



# *Culture* **CUISINE** *& History* *In Tuscany*



VILLA MICHAELA  
*Picturesque & Historic Tuscan Retreat*

A close-up photograph of a traditional Tuscan soup, likely Ribollita, served in a dark ceramic bowl with brass handles. The soup is thick and hearty, featuring chunks of bread, beans, and vegetables in a rich tomato-based broth. It is garnished with fresh green herbs and a slice of lemon. Steam rises from the bowl, suggesting it is freshly served and hot.

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THE RHODE SCHOOL OF CUISINE INVITES YOU TO A  
**PICTURESQUE & HISTORIC TUSCAN RETREAT**  
FOR A WEEK OF TUSCAN TOURING CULINARY DELIGHT WITH A DAY IN THE FAMED  
**CINQUE TERRE**

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***FOOD, CULTURE, EXCLUSIVE EXCURSIONS, TUSCAN VILLA***



Experience the Tuscan culture like never before in the luxurious setting of Villa Michaela, 5km from the walled city of Lucca and 18km from Pisa airport.

Learn how to cook Italian and Mediterranean dishes in our traditional Limonaia kitchen & enjoy gastro tours of local markets, restaurants and vineyards.

Enjoy the fruits of your labour with long lunches and dinners beside the pool or in our stunning frescoed dining room.

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# WEEK in *Tuscan* hills

Courses run for 7 nights.

## DAY RATES INCLUDE:

- 7 Nights accommodation
- All cooking workshops
- All tours as per itinerary
- Transportation for scheduled excursions
- All food & wine consumed at the Villa
- Rates include restaurant visits and transportation

5250 euro per person based on double occupancy in a Suite

4725 euro per person for Deluxe Double Room based on double occupancy

4450 euro for Double Room (not en suite) based on double occupancy

A deposit of 30% is required upon booking with the remaining balance due within 8 weeks of arrival.

Full refund should travel into Italy due to Covid pandemic related issues.

We recommend you take out travel insurance.

## CANCELLATION POLICY

150 days before the start of program – full refund

149 days to 91 days before the start of the program – 50% refund

90 days before start of program you will unfortunately forfeit 100% of your payment.

BUT... if you do not cancel, but only want to change your date and notify us of this change 30 days before your arrival date, we can re-schedule your date one time.







## WALK. WINE. PASTA.



### **DIDN'T WANT TO LEAVE**

It was fabulous & beyond what we expected. We didn't want to leave. Would definitely recommend to everyone!

- K Dalglish, U.K.



### **MISS YOU**

I miss you. I spent one of the happiest weeks of my life there! The Villa Michaela is amazing... exactly what I would imagined an century's old Italian villa to be like. The cooking school was a blast, the day trips was fabulous! Recommend!

- Dani, U.S.A.



### **CAN'T IMAGINE BETTER VACATION**

My sister & I had a wonderful time at the cooking school. I can't imagine a better vacation! Many thanks!

- Judie M, Germany





# ITINERARY

## ***DAY 1 Saturday***

Collection from Pisa or Florence airport or Lucca train station to villa Michaela.

Welcome dinner at Villa Michaela in our beautiful frescoed dining room.

## ***DAY 2 Sunday***

Breakfast

Guided tour of historic Lucca with an English speaking guide.

Lunch at one of Villa Michaela's favourite restaurants.

Bicycle around the walls, shopping in the boutiques of Lucca and return to villa.

Late afternoon cooking demonstration in our traditional Tuscan Limonaia kitchen with our chef.

8pm: Dinner in the dining room.



### **DAY 3 *Monday***

After breakfast we will leave for a private guided tour of Villa Torrigiani at Camigliano, a magnificent rococo villa dating back to the 16th century and set in a beautiful park with a nymphaeum.

After the tour we will go to Tenuta di Valgiano, an magnificent wine estate in the hills of Lucca. We will have a wine tasting and lunch with the owners who are experienced wine makers.

Late afternoon cooking lesson followed by dinner at Villa Michaela.

### **DAY 4 *Tuesday***

After breakfast leave for Lucca train station for Florence with one of our team.

The qualified bilingual Florence tourist guide will meet you of the train and spend the day with you in Florence visiting the most important sites, with lunch in a typically Florentine trattoria.

Early evening pizza in our traditional farm house pizza oven.

Dinner at Villa Michaela.









## **DAY 5 *Wednesday***

Breakfast

Early breakfast and departure for the famous Pistoia food market – a wonderful photographic opportunity as this magnificent cornucopia of plenty unfolds against the backdrop of this ancient city.

Lunch in Montecatini Alto – a funicular ride up to this idyllic village with incredible views.

Return to the villa late afternoon “Hills of the North” cooking session, using the fresh ingredients purchased in the market. Dinner at the Villa.

## **DAY 6 *Thursday***

After breakfast cooking lesson to prepare our traditional Tuscan lunch. Leave for Lucca for sightseeing & shopping.

At 7pm we will attend an opera recital in San Giovanni church which is a one hour of all Puccini's and Verdi's best known arias with a soprano and tenor.

Dinner at one of Villa Michaela's favourite restaurants.







## ***DAY 7 Friday***

After breakfast depart for a day in Cinque Terre taking the train along the coast.

Lunch in the beautiful village of Vernazza with stunning views of the sea.

Before dinner we will have a short opera recital in our stunning chapel with our in house mezzo soprano.

Gala Dinner at Villa Michaela.

## ***DAY 8 Saturday***

After breakfast depart for Pisa or Florence airport or Lucca train station.

<i><b>D A T E S</b></i>	—————	<i><b>2023</b></i>	<i><b>22 APRIL - 29 APRIL</b></i>
	<i><b>11 MARCH - 18 MARCH</b></i>		<i><b>29 APRIL - 06 MAY</b></i>
	<i><b>18 MARCH - 25 MARCH</b></i>		<i><b>14 OCTOBER - 21 OCTOBER</b></i>
	<i><b>25 MARCH - 01 APRIL</b></i>		<i><b>4 NOVEMBER - 11 NOVEMBER</b></i>







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