ETRUSCAN TUSCANY – FLY AND DRIVE
8 days to discover the most ancient sites of Tuscany

D01: ROME – VITERBO
Arrival at Roma airport and pickup of the rented car. The trip starts immediately to Cerveteri necropolis of Banditaccia, the oldest evidence of the Etruscan-Italic world of the origins (guided tour on request). The architecture of the great tumulus, the ancient conception of the cycle of life, death and rebirth, and sacred arts and sciences. At twilight, nice accommodation in agriturismo near Viterbo.

D02: LAKE BOLSENA – SORANO
In the morning, trip around the Bolsena Lake to the Parco dei Mostri di Bomarzo, a unique monumental park. Here, carved in the living rock, stand the depictions of the fabulous myths of the ancient world, rediscovered during the Renaissance: the Giants, the Earth Goddess, drakes, sphinxes, sirens and other marvels. After the park, a stop to visit Civita di Bagnoregio, one of the most handsome Italian hamlets, then, trough the panoramic perimeter of the lake of Bolsena, we will arrive to our agriturismo in the Etruscan area Sorano-Pitigliano-Sovana. Dinner at the stunning old borgo of Sorano.

D03: SORANO - SOVANA - PITIGLIANO - TUFO AREA
Visit to the Etruscan zone of Sovana. Excursion to the volcanic rupestrian environment, where there are still the remains of the major Etruscan monuments like the Tomba della Sirena, the Ildebranda, the Cavone, the Tomba delle Ninfe Alate and many others (guided visit on request). In the afternoon, visit to the medieval borgo of Sovana to the Duomo and the Church of Santa Maria, where the face of Jesus is said to have appeared, then proceeding to the Spring of the river Sileno and down to the Via Cava di San Giuseppe, walking up to the walled city of Pitigliano. Optional: a personal initiatory walk in an Etruscan tunnel used for religious rites. Free time in the borgo of Pitigliano or to the Saturnia, to enjoy a bath in the natural spring hot waters. Etruscans loved the comforts of life! Overnight in the same agriturismo.

D04: ETRUSCAN TRACK – VULCI
A journey along the river Fiora, in an unspoilt environment. You’ll be arriving at the rupestrian church of San Colombano (Patron Saint of the Order of Templars), containing medieval frescos with themes inspired by Templar rule and their way of life. The place was already considered holy in Etruscan times and esteemed fit for healing, used for rituals to obtain fertility and healthy life. Later on, a delightful visit to
Vulci, pretty town with its Etruscan museum. Back to the agriturismo, with – again – the optional stop at Saturnia for a thermal bath.

D05: VAL D’ORCIA
The tour starts with a journey northward. The charming Val d’Orcia, the rolling hills and the crete, the Monastic Orders. You can visit Abbey of Monte Oliveto Maggiore (Benedictines), the untouched Abbey of Sant’Antimo (Cistercenes, but said to have been founded by Charlemagne), Montalcino (famous for its world-class wine, Brunello di Montalcino) and then on to Pienza for an advised dinner in a trattoria. Overnight in Cortona. (guided tours of the abbeys and wine and oil tasting in Montalcino on request)

D06: CORTONA – SIENA
Cortona hamlet was a big capital during the Etruscan period. The remains are huge, both in museums and in the medieval town. The rest of the day will be dedicated to Siena: the Duomo, the Spedale and other visits (on request: guided tour by representatives of the local “Contrada” with explanations regarding the famous Palio horse race: official rules and tales from “behind the scenes”, including dinner in the Contrada private club). Siena by night. Overnight in Siena

D07: SIENA – VOLterra
Morning in Siena. Breakfast outdoors in Piazza del Campo is advised then to Volterra (few people know that at the time of Pericles, Athens had 6km of walls and Volterra had 7km!). Visit, free time in the central old Piazza dei Priori, local food (as always), overnight in Volterra.

D08: VOLterra - PISA AIRPORT According to your schedule, transfer to Pisa airport and car dropoff, or drive to Rome airport, where you will drop off your car. In case of spare time, you can enjoy a coffee or a light lunch in Piazza dei Miracoli or a short trip to San Piero a Grado Abbey.

The individual participation fee of €1080 includes (base 4 travelers):
- Large car for the whole duration of the trip (airport/airport)
- Hotels 3-4 stars or typical tuscan Agriturismo (Double Occupancy B&B)
- Medical/baggage insurance

It does not include:
- International/domestic flights (we can take care of them on your behalf)
- Entrance charges for museums, churches or other places.
- Guided tours
- Single Room supplement 40€ per night.
- Meals, beverages, tips or any extras
- Fuel and car tolls
- Car dropoff fee (in case of dropoff in a different place than the pickup)

Our available activities for an unforgettable experience (on request):
- Guided tours for every tour destination by local professional and experienced guides (in English, other languages if requested)
- Cooking classes by local selected chefs hosted in amazing venues.
- Wine and Olive oil tasting at cellars, Castles or wine/oil producers’
- Local products tasting at selected producers’
- Traditional cuisine meals made with fresh local products at selected restaurants - Horseback riding tours
- Bycicle tours (individual or guided)
- Glass production demonstration in Murano, Venice

...and many other suggestions.
Note: This itinerary is available for the whole year round.

Once you will confirm the trip, davincitravels will provide for your chosen day-by-day itinerary with the hotel list and seasonal events and festivals that are worth a visit.

Vouchers: You will be sent via email the prepaid vouchers for the hotels/agriturismo and the medical/baggage insurance, the car rental vouchers and the flight tickets (optional)

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