

Villa Castelvechio - Cooking vacations.

Location : The villa is situated on the top of a lush green hillside affording it a fabulous view of the typical Tuscan landscape in any one direction.

The nearest town – Sinalunga – is situated on a road that is linked to the whole of Central Italy. It is a quiet, restful and enjoyable resort in the magnificent Tuscan countryside and from here you can visit many fascinating places of interest nearby. In the surrounding countryside there are many small villages and farms that are fun to visit on foot, by bike or on horseback. Sinalunga is an excellent base for short trips in all directions: *Florence* , *Siena*, *Arezzo*, *Perugia*, *Pienza*, *Montepulciano* and *Montalcino* are less than an hour away by car. It is possible to have a swim in the Trasimeno lake, or cool down on the top of the Amiata mountain, or admire the magnificent view of the Sienese clay hills, and of course, all the Chianti country.

Lodging: Accommodations will be in independent apartments (45 sq.mt.) composed of a bedroom (double lit) a bathroom with shower and a living room with kitchen corner , Sat tv and self – governing heating. The swimming-pool (7 x 14 mt) is open from June 9 until September 29.

Cooking lessons: You will spend an unforgettable vacation in the wonderful Tuscan landscape celebrating and learning the richness and variety of Tuscan regional cuisine through hands-on cooking lessons of the typical Tuscan kitchen in a student friendly atmosphere that 's above all about having a good time. You will enjoy memorable meals in a beautiful setting, with good wine and convivial company. This is at the heart of what a Tuscan culinary vacation is all about.

Donna Annunziata , your chef for this program, is an expert Italian cook for long time cooking in a typical Tuscan "Trattoria" with extensive experience of traditional menu . She offers an introduction to preparing-and eating-traditional dishes along with the appropriate wines. And a good bottle of local wine always at the ready. Truly, a feast for all the senses.

Meals are served in the spacious ground-floor dining room, where you'll also taste the dishes you've prepared yourself under the guidance of Donna Annunziata .

Your days will be also a combination of hands-on cooking lessons and relaxing excursions .

TOURS DETAILS

Classic Tuscany (3 nights / 4 days)

Day 1 Saturday (or Wednesday)

Welcome at the Villa Castelvechio

and settle into your room after meeting your hosts

Aperitivo and presentation of program.

Welcome dinner.

Day 2 Sunday (or Thursday)

Breakfast.

Culinary lesson with Annunziata.

Excursion to Siena .

intro to Tuscan cuisine 1° pizza ,focacce with local salted meats and pastries and
dinner with the menu prepared by the participants.

Day 3 Monday (or Friday)

Breakfast.

Culinary lesson with Annunziata 2° handmade pasta, meats and sauces

Lunch with the menu prepared by the participants.

in the afternoon Excursion to Pienza and Montepulciano with
visit to winery and dinner to typical restaurant

Day 4 Tuesday (or Saturday)

Breakfast and departure

Fashion and taste (3 nights / 4 days)

Day 1 Saturday (or Wednesday)

Welcome at the Villa Castelvechio

and settle into your room after meeting your hosts

Aperitivo and presentation of program.

Welcome dinner.

Day 2 Sunday (or Thursday)

Breakfast.

Excursion to Valdichiana outlet

Lunch at Villa Castelvechio.

Culinary lesson with Annunziata from original Tuscans recipes 1° handmade pasta, meats and sauces

dinner with the menu prepared by the participants.

Day 3 Monday (or Friday)

Breakfast.

Culinary lesson with Annunziata 2° Antipasti , risotti and cakes

Lunch with the menu prepared by the participants.

in the afternoon Excursion to the Florence outlet better known as "The Mall "

visit to Florence and dinner to typical restaurant.

Day 4 Tuesday (or Saturday)

Breakfast and departure

Historical Tuscany (3 nights / 4 days)

Day 1 Saturday (or Wednesday)

Welcome at the Villa Castelvechio

and settle into your room after meeting your hosts

Aperitivo and presentation of program.

Welcome dinner.

Day 2 Sunday (or Thursday)

Breakfast.

Excursion to Chiusi and visit of Etruscan Museum .

Lunch at Villa Castelvechio.

Lesson with Donna Annunziata 1° spelt soup , meat stuffed and cheesecake from Etruscan tradition

dinner with the menu prepared by the participants.

Day 3 Monday (or Friday)

Breakfast.

Lesson with Donna Annunziata about Renaissance menu 2° home made pasta , game cooked in the argil

and cake from renaissance recipes

Lunch with the menu prepared by the participants.

in the afternoon Excursion to Pienza and Montepulciano with

visit to winery and dinner to typical restaurant.

Day 4 Tuesday (or Saturday)

Breakfast and departure .

Cooking with the wine (3 nights / 4 days)

Day 1 Saturday (or Wednesday)

Welcome at the Villa Castelvecchio

and settle into your room after meeting your hosts

Aperitivo and presentation of program.

Welcome dinner.

Day 2 Sunday (or Thursday)

Breakfast.

Excursion to Chianti and visit of wine cellars

Lunch at Villa Castelvechio.

Culinary lesson with Annunziata cooking with wine 1° First courses , meats and cakes
dinner with the menu prepared by the participants.

Day 3 Monday (or Friday)

Breakfast.

Culinary lesson with Annunziata 2° Antipasti and risotto

Lunch with the menu prepared by the participants.

in the afternoon Excursion to Pienza and Montepulciano with
visit to winery and dinner to typical restaurant.

Day 4 Tuesday (or Saturday)

Breakfast and departure .

Cooking and spa (3 nights / 4 days)

Day 1 Saturday (or Wednesday)

Welcome at the Villa Castelvechio
and settle into your room after meeting your hosts
Aperitivo and presentation of program.
Welcome dinner.

Day 2 Sunday (or Thursday)

Breakfast.

Terme di Rapolano for beauty program 1° session (The entrance to the Spas and it's naturally heated
pools is included in your package. Extra treatments like Hammam , body toning muds, complete face/body
treatments, and many other types of treatments available on site) .

Lunch at Villa Castelvechio.

Culinary lesson with Annunziata from original Tuscans recipes 1° handmade pasta, meats and sauces
dinner with the menu prepared by the participants.

Day 3 Monday (or Friday)

Breakfast.

Culinary lesson with Annunziata 2° Antipasti , risotti and cakes

Lunch with the menu prepared by the participants.

in the afternoon Terme di Rapolano for beauty program 2° session (The entrance to the Spas and it's naturally heated pools is included in your package).

In the late afternoon visit to winery and dinner to typical restaurant in Montepulciano.

Day 4 Tuesday (or Saturday)

Breakfast and departure .

Vegetarian cooking (3 nights / 4 days)

Day 1 Saturday (or Wednesday)

Welcome at the Villa Castelvechio

and settle into your room after meeting your hosts

Aperitivo and presentation of program.

Welcome dinner.

Day 2 Sunday (or Thursday)

Breakfast.

Excursion to a Bio farm near Arezzo

Lunch at Villa Castelvechio.

Culinary lesson with Annunziata 1° first and second courses with vegetables

dinner with the menu prepared by the participants.

Day 3 Monday (or Friday)

Breakfast.

Culinary lesson with Annunziata 2° Antipasti , risotti and cakes with vegetables

Lunch with the menu prepared by the participants.

in the afternoon Excursion to Montepulciano and Pienza with
visit to winery and dinner to typical restaurant.

Day 4 Tuesday (or Saturday)

Breakfast and departure .

Antiquarian fair and cooking (3 nights / 4 days)* This cooking class il available ONLY the first weekend of every month

Day 1 Saturday

Welcome at the Villa Castelvechio

and settle into your room after meeting your hosts

Aperitivo and presentation of program.

Welcome dinner.

Day 2 Sunday

Breakfast.

Excursion to Arezzo antiquarian fair with light lunch at Arezzo .

In the afternoon culinary lesson with Annunziata from original Tuscans recipes 1° handmade pasta, meats .
and sauces

dinner with the menu prepared by the participants.

Day 3 Monday

Breakfast.

Culinary lesson with Annunziata 2° Antipasti , risotti and cakes .

Lunch with the menu prepared by the participants.

in the afternoon Excursion to Pienza and Montepulciano with
visit to ancient winery and dinner to typical restaurant.

Day 4 Tuesday

Breakfast and departure .

PRICE LIST 2006 – 2007 <i>The quote is for single participant</i>		
<i>Classic Tuscany Fashion and taste Historical Tuscany Cooking with the wine Cooking and spa Vegetarian cooking Antiquarian Fair 3 nights / 4 days</i>	<i>Euro 890 Low season</i>	<i>Euro 990 High season</i>
High season weeks : from 16 December 2006 until 7 January 2007 From 7 April 2007 to 14 April 2007 From 9 June 2007 to 15 September 2007 Low season: rest of the year * Accommodation in single room requires an extra Euro 250 ** Classes are held twelve months per year Minimum 2 participants to guarantee a departure		