



GOLF & GOURMET TOUR – NOV. 2011 - TUSCANY (ITALY)

DAY 1

Afternoon: Arrival at Florence airport (any other airport may be arranged), meet & greet, transfer to Pistoia, and accommodation in double room with breakfast in a 4 stars hotel. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

DAY 2

Morning: Transfer to Chianti area

Golfer: Golf round at Ugolino Golf Club, one of the oldest golf clubs in Italy; today it is set in one of the most spectacular golf courses. Deeply set in the Tuscan countryside, amongst olive trees, cypresses and rose bushes.

Non-golfer: Outlet shopping.

Afternoon: **Golfer & Non-golfer:** Transfer to Florence for a guided tour of the city centre. Our guide will introduce you to the wonderful monuments and squares of Florence. Return transfer to the hotel. Dinner at the hotel and overnight.



DAY 3

Morning: **Golfer & Non-golfer** Participate at an olive harvest with Italian fellow pickers and share with them a joyful picnic lunch tasting the olive oil on fresh bread and eating grandmother's made dishes (subject to weather conditions, can be cancelled at the last moment)

Afternoon: Transfer to Lucca and free time to discover this beautiful Tuscan jewel. Sheltered behind its ramparts, it has remained surprisingly lively and untouched by 20C town planning. This city, which was once a minor capital, contains some of the finest art treasures. Dinner in a typical pizzeria to taste the real Italian pizza. Return to hotel.

DAY 4

Morning: **Golfers:** Golf round at Versilia Golf course.

A golf course which has been set like a diamond between the Apuan Alps and the sea, designed by the famous Venetian architect Marco Croze and reviewed by the champion Jose Maria Olazabal.

Non-golfer: Self guided visit of *Forte dei Marmi*, a shopper's paradise, apart from the exclusive boutique showrooms or "Made in Italy" tags, it is also famous for its flea market which opens every Wednesday from 8.00 to 14.30 h at *Piazza Marconi* in the city centre

Afternoon: **Golfer & Non-golfer** Guided visit of the marble quarries and typical product tasting. Thanks to special off road 4x4 vehicles and to highly skilled drivers and guides, you will experience a an unforgettable tour of the marble quarries. At the end of the visit abundant tasting of the typical products of this area such as the famous *Lardo di Colonnata*. Return transfer to the hotel. Dinner at leisure (on your own) and overnight.

DAY 5

Morning: **Golfer & Non-golfer:** Transfer to Vicchio del Mugello

Spend a day in the heart of the Mugello Valley in a splendid Renaissance Villa built around an ancient 13th century fort, surrounded by ancient olive groves which produce extra virgin olive oil of exceptional quality. A day dedicated to the Tuscan flavors and products. Cooking class: the chef will introduce you to the secrets of homemade *pasta*, he will show you how to prepare the most famous traditional Tuscan desserts. Lunch tasting of the dishes prepared.

Afternoon: Learn how to recognize good olive oil in the *Oleoteca*. You can discover your hidden talent by taking a short olive oil tasting course.

Return transfer to the Hotel.

Time to relax and dinner at Leisure (on your own)

DAY 6

Morning: Transfer to Montecatini

Golfers: Golf round at Montecatini golf club. The outline of the course follows the natural contours of the land, creating a difficult and challenging course, with natural obstacles and hazards which are sure to put any golfer's skills to test for at least five of the eighteen holes.

Non-golfer: Half day at the beautiful Natural SPA of Grotta Giusti. Enjoy the warm waters that spring directly from fascinating grottoes,

Afternoon: Visit one of the famous *Slitti Chocolaterie* and taste its fantastic chocolate. Since 1969 the Slitti family has been known for excellence in coffee and when in 1988 Andrea started creating exceptional chocolates the worldwide market learned what truly great chocolate is. Return transfer to the hotel.

Dinner at leisure (on your own) and overnight.



DAY 7

Morning: **Golfer** & **Non-golfer:** Morning at leisure

Afternoon: After lunch (on your own), transfer to San Miniato and visit the famous Truffle Fair.

The San Miniato National White Truffle Market is held here every year during the last three weeks of November. It is an important, internationally recognized fair that hosts many gastronomic and cultural events. Apart from selling fresh truffles in various parts of the historical centre of San Miniato, it hosts stalls and markets where people can eat, drink and find all types of Tuscan products.

Farewell dinner in a famous restaurant of San Miniato and return transfer to the hotel



DAY 8:

Check-out, transfer to Pisa airport and departure (other airports may be arranged on request).

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