

POST CONGRESS TOURS

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Programme A 6-8 May 2018 Art, Food & Wellness in Tuscany –

2 nights

May 6th Florence -Borgo La Bagnaia –

Departure in the afternoon to **Siena** country area.

Stop in **Monteriggioni** and visit of the delightful medieval village and the Castle. “Merenda” (snack) at Bar dell’Orso with Tuscan bread, salami and cheese.



Continue to **Borgo La Bagnaia** 5 star charming resort, Spa and Golf club lying on the gentle hills of Siena.

Time at leisure. Dinner at the hotel.



May 7th – Borgo La Bagnaia – Siena – Borgo La Bagnaia –

After a sumptuous breakfast departure to Siena. Meet with the local Guide and walking tour of the city. Stop and visit of the famous monuments inclusive the Museum with the ieratic and human Maestà by Duccio da Boninsegna. **Lunch** in a **Contrade** and visit of the Palio Museum. The **Palio di Siena** (known locally simply as *Il Palio*) is a horse race that is held twice each year, on 2 July and 16 August, in Siena around the well known Piazza del Campo. Ten horses and riders, bareback and dressed in the appropriate colours, represent ten of the seventeen **Contrade**, or city wards.



After lunch return to the Hotel and time for indulging in lazing **Spa activities**. **Dinner** in a **typical Farm** in the country and testing products zero Kilometers. At the end of the dinner return to hotel and overnight.

May 8th - Borgo La Bagnaia – Castello da Verrazzano – Firenze

After breakfast check-out and drive to **Castello da Verrazzano** in the heart of the **Chianti Classico area** .

Initially the Castle was an Etruscan then a Roman settlement and it has remained within its boundaries for over 1000 years: it has represented a firm and safe post in an area interested for many centuries by political and dynastic conflicts.

There is a great tradition of winemaking here: the “vineyards situated in Verrazzano” are mentioned in a manuscript which dates back to 1150 and is preserved at the abbey of Passignano (wrongly reported as “1170”).

The Castle became the property of the Verrazzano family in the VII century. **Giovanni da Verrazzano**, the navigator and discoverer of the bay of New York and of the majority of the East coast of nowadays U.S. was born here in 1485. The famous bridge in New York between Brooklyn and Staten Island was named after him in 1964.

After the visit of the Castle and the vineyards **a private cooking class** for participants will be set up and the cooked foods will be served for **lunch** .

Return to Florence late in the afternoon.



Cost per person (minimum 15 participants)

Sharing double room	Euro 815,00
Single room supplement	Euro 180,00

Above costs are inclusive of:

- Transportation with de luxe coach
- All visits with English Speaking guide and entrance fees when applicable
- Lunch and dinner drinks included
- Spa admittance
- 2 nights Accommodation in a 5 star de luxe hotel
- All services mentioned in the programme
- Our tour guide for the entire journey
- VAT

Programme B 6-8 May 2018 Art, Wine & Spa in Tuscany –

2 nights

May 6th – Florence – Pienza -Bagno Vignoni -

Departure in the afternoon from Florence to Pienza. Meet with the guide and visit of this small town situated in the southern part of Tuscany, 50 miles from Siena.

The construction of Pienza started around **1459** on top of the ancient hamlet and took about four years, creating a **harmonious fifteenth-century town**. The untimely death of Pope Pius II put a stop to the urban reorganization of the new city, which has remained practically unchanged over the centuries. Pienza is well known as one of the ***Ideal town***.

After Pienza drive to **Bagno Vignoni** through the attractive **Val D'Orcia**.



At the center of the village of **Bagnovignoni** is the "Piazza delle sorgenti", a rectangular bath of sixteenth century, which contains a source of hot and steamy thermal water coming out of the underground foothills of volcanic origins.

So scenic and impressive this square was to be used for setting the 1983 film "**Nostalgia**" by Andrei Tarkovskij.

Accommodation at **Hotel Le Terme (4 star)** .

Dinner at the poolside of the hotel



May 7 – Bagno Vignoni – Montalcino – Bagno Vignoni –

After a rich breakfast buffet the morning is available for the entrance to the Spa. **Free lunch.**

In the early afternoon departure to **Montalcino**. Visit of Montalcino and the Castle of Poggio le Mura where the **Banfi Winery** has been present for decades and is an excellent Brunello. **Wine testing** with the assistance of a sommelier and the explanations of an oenologist.
In the evening return to Bagno Vignoni.
Dinner at the Hotel.

May 8 - Bagno Vignoni – San Gimignano – Firenze –

After breakfast check-out and departure to **San Gimignano**. Visit of the beautiful medieval town famous for its numerous towers.

Stop at Galleria Continua one of the most famous contemporary art galleries in Italy located in a former cinema of the 50's. **Lunch** in a **Bio Farm**. After lunch departure and return to Florence.

Cost per person (minimum 15 participants)

Sharing double room Euro 1170,00

Single room supplement Euro 150,00

Above costs are inclusive of:

- Transportation with de luxe coach
- All visits with English Speaking guide and entrance fees when applicable
- Lunches and dinners drinks included
- Spa admittance
- Accommodation in a 4 star hotel
- All services mentioned in the programme
- Our tour guide for the entire journey
- VAT

Programme C 7 May 2018 One day in Arezzo enjoying the best of painture masterpieces, architecture and serenity feeling.

One full day tour with lunch included. Arezzo is a Tuscan town that still exhibits the civic pride and community life of the medieval commune it once was .

The great Italian poet Petrarch was born in Arezzo, in addition to outstanding artists like **Piero della Francesca**, Masaccio, **Michelangelo**, Luca Signorelli, Pietro da Cortona and **Vasari**. They all left signs of their creativity and genius in Arezzo and in other nearby towns. A blend of artistic itineraries, ranging from Piero della Francesca to the **Della Robbia** Family, offer a chance to admire the paintings, sculptures and architecture that make even the smallest hamlets of this region unique. Here, nature and a thousand years of man's labor come together to create a millenary masterpiece that never ceases to astonish and enchant.

On the way back to Florence stop in a typical country farm of the Casentino Valley for an afternoon snack. Return to Florence late in the evening.



Cost per person: Euro 140,00 (minimum 15 participants)

The cost includes:

- Full day de luxe coach transportation
- City tour with English Speaking Guide
- Entrance to Museum/Churches
- Typical lunch with drinks
- Our tour Guide assistance for the full day departing from Florence
- VAT