

# Tuscan Villa Stay

Offered by the New York State Museum

March 4 – 10, 2011



**\$1,198** per person sharing (includes Air & Land from JFK)

**A SPECIAL SALE • GREAT VALUE • Stay in Just 1 Place Entire Time!**

**Join a great group of travelers on this wonderful trip** (based on a minimum of 20 passengers)

Departure Taxes Additional \*\$125 per person. Taxes & Fuel surcharges are subject to increase until ticketed

**Day 1** **Friday** **March 4:** **JFK – FLORENCE:** Depart JFK's International Airport on your overnight flight to Florence. Dinner served shortly after take off. Sit back, relax and enjoy the flight!

**Day 2** **Saturday** **March 5:** **TUSCANY:** Morning arrival into Florence Airport, where you are met by your driver. As you continue your journey, you view the scenic Tuscan hills. You arrive at your villa hotel in Figline Valdarno, just outside of Florence, in the early afternoon. Enjoy free time to get acquainted with this lovely villa and neat town. Enjoy a welcome "Tuscan Dinner" with the group at the villa (wine & water included). Buon Appetito! Overnight at the Villa Casagrande in Figline Valdarno.

**Day 3** **Sunday** **March 6:** **VILLA CASAGRANDE:** After breakfast at the Villa, enjoy a day at leisure. Visit the exercise room, take a walk or visit the wine cellar and the museum at the Villa which has been host to popes and princes. (You can easily reach Florence or many quaint towns, such as Arezzo by train during your free time. Trains are frequently available from the Figline Valdarno railway station. To Florence takes about 30 minutes). Dinner on your own. Overnight at the Villa.

**OPTIONAL VOLTERRA** (\$133 per person). After breakfast at the hotel, enjoy an optional excursion to Volterra, which still retains its medieval character, charm and atmosphere. Volterra is on a towering great bluff and is the highest in all of Tuscany. Its isolated position has impeded any progressive development. Its fortress-like town is known for the carving of translucent white alabaster that still flourishes today. You may recognize Volterra from the Twilight movie, New Moon. Enjoy a guided tour to familiarize yourself with this traditional town and free time to explore on your own.

**Day 4** **Monday** **March 7:** **VILLA CASAGRANDE:** After breakfast at the Villa, enjoy a day at leisure. You may ask about renting bikes or horseback riding or take a leisurely stroll to the square of Figline Valdarno. Dinner on your own. Overnight at the Villa.

**OPTIONAL SAN GIMIGNANO – Tuscan Day Experience** (\$99 per person). This day consists of time to explore, shop, and enjoy the medieval walled city of San Gimignano, "the City of the Beautiful Towers." The towered silhouette of San Gimignano rising from the hills of the Upper Elsa Valley is famous all over the world. Off to visit the Florence American Cemetery and Memorial, a step back to the history of WWII. It is a very beautiful and moving sight as you walk the grounds and buildings. From the Cemetery you end your day's outing in the Tuscan countryside at a superior local cellar, wine-tasting extraordinaire! Vernaccia wine, recently awarded the D.O.C.G., the highest acknowledgement and guarantee for quality in Italian oenology. Return in the evening to the Villa Casagrande.



**Day 5** **Tuesday** **March 8:** **VILLA CASAGRANDE:** After breakfast at the Villa, once again enjoy a day at leisure in the heart of Tuscany. Dinner on your own. Overnight at the Villa.

**OPTIONAL FLORENCE, GUIDED** (\$126 per person). After breakfast at the hotel, we journey to Florence. Stroll down cobblestone lanes, through majestic squares and across ancient bridges, pausing along the way to visit and learn about Palazzo Vecchio, Piazza della Signoria, the cathedral and Giotto's bell tower and the Accademia (entrance fee and reservation included). Lunch is on your own. Florence offers the largest number of historical buildings and works of art in Italy, as well as several world-class museums. You might like to do a little leather, gold or clothing shopping near Ponte Vecchio. Dinner is on your own tonight. Overnight at the Villa Casagrande

**Day 6** **Wednesday** **March 9:** **VILLA CASAGRANDE – FREE DAY:** After breakfast at the hotel enjoy the day at your leisure. This evening enjoy an authentic Farewell Dinner at our villa with the group. Share the stories of our week's fun adventures. Overnight at the Villa Casagrande.



**OPTIONAL CORTONA** (\$107 per person). After breakfast at the hotel, we travel to Cortona, which sits on a mountainside above terraced olive groves. A medieval city with views stretching over the Chiana Valley to Umbria's Lake Trasimono. A "City of Art" and the setting for Frances Mayes' book and movie Under the Tuscan Sun brought this town into the forefront. Enjoy a guided tour and free time to explore on your own. Return to the villa.

**Day 7** **Thursday** **March 10:** **FIGLINE VALDARNO – FLORENCE – JFK:** Early morning transfer to Florence Airport for your return flight home, taking with you the memories of the best of Italy. "Arrivederci" a nostalgic goodbye with a promise to return.

**TOUR INCLUDES:** Roundtrip air from JFK Airport to Italy ♦ 5 Nights Accommodation at the Villa Casagrande in Figline Valdarno ♦ Continental buffet breakfast daily, except day of arrival ♦ Deluxe motorcoach transportation, including airport transfers in Italy ♦ One (1) Welcome dinner at the hotel with wine & water ♦ One (1) Farewell dinner at the villa ♦ Roundtrip transfers by deluxe coach • \$25 Donation to the NYS Museum ♦ **NOTE:** Gratuity to the driver, tour escort and local guides are not included.

**TOUR COST (based on a minimum of 20 passengers)**

**Air & Land Cost from JFK: \$1,198 per person, sharing room**  
**Single supplement is additional: \$150 -limited availability**  
**Air departure taxes additional, currently \*\$125 per person**  
**Optional Travel Insurance additional \$99 p.p. – must be purchased with initial deposit (non-refundable)**

*\*Note: Departure taxes & fuel surcharges are subject to change.*

*\*\*Note: A \$25 donation is included for the NY State Museum*

**PAYMENT SCHEDULE**

**\$250 per person deposit due with reservation to reserve seat (non-refundable), plus optional travel insurance \$99, non-refundable**

**\$800 p.p. 2<sup>nd</sup> deposit due: October 22, 2010 (2<sup>nd</sup> deposit is non-refundable)**

**\*Must sign up no later than Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Final payment is due: November 19, 2010**

*\*Note: Airfare in all-inclusive cost is based on airline tickets being purchased by October 22, 2010. No name changes are allowed once airline tickets are issued. Tickets, once purchased are non-refundable with a minimum air penalty of \$744 per ticket. Once issued tickets cannot be re-issued if names are spelled incorrectly. Deviations are not allowed. Changes in your return date may affect your airfare. Air mileage is not allowed for group space. Seat assignments are given at Check In for group space, there are no exceptions. Land cancellation: Initial deposit – 120 days prior to departure, penalty is: \$100 per person. From 120 - 65 days prior to departure, penalty is: \$250 per person. From 64 – 7 days prior to departure, penalty is: \$600 per person. On or after February 25, 2011, there is no refund. Cancellations must be made during Celtic Tours business hours, Monday – Friday, 9am to 5pm EST. On or after day of departure or cancellations made after business hours, there is no refund. Travel Insurance is available and is recommended. Travel insurance must be purchased with initial reservation/deposit, and is non-refundable. Celtic Tours & the New York State Museum accepts no responsibility for losses or expenses due to delay or changes in schedule, flight cancellations due to mechanical problems, sickness, weather, strikes, war, quarantine or other causes. Passenger must bear all such losses or expenses. The New York State Museum Institution, its trustees, employees, members, and Noreen Yost (tour escort) will not be held responsible for any personal injury, property damage or other loss a passenger incurs on this tour. Celtic Tours & the New York State Museum reserve the right to alter the tour due to any unforeseen circumstances beyond its control. Airline tariffs limit liability for passenger baggage. Group organizers/Leaders are not employed as such by Celtic Tours World Vacations or the sponsoring organization. Group organizers/Leaders are independent travel advisors/organizers.*

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**RESERVATION APPLICATION**

**BK #**

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ seat(s) on *New York State Museum’s Tuscany Hosted by Noreen Yost • March 4 – 10, 2011*

**Name (as on passport):** \_\_\_\_\_ **American Citizen:** YES:  NO:  **Gender:** M  F

**Note: A valid U.S. Passport is required (valid for 6 months beyond date of travel) for travel to Italy.**

**Passport Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of Birth** \_\_\_\_\_ **Psspt Exp Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

**Phone: (home):** \_\_\_\_\_ **(cell):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Roommate’s Name (as on passport):** \_\_\_\_\_ **American Citizen:** YES:  NO:  **Gender:** M  F

(Please indicate if roommate is sending deposit with separate reservation application: YES:  NO:

**Roommate Passport Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of Birth** \_\_\_\_\_ **Psspt Exp Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

**Phone: (home):** \_\_\_\_\_ **(cell):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

Optional Travel Protection Plan is available & recommended– **MUST** be purchased with initial deposit

Travel Protection Plan Additional \$99 p.p. (non-refundable): YES:  NO:  *initial here if declining insurance* \_\_\_\_\_

Optional **Volterra** Tour Additional \$133 per person (non-refundable): YES:  NO:  *(based on a minimum of 15)*

Optional **San Gimignano** Additional \$99 per person (non-refundable): YES:  NO:  *(based on a minimum of 15)*

Optional **Florence** Tour Additional \$126 per person (non-refundable): YES:  NO:  *(based on a minimum of 15)*

Optional **Cortona** Additional \$107 per person (non-refundable): YES:  NO:  *(based on a minimum of 15)*

Optional **Roundtrip Bus** Transportation from Albany to JFK: YES:  NO:  *(price TBA)*

Meal Restrictions: YES:  NO:  Please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed. (\$250 per person deposit to reserve seat + cost of optional travel insurance, \$99 per person)

Room Type:  Twin/Dble  Single, Supplement – limited availability – additional \$150

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*Please makes checks payable and send to: Celtic Tours, 1860 Western Ave, Albany NY 12203*

**All Major Credit Cards Accepted – complete authorization below and mail to Celtic Tours or fax to 518-862-1820:**

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I \_\_\_\_\_ authorize Celtic Tours to charge \$\_\_\_\_\_ on my

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code\*\*:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

**Security Code is the 3 or 4 digit # located on back of MasterCard/Visa/Discover – front of American Express**

**By Signing here: \_\_\_\_\_ I additionally authorize Celtic Tours to charge my 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Deposit of \$800 per person due on Oct. 22, 2010 and final payment due on Nov. 19, 2010 to my credit card.**