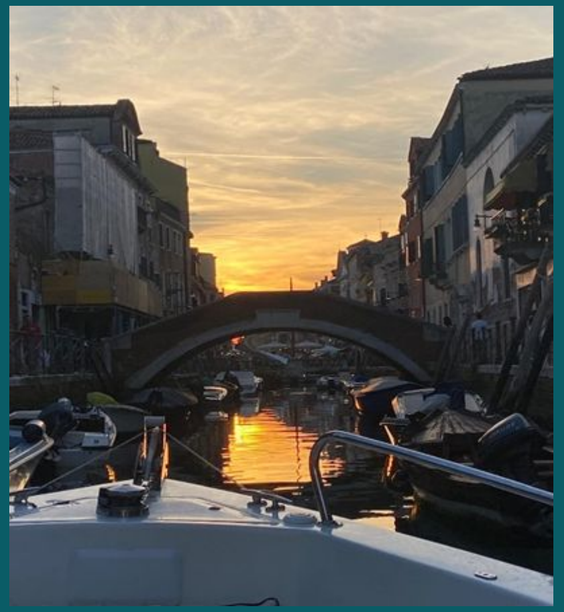
Il Giardino Segreto
GARDEN TOURS

CATALOGUE OF AVAILABLE ONE-DAY EXPERIENCES

Venice “bacaro tour” by motorboat





A unique 2-hour boat ride at sunset through the enchanting **canals of Venice**. Departing from the San Marco area, you'll board a comfortable motorboat and begin your journey through some of Venice’s most atmospheric internal canals, passing by the pavilions of the Venice Art Biennale. Continue toward the historic Arsenale, once the heart of Venice’s powerful shipbuilding industry, and then sail past the tranquil **Island of Certosa**, the traditional gateway from the lagoon to the city. Throughout the cruise, indulge in a selection of local flavors with a tasting of traditional “Cicchetti” (Venetian-style tapas) and typical Venetian biscuits, for a true taste of Venetian lifestyle.

Como Lake Experience



Depart your hotel in Milan by private car and head to the charming town of **Bellagio**, known as the "Pearl of the Lake.“ From Bellagio, embark on a 2-hour private boat tour aboard a stylish water taxi, gliding across the serene waters and soaking in the beauty of elegant lakeside villas and picturesque villages. Arrive in the quaint village of **Torno,** where a gourmet à la carte lunch awaits you at the exclusive Restaurant Il Sereno, set in a stunning lakeside location. After lunch, relax as your private driver takes you back to Milan, filled with unforgettable memories of Lake Como.

Bergamo Alta: a romantic getaway





Enjoy a memorable escape on private car from Milan with an half day experience in **Bergamo Alta.**
Transfer to **Bergamo Alta** where you will meet your guide. The city hides surprises and stories that are waiting to be discovered. The experience will allow you see the essentials through an itinerary that runs through the streets of the old town.
At the end of the tour your driver will take you to the charming **Restaurant Villa Elena**: an elegant villa of Renaissance origins renovated in the early twentieth century with an eclectic taste that combines Baroque and Liberty style inspirations. In this prestigious context the kitchen interprets the wonderful local ingredients with modern taste, from the first fruits of the Bergamo gardens to the cheeses of the valleys and the meats.

Anghiari & Tuscan Tastes:
Artisan Textiles and Farmhouse Lunch





Step into the heart of Tuscan craftsmanship and culinary heritage on this immersive day in the countryside.

Begin your journey with a private transfer to the enchanting hilltop village of **Anghiari**, where you'll visit the renowned **Busatti textile workshop**, a family-run institution weaving fine linens since 1842. Discover the fascinating history of this artisanal tradition, born during the Napoleonic era, and explore a collection of elegantly crafted tablecloths, curtains, and fabrics—many of which can be custom-designed and embroidered upon request. After the visit, continue to the peaceful **countryside of Arezzo**, where you'll be welcomed at **Farmhouse I Salici,** a charming rural estate surrounded by olive groves and vineyards. Here, enjoy a relaxed Tuscan lunch prepared with seasonal ingredients. As you savor each course, the owner will share stories behind the regional recipes and provide insights into the local wines paired with the meal, offering a true taste of Tuscany's rich culinary tradition.

Flavors of Parma: Parmigiano Reggiano & Local Delicacies





Discover the heart of Italian culinary tradition with a delightful food experience in the **Parma** region. Begin your morning with a guided visit to **Caseificio Ugolotti**, a traditional cheese factory where you'll learn the secrets behind the making of authentic Parmigiano Reggiano. At the end of the tour, enjoy a tasting of Parmigiano aged at four different stages, paired with balsamic vinegar, local wine, bread, and water.Afterwards, head into the city of Parma for a relaxing walk through its charming historic center, ending with a flavorful stop at the renowned **Salumeria Garibaldi**. Here, savor a curated tasting of local cold cuts, Parmesan flakes, aged balsamic drops, and a slice of fried savory pie, all paired with a glass of wine.

Chianti Wine Heritage: Castello di Albola & Tuscan Pairings

Immerse yourself in the timeless beauty of the Chianti hills with a visit to the enchanting medieval village of **Castello di Albola**, perched above Radda in Chianti. This historic estate offers breathtaking views, rich cultural heritage, and a landscape shaped by centuries of winemaking tradition. Begin your experience with a guided tour through the estate's vineyards, the charming ancient borgo, and the historic cellars, where the soul of Chianti is preserved in every barrel. After the tour, enjoy an exclusive tasting of 4 Estate Crus, thoughtfully paired with typical Tuscan dishes prepared by the in-house Chef.



Val d’Orcia Experience

Standard proposal – A Taste of Tradition

Begin your day with a scenic transfer to **Montepulciano**, a charming medieval town perched high above the valley. Enjoy a leisurely walk through its Renaissance streets, artisan boutiques, and wine bars.Next, visit the iconic **Cantina De’ Ricci**, home to one of Tuscany’s most stunning underground wine cellars. Join a guided group tour of the spectacular Renaissance-era wine cathedral, followed by a tasting of 3 wines paired with local specialties. Continue to **Tenuta Fanti**, a family-run estate in the Montalcino area, renowned for its traditional-style Brunello di Montalcino. Here, enjoy a guided cellar tour and a tasting of 5 wines, including Brunello, paired with a light Tuscan lunch (starter, first course, and dessert) with views over the vineyard-dotted countryside.





Val d’Orcia Experience

Superior proposal – The Banfi Heritage

Depart from Florence in the morning and head directly to the Montalcino area to visit the prestigious **Castello Banfi.** Nestled among the sun-kissed hills of southern Tuscany, Castello Banfi is a historic wine estate centered around a beautifully restored 15th-century castle. Renowned worldwide for its Brunello di Montalcino and commitment to sustainable winemaking, the estate blends tradition and innovation with elegance. Enjoy a public guided tour of the **estate’s Balsameria**, fermentation cellars, and aging rooms. Conclude the experience with a three-course lunch, each dish thoughtfully paired with Banfi wines, served in the refined setting of the estate’s wine resort.



Val d’Orcia Experience



Deluxe proposal – Banfi Excellence Experience

Depart from Florence in the morning for an exclusive, in-depth journey into the heart of Tuscan winemaking at **Castello Banfi**. This magnificent estate, surrounded by vineyards and olive groves, is a benchmark for quality and innovation in the Brunello region. At the heart of the property stands the historic **Poggio alle Mura Castle,** a symbol of Banfi’s dedication to excellence and its deep connection to the land. Enjoy a private guided tour of the vineyards, Balsameria, and cutting-edge winery facilities, offering a complete view into Banfi’s winemaking philosophy. End the visit with a gourmet four-course lunch, expertly paired with four of Banfi’s finest wines, for a truly elevated and memorable experience.



Exploring Viterbo: A Journey into Medieval Italy



Travel back in time on this authentic experience in **Viterbo,** a hidden gem in central Italy known for having one of the largest and best-preserved medieval centers in Europe. After a scenic drive, meet your local guide and begin a leisurely walking tour through the historic heart of the city. Enclosed by ancient walls, Viterbo's cobblestone streets, stone archways, and quiet piazzas feel like a living museum—untouched by modern hustle and bustle. A highlight of the visit is the **Antico Frantoio,** a traditional olive oil mill tucked away in the center of town. Operated by the same family for four generations, the mill offers a rare look at the old-world craft of olive oil production. You'll meet the charismatic owner, Mr. Mario, who will show you the fiscolo—a handwoven pressing mat made from coconut or hemp fiber, still used in their process today. Afterward, enjoy a tasting of the mill's freshly pressed olive oil served on rustic Viterbo bread. Round out the morning with a light lunch at a cozy local tavern, where you'll sample regional flavors in a warm, traditional setting.

Palazzo Farnese & Villa Lante: A Journey Through the Renaissance

Step into the splendor of Italy’s Renaissance past with this immersive day in the heart of Tuscia. In the morning, meet your expert local guide and transfer to the historic hilltop **village of Caprarola.** Here, you’ll explore the magnificent **Palazzo Farnese,** a 16th-century architectural masterpiece designed by Vignola for one of Italy’s most powerful noble families. Inside, marvel at grand halls adorned with frescoes by the Zuccari brothers and other leading artists of Roman and European Mannerism. Don’t miss the elegant Italian-style gardens that surround the palace. After your visit, enjoy a traditional lunch at a local trattoria in the charming center of Caprarola, where you’ll taste the rich flavors of the region.In the afternoon, continue on to the village of **Bagnaia** to visit the stunning **Villa Lante** — an icon of Renaissance landscape design. Known for its perfect harmony between architecture and nature, the villa’s terraced gardens, ornate fountains, and boxwood hedges are masterpieces of geometric precision. Admire the Fountain of the Moors, with its dramatic basins and central boat sculpture, and stroll through one of the finest examples of Italian formal gardens.





The Monsters of the Sacred Wood & the Dying City: Discovering Bomarzo and Civita di Bagnoregio

Prepare for a day filled with mystery, imagination, and breathtaking views. Your journey begins with a guided visit to Bomarzo and its extraordinary **Parco dei Mostri**, or "Monster Park." Far from frightening, this whimsical and surreal garden was created in the 16th century by Duke Pier Francesco Orsini as a tribute to grief and creativity. Scattered among the woods, you'll find giant stone sculptures of mythological creatures—like Cerberus, Pegasus, and sea sirens—seemingly dropped from a dream. Unlike the manicured Renaissance gardens of the same era, this park breaks all rules, creating a deeply personal and enchanting atmosphere.After exploring the park, enjoy a relaxed lunch at a charming bistrot in Bomarzo, featuring outdoor seating and local flavors.In the afternoon, continue to the unforgettable Civita di Bagnoregio, one of Italy's most spectacular hilltop villages. Known as "The Dying City" due to the erosion that slowly chips away at its fragile volcanic plateau, Civita feels like a place frozen in time. Reachable only by footbridge, this ancient town offers cobbled alleys, flower-lined stone houses, and sweeping views of the valley below. Founded by the Etruscans over 2,500 years ago, Civita is a true hidden gem—peaceful, haunting, and remarkably beautiful.



