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PRICE:

3190,00 € PER PERSON IN DOUBLE ROOM

***EXTRA PRICE IN SINGLE ROOM**

HOTEL LEVEL:

HOTELS 3 AND 4 STARS

TOUR LEVEL:

ACTIVE

DURATION:

8 DAYS/7 NIGHTS

TUSCANY BIKE TOUR and L'EROICA 2017

Discover by bike all that Tuscany has to offer, with the people who know it best. Enjoy a real cycling adventure in Tuscany, experience the rolling hills and medieval hill top towns. Led by guide born and raised in Tuscany, you will cycle through the paradise of the Tuscan landscape as you explore the region including Val d'Orcia, Pienza, Montalcino and Chianti. Learn the secret of tuscan cuisine, taste the fantastic tuscan dishes and world famous wines.

On the first part of the week you will cycle surrounded by the beautiful landscape of Val d'Orcia, UNESCO protected site, and you can visit some nice towns including Pienza, Montepulciano and Montalcino.

On the second part you will cycle through the Crete Senesi region to the Chianti, famous for its wine, where the Tuscany bike tour ends with the participation to L'Eroica vintage race in Gaiole in Chianti.

The Tuscany bike tour is a perfect mix of bike, history, wine tasting and cooking class, for an unforgettable holiday.

ITINERARY DAY BY DAY

25 SEPTEMBER 2017 – "BENVENUTI IN TOSCANA"

Individual arrival at the hotel, residence and SPA **Casanova** www.residencecasanova.it/ , located at San Quirico d'Orcia, in the heart of Val d'Orcia.

During your stay you can take a relax break from the cycling journey and enjoy the SPA light package, an hydroterapic circuit in salted water with natural microcomponents from 9.00 to 20.00.

Briefing and welcome aperitif before a delicious dinner in typical restaurant of San Quirico d'Orcia.

HOTEL	INCLUDED MEALS
Hotel residence e SPA Casanova	Dinner in typical restaurant

26 SEPTEMBER 2017 – PIENZA, MONTEPULCIANO AND MONTICCHIELLO

60 km (shortest route: 50 km) – Elevation gain: 910 meters

- ✓ The landscapes of the Val d'Orcia region, one of the most beautiful place in Tuscany and UNESCO world heritage site.
- ✓ Visit of Pienza, the "ideal" city of the Renaissance time, also famous for its Pecorino cheese.
- ✓ A quick stop at Montepulciano, with its winding streets and squares.
- ✓ Monticchiello, a small medieval and charming town.
- ✓ Light lunch with Pecorino cheese tasting in typical farm and dairy.
- ✓ Take a relax break from the cycling journey and enjoy the SPA before dinner.

HOTEL	INCLUDED MEALS	ACTIVITIES
Hotel residence e SPA Casanova	Breakfast - Dinner	Light lunch with cheese tasting

27 SEPTEMBER 2017 – MONTALCINO AND BAGNO VIGNONI

51 km – Elevation gain: 990 meters

- ✓ Climbing up to Montalcino, town of Brunello wine.
- ✓ Visit of Montalcino, medieval town surrounded by vineyards and beautiful view on the valley.
- ✓ The Abbey of Sant'Antimo, one of the most beautiful romanic church in Italy.
- ✓ Climbing again towards Castiglione d'Orcia and Rocca d'Orcia, the beautiful landscapes will compensate the challenging ascent.



- ✓ Lunch at Bagno Vignoni, cute medieval town where the main square of the village is a big thermal pool which contains the original source of thermal water.
- ✓ Take a relax break before a cooking class where you can discover the secret of tuscan dishes. During the lesson you will make a complete menu and the end, dinner is served with what was prepared during the lesson.

HOTEL	INCLUDED MEALS	ACTIVITIES
Hotel residence e SPA Casanova	Breakfast	Lunch in Bagno Vignoni – Cooking class with final dinner

28 SEPTEMBER 2017 – THE CRETE SENESI

56 km – Elevation gain: 700 meters

- ✓ An unforgettable ride surrounded by the views of the Crete Senesi to the edge of the Chianti.
- ✓ The Crete Senesi region, where badlands and biancane characterize the landscape in this part of Tuscany.
- ✓ A short break at Asciano with its churches and museums.
- ✓ Lunch and wine tour and tasting in a Chianti winery located at Castelnuovo Berardenga.
- ✓ Dinner and stay at **Villa Curina** www.villacurinaresort.com/it/

HOTEL	INCLUDED MEALS	ACTIVITIES
Villa Curina Resort	Breakfast - Dinner	Visit of the winery and lunch with Chianti wine tasting

29 SEPTEMBER 2017 – SIENA AND MONTERIGGIONI

60 km - Elevation gain: 1100 meters

- ✓ The passage in Siena, with its medieval city center, the Duomo and Piazza del Campo.
- ✓ The Montagnola Senese, riding through woods and crossing the Via Francigena pilgrimage route.
- ✓ Monteriggioni, known throughout the world for its extraordinary well-preserved old town and walls.
- ✓ Climbing up to direction Chianti region and Castellina in Chianti.
- ✓ Lunch and wine tour and tasting in a winery along the route.
- ✓ Arrival at the hotel **CDH Radda in Chianti** www.hotelraddainchianti.it/
- ✓ Delivery of the Eroica packages, race number and vintage bike setting.
- ✓ Relax and dinner in hotel.

HOTEL	INCLUDED MEALS	ACTIVITIES
CDH Radda in Chianti	Breakfast - Dinner	Visit of the winery and lunch with wine tasting

30 SEPTEMBER 2017 – THE ROAD TO GAIOLE IN CHIANTI

- ✓ Short tour loop to discover the last part of the Eroica route to Gaiole in Chianti, during the ride you can boost your confidence with vintage bike.
- ✓ Visit of the Eroica festival and vintage market.
- ✓ Participation to the Cena degli Eroici (Heroes dinner) last event before the ride!

HOTEL	INCLUDED MEALS	ACTIVITIES
CDH Radda in Chianti	Breakfast – Lunch - Dinner	

1 OCTOBER 2017 – L'EROICA 2017

- ✓ Wake up early and private transportation to Gaiole in Chianti to participate at the XXI edition of L'Eroica.

- ✓ Five routes available: 209 km, 135 km, 75 km, 46 km, and the newes Gallo Nero route 125 km long.
- ✓ Pasta party, transportation back to the hotel and final dinner.

HOTEL	INCLUDED MEALS	ACTIVITIES
<u>CDH Radda in Chianti</u>	Breakfast - Dinner	Registration to L'Eroica and pasta party

2 OCTOBER 2017 – “ARRIVEDERCI”

Breakfast and individual departures

SUGGESTION

- ✓ Tour level: for trained cyclists
- ✓ Bike suggested: road bike is perfect to complete the tour, you can decide to extend the vintage bike hire to the whole week.
- ✓ We also recommend appropriate clothing for cycling and we suggest to bring warm and rain clothes. The van support is ready to provided when needed.

THE PACKAGE INCLUDE:

- ✓ 7 NIGHTS WITH BREAKFAST
- ✓ 5 DINNERS, DRINKS NOT INCLUDED
- ✓ 1 COOKING CLASS WITH DINNER
- ✓ 1 “CENA DEGLI EROICI” IN GAIOLE IN CHIANTI
- ✓ LIGHT LUNCH, WINE TASTING, CHEESE TASTING AND LUNCH INCLUDED DAY BY DAY
- ✓ BAGGAGE TRANSPORTATION BETWEEN THE HOTELS
- ✓ MAPS AND INFORMATION FOR YOUR DAILY STAGE
- ✓ VAN SUPPORT EACH DAY WITH WATER, FRUITS AND POWER BARS
- ✓ TRANSFER FROM/TO GAIOLE IN CHIANTI FOR L'EROICA RACE
- ✓ EXPERT BIKE GUIDE
- ✓ REGISTRATION TO L'EROICA 2017 (MEDICAL CERTIFICATE REQUIRED)
- ✓ ROAD BIKE HIRE IN CARBON FIBER, ULTEGRA GROUPSET, FROM 26 TO 29 SEPTEMBER
- ✓ EROICA VINTAGE BIKE HIRE FROM 29 SEPTEMBER TO 1 OCTOBER
- ✓ WOOL BIKE JERSEY OF ANIMA TOSCANA

NOT INCLUDED:

- ✓ TOURIST CITY TAX
- ✓ DRINKS
- ✓ MEDICAL/BAGGAGE INSURANCE

OPTIONAL SERVICES (PRICES ON REQUEST):

- ✓ MEDICAL/BAGGAGE INSURANCE
- ✓ DISCOUNT FOR BIKE RENTAL IF YOU BRING THE PERSONAL BIKE
- ✓ FLIGHTS
- ✓ ACTIVITIES FOR NON-CYCLIST (COOKING CLASS, TRUFFLE HUNTING, GUIDED TOURS, HORSE BACK RIDING, TREKKING AND MORE)
- ✓ PRIVATE TRANSFER: AIRPORT, TRAIN STATION OR HOTELS