

VOLTERRA & SAN GIMIGNANO

LIV05 : Hilltop towns and medieval towers



At 8am, from the port of Livorno, your personal driver will take you on a scenic one hour countryside drive to the ancient town of VOLTERRA which sits on a high plateau offering uninterrupted views of the surrounding hills. Spend the morning discovering the labyrinth streets and little piazzas. Once the centre of Etruscan life and still an important centre for the production of alabaster, the city and its environs are rich in archeological remains, both Etruscan and Roman and the Guarnacci Museum holds one of the most interesting displays of Etruscan antiquities in existence. Just before lunch take back to the road to SAN GIMIGNANO - a small and charming hilltop town known as the "Manhattan of the Middle Ages" owing to the many high towers that were built to show the wealth and power of this prosperous commercial city. Today, of the original 76 towers, just 14 have survived and this ancient town has been declared part of the World's Architectural Heritage by UNESCO. It is renowned for its Vernaccia white wine and has also reintroduced the farming of saffron which was cultivated here in the Middle Ages and was an important part of the city's economy. Lunch can be arranged in between the two towns at a local vineyard offering a typical Tuscan buffet and wine-tasting specially prepared just for your group or you may like to experience a tasting at the Terruzzi & Puthod vineyard (reservation advisable) just minutes away from San Gimignano with evocative views over the rolling hills. Before returning to port, enjoy a gelato from Sergio at Gelateria di Piazza, renowned as one of the best gelato in Italy! The return drive (an hour and a half) will take you through beautiful landscapes that inspired Leonardo da Vinci's Mona Lisa. Arrive at the port of Livorno, directly beside your ship at around 5pm.

1-2 people	450euro	RATE Includes your own English speaking driver and transport according to group size. It excludes professional guide, museum/duomo tickets and lunches
3-4 people	500euro	
5-6 people	550euro	
Up to 8 people	600euro	
Over 8 people	Please ask for a quotation	DURATION From 8am through to 5pm (9 hours)

ADDITIONAL COSTS
Etruscan Guarnacci Museum, Volterra : 8euro per person
Wine tastings from 10euro per person

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