided tour of Pienza, Montalcino and Montepulciano

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Enjoy a day of culture, wine, and food as you visit some of the most impressive towns and villages in Tuscany. Go to the picturesque town of **Pienza**, and taste world-famous wines produced in **Montalcino** and **Montepulciano**.

Cross gently rolling hills full of vineyards, and then sample local wines served with a delicious snack of the local produce. Explore the streets of **Montalcino** to experience a typical Tuscan village and its fortress. Continue to **Pienza** to discover the "Touchstone of Renaissance Urbanism." Considered an artistic jewel of the landscape of **Val d'Orcia**, Pienza is a perfect combination of architectural beauty and harmony. Most of the lanes bearing impressive names overlook the breathtaking landscape of the Val d'Orcia. Unique smells and flavors are entwined with this natural and artistic heritage. Pienza's most renowned tradition is pecorino cheese. End the tour at **Montepulciano**, where the stateliness of its Renaissance buildings and the refined beauty of the town's churches mix with the ancient tradition of wine making.



#### Montalcino

Montalcino, Toscana, IT, 53024



#### Pienza

Pienza, Toscana, IT, 53026



#### Montepulciano

Montepulciano, Tuscany, IT, 53045



## September 5 - Day 4 Five Lands



### Full day - Mercedes class E



#### Cinque Terre (Five Lands) - Private guided tour

This morning you will enjoy a tour of the breathtaking Five Lands. You will meet your private guide in Riomaggiore, to depart **by ferry boat/train** for an unforgettable day dedicated to the discovery of one of the most amazing and enchanting landscape in the world. **The Five Lands, "Cinque Terre"** is an area suspended between sea and land, hanging from sheer cliffs surrounded by hills and vineyards. You will enter into a little piece of heaven. By touring the coast line by boat, you will have the possibility to admire this amazing landscape from the seaside, like in a postcard. During the tour, you will see the most important villages: **Riomaggiore**, caught between two steep terraced hills descending in steep cliffs to the sea, the ancient village of Riomaggiore strikes visitors with its delightfully colored houses built vertically; **Manarola**, built on a high rock 70 metres above sea level, is one of the most charming and romantic villages; **Vernazza**, a small fishing village, the most characteristic of the Cinque Terre.



#### Manarola

Manarola, Liguria, IT, 19017



#### Vernazza

Vernazza, Liguria, IT, 19018



#### Monterosso al Mare

Monterosso al Mare, Liguria, IT, 19016



#### Riomaggiore

Riomaggiore, Liguria, IT, 19017



#### Five Lands - Optional tours not included

**Optional activity:** Today you will enjoy a **pesto making class** in the beautiful five lands town **Manarola**. You will learn how to prepare the real Italian pesto. In the morning you will collect fresh basil and learn about the techniques and procedure to get the pesto for today's meal. The local expert will instruct you in how to make a typical pesto sauce, the most famous traditional recipe of Liguria. Enjoy the final lunch.

**Optional activity :** Today you will meet your private guide to enjoy a **trekking** tour through the main villages of the Five lands. Start in Riomaggiore and learn about the amazing history Walk up above the village overlooking the harbor and see the castle and the many churches of Riomaggiore and you will have views of the closed Via dell 'Amore below. Continue climbing up the terraces, learning how the grapes were cultivated in the past and present and overlook of the Village of Manarola with views of the entire region of Cinque Terre including Groppo and Volastra (the less known villages of Cinque Terre) You will be walking through idyllic homes nestled into the hillside and walk through a forested area until reaching the Santuario in Volastra, when you will stop for a quick lunch in Volastra. Continue onto the trail to see Corniglia in the distance and an optical illusion when looking the village of Manarola.

**Optional activity:** Today you will enjoy a **wine tasting in beautiful Monterosso region**. Admire the breathtaking views of the vineyard and enjoy a tasting of the local wines accompanied by local appetizers.

**Optional activity:** Today you will enjoy a private **cooking class in Five lands region**. Your local chef will welcome you and introduce you to the most typical Ligurian recipes: Genovese focaccia, vegetable pies, the famous pesto sauce, soups and homemade pasta. Local fresh ingredients will be provided along with lots of herbs as per the local culinary tradition. Enjoy the final lunch.

**Optional tour not included:** Today you will enjoy a private helicopter flight to admire the beauty of the Cinque Terre National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Taking off from Rapallo or Borghetto di Vara, you will leave for an extraordinary journey that will take you to fly over the colorful villages of the Cinque Terre and the splendid Portofino.

Note: The helicopter flight will last 60 minutes.

## September 6 - Day 5 Chianti



### Full day - Mercedes class E



### Chianti - wine tasting with lunch

Today you will be welcomed by a member of the staff with a welcome drink, then after a brief introduction outside you will be lead to the wine cellar. During the tour you will learn about the basic phases of the production and the ageing of wines. Soon afterwards you will be taken to the osteria or to the terrace where you will start the tasting of 5 wines, extra-virgin olive oil and balsamic vinegar (all organic products, made in the farmhouse) served with 4 courses: an appetizer, a fresh pasta, a main course and a dessert.

## September 7 - Day 6 Pisa and Lucca



### Full day - Mercedes class E



### Pisa - private guided tour

This morning your personal driver will take you to Pisa where you will meet your personal guide and you will start your tour with a walk alongside the Medieval walls up to the entrance gate: Porta Santa Maria. From here you will see a unique panorama of **Piazza dei Miracoli** with its marble architecture and neat grass lawns. You will visit the interiors of the Cathedral a masterpiece of Romanesque art. Besides the Tower, Piazza dei Miracoli houses other buildings of historic artistic value such as the Baptistry and the Monumental Graveyard. At the end you will climb one of the most celebrated monuments in the world: **The Leaning Tower**.



#### Pisa

Pisa, Tuscany, IT



### Lucca - Private guided tour

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#### Province of Lucca

Tuscany, IT



### Pisa and province (optional tours - not included)

- **Bike tour in Pisa (3 hours)**

Today you will enjoy a private guided tour of Pisa. The best way to enjoy it is by bike.

Starting from Pisa Centrale station and stop in front of the Keith Haring Mural.

Plenty of sights, stroll to narrow streets discovering all churches, Piazza Duomo and a breathtaking ride along the wall with its cycling path, follow the river Arno kissed by the wind and sun discovering history and nature.

Don't miss a stop in one famous gelateria to taste the best Italian "Gelato".

At the end you will climb one of the most celebrated monuments in the world: **the Leaning Tower**.

- **Artisans discovery and food tour in Pisa (3 hours)**

Today you will meet your personal expert guide to discover the world of the made in Italy in Pisa. Pisa is famous for the production of **leather, jewelries and tapestry**. Your personal guide will escort you to visit laboratories of Pisa artisans where you will see the final products but also you can admire the ancient techniques of processing.

Continue on a **food walking tour** around the city center. You'll learn about the local cuisine, culture, and culinary history and you will have the chance to sample a variety of items at some of the best places. You will go to the most famous and historical places of the city and you will experience the true "Pisan" taste and flavors: from the typical Tuscan salami and cheeses, to the traditional "cecina" focaccia (from the Italian chickpeas: the chickpeas), a glass of wine with cold cuts, artisan chocolate to end with an ice cream in one of the best ice cream parlors in the city.

- **Gelato laboratory visit and tasting**

While in Pisa center don't miss the visit of the real Italian gelato at one of the famous gelaterias in Italy. You will visit the laboratory to see the production of the artisan Italian gelato and enjoy a final tasting.

- **Calci & Vicopisano (12 km from Pisa – 3 hours)**

Today you will meet your personal expert guide to discover towns of Calci and Vicopisano, which are 12 km away from Pisa situated in a stunning natural valley which used to be known as "Valle Graziosa", the Charming Valley. The **Certosa di Calci (three cloisters)**, are made beautiful by their arched ceilings and evocative, silent passage ways.

The Certosa di Calci is also home to the Natural History Museum of the University of Pisa, which is one of the oldest in the world. Exhibits of zoology, fossils and minerals, organized according to systematic and thematic criteria, are exhibited on about 5000 square meters of rooms and galleries on three floors.

**Optional:**

Continue for a short walk among the olive trees (comfortable shoes necessary, slight ascent) to get to the abandoned monastery of "Nicosia" and to enjoy a beautiful view of the Charterhouse.

Then enjoy a guided tour of the town which still preserves the parish church and numerous tower houses, parts of the medieval walls and the medical fortress, named after the architect "Brunelleschi fortress". At the end enjoy a visit to the **olive grove** nearby the town and an **oil tasting**.

- **Olive oil and wine tasting in San Miniato region**

Today you will discover the beauties of the **historical town of San Miniato**. Its name is today associated by most people to the festival of white truffles but San Miniato is an ancient town that has had a very important historical role throughout the centuries

Enjoy a guided tour to an agricultural area producing a great variety of excellent wines. You will visit a local winery and enjoy a final tasting relaxing in a tasting room where the best wines of the company will be served olive oil and small appetizer.

## September 8 - Day 7 Tuscany Countryside - Rome



### Private transfer from Tuscany Countryside to Rome