

## **2023 Palm-a-Palooza – Live Auction**

### **Buon Appetito in Breathtaking Tuscany, Italy**

**Summary:** Wine and Dine in Cortona, Tuscany, Italy (Europe) for Six Days & Five Nights in a Two-Bedroom Loft Apartment for Four, Including a Cooking Class and Lunch in a Winery (Airfare not included)

#### **Full Description:**

Escape to Cortona, one of Tuscany's oldest hill towns, where strolls down the narrow medieval streets reward you with glimpses of impressive churches and incredible views of the countryside. With accommodations in one of three contemporary private apartments, you're perfectly poised to explore the romance of the Italian countryside - with its breathtaking scenery, historic cities, medieval art, impeccable wines and divine cuisine, not to mention an enviable proximity to Florence and Rome! The region is a true feast for your senses, and speaking of feasts, you'll participate in a cooking class, and savor lunch in a winery after a tour!

Just one hour drive from arguably the most beautiful city in the world, Florence, and less than two hours' drive to historic Rome, Tuscany hosts innumerable astounding localities, many of which are also named UNESCO World Heritage Sites. From the Etruscans to the Romans to the Renaissance, Tuscany is possibly the greatest repository of art in the world, from extraordinary paintings and sculpture to frescoes and architectural masterpieces. Cortona, with its medieval walls still intact, sits in a strategic position overlooking the valley that leads south into Umbria and towards Rome. Spend some time exploring the landmarks of this historic city, such as the Piazza della Repubblica, the 13th century town hall and clock tower that is now one of Cortona's main plazas, or the Duomo, the Renaissance cathedral featuring an 11th century facade and gorgeous 16th and 17th century paintings inside.

Immerse yourself in the Tuscan lifestyle during your stay in a recently renovated two-bedroom apartment set in the center of Cortona. Enjoy the stylish residences, which feature modern comforts and contemporary flair, from open sitting areas to fully-equipped kitchens, views to central air-conditioning and heating. Your Tuscan home away from home is in an exceptional location within walking distance from the main squares and attractions, in addition to various restaurants, bars and shops.

Then it's time to say buon appetito! You'll participate in a cooking class at a restaurant just a few steps from your apartment, where you'll learn about the culinary traditions and techniques as two courses are explained and prepared. Afterwards, you can feast on the fruits of your labor!

You'll love your tour and lunch at La Braccasca Estate! Just a few miles away from the city of Montepulciano, near the border between Tuscany and neighboring Umbria, La Braccasca Estate is immersed in a pristine environment that is greatly loved and admired by travelers from all over the world. The land owned by La Braccasca is situated in two very close, but entirely different, zones: Montepulciano, the classic and prestigious area of "Vino Nobile", and Cortona, which has made a name for itself in world markets with international grape varieties, specifically syrah. These two different "souls", the essential spirit of the different terroirs, represent La Braccasca's style - a harmony between the past and the future, a balance between the old and the new, a synergy of its professional mastery

and its passion for quality. Then dine on a delectable lunch comprised of a Tuscan appetizer, a main course and dessert, all while tasting complementary wines.

Your trip for four includes:

- 6 days/5 nights accommodations at a two-bedroom, two bath loft apartment
- A cooking class and dinner at a local restaurant
- A tour of La Braccasca Winery, including lunch and wine tasting
- All room-related taxes

**Note:** There is more than one apartment in the building, so there are samples from each.























































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