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### **Driving And Tour Leader For Your Holiday In Italy**

Depart from Florence and we also offer a personal service of “door to door”.

To optimize your time during your stay in Italy I can create special personalized tours just for you. Just tell me what you would like to visit and what your interests are and I can suggest suitable itineraries. To experience some of the local traditions, festivals and culinary delights or for the shopping enthusiasts, here are a few suggestions and calendar of events to make your trip to Italy really special...

### **CULTURAL & ENOGASTRONOMIC TOURS:**

Experience a hands-on cooking class, learn to make fresh pasta and other local recipes.

Visit local artisans and see their production of coffee, chocolate or ice-cream.

Tuscany has an abundance of wine. During the wine harvest in September and October visit some of the more interesting cellar tours. Learn about procedures and enjoy some wine tasting.

Tuscany has many interesting villas and castles. Get to know the history of some of the most important noble families.

In November and December discover the specialized techniques of producing extra virgin olive oil.

Visit cheese farms making Pecorino and Parmesan. Taste and get to know the processes of these typical Italian specialities..

Winter is the time of the truffle hunting season. Visit and taste the famous white truffle, unique to Tuscany and Umbria.

Visits to a vast choice of museums such as: Uffizi art gallery, Academy sculpture gallery, to see the original "David" by Michelangelo,. Bargello, Pitti Palace, Galileo science museum or Leonardo da Vinci Museum, Opera del Duomo museum, Giacomo Puccini museum, Villa Caruso di Bellosguardo, Bocelli's Theatre of Silence and many others featuring stoneworks and fabrics.

#### **EVENTS & FAIRS:**

"Palio" horse race takes in the famous Siena square "Il Campo" on the 2 July and the 16 August.

"Carnevale", February is carnival time in Venice and Viareggio.

"Maggio Musicale Fiorentino", festival of classical music, opera, ballet and theatre opens in May and June in Florence.

"Calcio Storico", Medieval football game takes place in May and June.

"Infiorata Fiera di Spello" religious flower festival in June.

"La Luminaria di San Ranieri, special light festival in Pisa on the 16 June.

"Giostra del Saracino", in Arezzo Medieval jousting event twice a year in June and September.

"Mercantia Festa Medioevale" In Certaldo in July, an International festival featuring street artists.

"Festa Medioevale" in Monteriggioni, medieval festival in July.

"Puccini Opera" in Torre del Lago, opera festival in July and August.

"Bravio Delle Botti" in Montepulciano, local barrel festival in August.

“Mostra Mercato Tartufo Bianco”, in Volterra and San Miniato, white truffle fairs in October and November.

“Mostra Antiquariato”, Arezzo antiques market on the first weekend and in Lucca on the third weekend of the month.

Ferrari, Lamborghini, Maserati, Ducati tours available all year round.

**FREE TIME:**

Spa treatments available all year.

Skiing and spa season in Abetone from December to March.

Italian lake motor boat tours on Garda, Como, Maggiore, d’Iseo from March to October

Tuscany Islands mini cruises from April to September

Balloon tours take place all year round, weather permitting.