

Bellissima Art Retreat 2018

Art. Food. Beauty. Relaxation.

Discover your bliss. Come to Italy this summer and awaken your senses at the Bellissima Art Retreat. This is no ordinary excursion, but an adventure of creativity and soul quenching activities you'll never forget. Spark your creativity, try something new, and make a memory that will last a lifetime.

DATES:

July 1 - 7, 2018

LOCATION: Lucca, Italy



Are you ready to call the "hidden gem of Tuscany" your home for a week? Live like the Tuscans do in the historic center of Lucca! Just an hour west of Florence, Lucca is a charming town surrounded by a medieval wall completely covered in trees. Ride bikes through the town, explore the historic center, shop like an Italian and learn to paint the

countryside and cobble stone streets...you'll have your favorite cappuccino and gelato spot in no time!

Angela Custode Noble Apartment

The Angelo Custode Noble Apartment lies on the first level above the street: which means only 25 steps to the main piazza (Piazza Dell Colonna Mozza)! In the past the first floor was the Noble floor where the Lord and his family lived, it was the most important floor in a building...who knew?!

The ceilings are painted and the apartment is decorated as was typical of the 1900's with marble and parquet floors. While at home you can admire the fine paintings by Ezio Ricci, who lived in this apartment in the early 1900s and which was a well-known & loved Tuscan School's graduate. The apartment has stayed in his family :)

ITINERARY:

Day 1: Transfer from train station to apartment for check in & welcome aperitivo!

Day 2: Orientation / Walking tour of town / Market tour / Group dinner in town

Day 3: Cooking class and painting session in Chianti region

Day 4: Day trip to Florence

Day 5: Free Day (activity suggestions can be provided)

Day 6: Guided painting on the medieval walls with bike rental, group dinner in house

Day 7: Wrap up & pack up (Transfer provided to train station)

*Itinerary is subject to change --this is Italy after-all ;)

Retreat Cost – \$2590 (Double occupancy)
– \$3390 (Single occupancy)

Included:

- Lodging for 6 nights in Lucca historic center
- All breakfasts
- 2 dinner in Lucca, 1 dinner in Chianti (cooking class dinner)
- Welcome cocktails and apertivo
- 1 cooking class in Chianti (see above)
- Private drivers for all transfers to and from apartment
- 2 Day trips
- 1 olive oil tasting
- 1 wine tasting
- All art lessons
- A handmade art journal
- Painting apron
- Tote bag

Not included:

Airfare is not included. You may use miles for free flights. We are happy to provide assistance booking flights or advising how to use miles. We also have a referral for a travel agent that we love.

All art materials are not provided. We will be instructing on sketching, watercolor & acrylic painting if desired. Please advise on the mediums you intend to participate in and we will provide you with a suggested supply list.

*To hold your spot in the trip, a deposit of \$650 must be paid. Please make checks payable to Bellissima Art Retreats. The payment for the remainder of the trip can be scheduled, but is due in total by no later than April 30, 2018.

It is highly advised that you obtain private travel insurance if you have any concerns about canceling, as all fees are nonrefundable. If you would like to use a credit card there is a 3.5% processing fee.

Reserve your spot today!