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FOOD FOCUS: FLORENCE
Friday, April 20th to Monday, April 30th, 2018



The Duomo, Florence

Don't miss this opportunity to travel with Lori Chisholm on a foodie tour of Florence and the surrounding Tuscan countryside with visits to her favourite places, with her favourite local guides. Space is limited to 10 persons on a first come, first served basis so be sure to act fast!!!

Tour Cost: \$4,265.00 per person sharing twin accommodation

Includes taxes/fuel surcharges of \$636!!!

Single supplement: \$465.00 (limited to maximum 2)

The above price allows for credit card payment. If paying by cheque, deduct \$165.00 from the tour cost.

Proposed itinerary – subject to change

Day 1 Friday, April 20th:

Evening flight to Amsterdam with KLM. Dinner and breakfast will be served on board.

Day 2 Saturday, April 21st:

Morning arrival in Amsterdam where there will be a brief delay before boarding our connecting flight to Florence. Transfer by taxi to our very comfortable, 3*Hotel Corona d'Italia (www.hotelcoronaditalia.com), centrally located at the corner of the famous San Lorenzo Market. Time to settle in, freshen up and begin our exploration of this beautiful city. We'll meet later for cocktails before we stroll to our first Italian meal in a nearby family-owned trattoria.

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Day 3 Sunday, April 22nd:

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After breakfast, our expert local guide Alessandra will take us on a personal orientation walking tour of Florence. We'll learn about Brunelleschi's magnificent cathedral dome and Ghiberti's Baptistry doors. After lunch on our own, we'll re-group for a guided tour of the Accademia where we'll marvel at Michaelangelo's *Prisoners* and his greatest masterpiece, the colossal *David*. Finally, we'll visit the Church of Santa Croce where we'll hear the intriguing stories of the tombs of Michaelangelo, Macchiavelli and Galileo. The balance of the day is free for exploring. (Alessandra may change the order of the visits.)

Day 4 Monday, April 23rd:

B, L

This morning after a leisurely but necessarily light breakfast, we join my good friend Antoinette of Taste Florence (www.tasteflorence.com) for our personal food tour through the city. During the tour we will try local regional specialities including wine and sweets. We will visit the Mercato Centrale to taste cheeses, sauces, chutneys and crostini; enjoy a tutorial tasting of balsamic vinegar and olive oils and participate in a wine tasting at a local enoteca. Naturally, we must finish up with dessert, so the tour will end at a gelateria for gelato and chocolate - fresh, natural ingredients only, here! The rest of the day is free to do as you please.

Day 5 Tuesday, April 24th:

B, L

Today our driver will pick us up at the hotel in a comfortable, 16-passenger vehicle for our trip to Certaldo. There we will spend the morning with Giuseppina at her renowned cooking school. We'll prepare a 4-course meal and enjoy it along with wine, and leave with a souvenir apron. We'll continue on to San Gimignano whose skyline is dominated by a multitude of medieval towers and its shops filled with art, artifacts and local products. We'll wander, perhaps climb the torre for some breathtaking views, and enjoy some of Italy's best gelato. Our return to the hotel by 6:00 p.m. will allow us time for dinner (if we still have room!).



Day 6 Wednesday, April 25th:

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This morning after breakfast, we'll devote our time to the wondrous Renaissance art of the Uffizi Gallery. The finest collection of Italian paintings anywhere includes masterpieces by DaVinci, Botticelli and Michaelangelo. Take as much time as you like, enjoy lunch on your own, and continue your exploration of the churches, galleries and markets of Florence.

Day 7 Thursday, April 26th:

B, L

Eat a light breakfast today because we have lots of locally-produced delicacies ahead of us! Once again, our driver will be picking us up, this time for a day trip to the Tuscan countryside south and west of Florence. We'll start with a visit to a family-run cheese farm where we'll have the opportunity to meet some farmers with a very interesting history. We'll enjoy a vineyard walk, a tour of the dairy and cellar and then a lunch with wine, cheese, salumi, breads and olive oil. From one farm to another: it's time to learn about olive oil from the people who harvest the olives and process them in the time-honoured way. At Tenuta San Vito, an organic agriturismo, we'll taste their extra virgin olive oil as well as their family-produced wines. We should be home by 4:00.

Day 8 Friday, April 27th:

B

After breakfast, we will have the day to tour, visit, re-visit, explore and, of course, shop for souvenirs. There are lots of options: a day trip to Pisa, Bologna, Venice or Siena? (we are 5 minutes from the train station!)...the Bargello Gallery?...the Pitti palace? ...a climb up the Duomo?...a wander through the Oltrarno district...?

Day 9 Saturday, April 28th:

B, D

After breakfast, you will have most of the day free but we will gather at 4:00 to be picked up in our Mercedes for dinner in Panzano in Chianti. On the way, we'll stop in the lovely little town of Greve in Chianti. Upon arrival in this town, we'll stroll and take an aperitivo in a local enoteca. Off to a further aperitivo at the Macelleria Cecchini, home of Dario Cecchini, the world's most famous - and infamous! - butcher. Upstairs, we will enjoy one of the most exciting meals in all of Italy: a five-course dinner, prepared in front of us, featuring *bistecca alla Fiorentina*, fresh bread, and unlimited Chianti. (vegetarian option available) We'll be home late but we can sleep in in the morning...

Day 10 Sunday, April 29th:

B, D

We will have the morning and afternoon free to continue exploring Florence, and to revisit our favourite shops and cafés. At our farewell dinner, we'll celebrate our fabulous week in a typical Tuscan ristorante, enjoying our last chance at true, home-cooked Italian.

Day 11 Monday, April 30th:

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Morning transfer by taxi to the Florence Airport for our return to Toronto via Paris.

Welcome Home!

Tour Cost:

\$3,629.00 per person sharing twin accommodation + taxes \$636 = \$4,265.00

Single supplement: \$465.00 (limited to maximum 2)

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Tour Price includes:

- Return air transportation with KLM/Air France
 - All transfers and transportation as per the itinerary
 - 9 nights' accommodation in a superior tourist-class 3-star hotel, based on double occupancy (single supplement \$465.00); wifi included
 - Daily breakfast
 - 6 meals as per the itinerary including welcome dinner, Panzano dinner featuring *bistecca alla fiorentina*, and farewell dinner
 - Welcome aperitivo, Greve aperitivo
 - 5 activities exclusive to our group of 11:
 - › private historical walking tour with expert guide + whisper headsets
 - › private food tour (walking) with expert guide + substantial tastings
 - › day trip for private cooking class with lunch and wine, and visit to San Gimignano with gelato
 - › private day trip to the Tuscan countryside with farm visits/tours, lunch and tastings
 - › late afternoon/evening excursion to Chianti region
 - Admissions to:
 - Accademia Gallery
 - Uffizi Gallery
 - Santa Croce
 - San Gimignano Tower
 - Driver and guide gratuities
- ***2-hour lounge pass at Toronto airport if you sign on 90 days in advance (January 20th, 2018)

Tour Price does not include:

- Transfers to & from Toronto International airport
- Beverages with meals
- Expenses of a personal nature
- Insurance – please contact Pauwels Travel for rates

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

RESERVATIONS AND DEPOSITS:

Reservations should be made as early as possible to ensure the departure of your choice. A deposit of \$750.00 is required at the time of registration. **Your reservation is confirmed upon receipt of your deposit and application form. No reservations will be accepted without a signed application form.**

REFUND OF UNUSED ARRANGEMENTS:

Because the rates of Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. are based on group participation, no refund can be made for any tour accommodation or tour service or tour feature not taken. If cancellation occurs while the tour is in progress, no refund can be made for the tour portion not taken. We strongly suggest that to allow for any unexpected contingencies, you purchase the all-inclusive insurance.

CANCELLATION POLICY:

Refund of deposit is made if cancellation is received in writing by Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. more than 90 days prior of the departure date of the tour less a \$500.00 non-refundable administrative fee per person. For cancellation received in writing 90 days prior or less the following cancellation charges apply:

90 days to 46 days before departure:	25% of tour cost
45 to 31 days before departure:	50% of tour cost
Within 30 days prior to departure:	100% of tour cost

RESPONSIBILITY:

Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. reserves the right without notice, to withdraw any part or all of the tour. Factors such as airline schedule changes, hotel overbookings, inclement weather, etc. may necessitate changes in the itinerary as outlined. There may also be other circumstances in which changes become necessary or advisable. Any savings realized by these changes will be passed on to the passengers, any resultant expenses shall be borne by the passenger. Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. acts only as an agent in securing hotel, transportation and other travel services and in no event shall be held responsible for the failure by any person or company to render any transportation, lodging or other travel service to be provided on the tour. All hotel, transportation and other travel services are provided to tour members subject to all the terms and conditions under which they are offered to the public generally. The acceptance of the initial service to be provided under the tour shall be considered an acceptance by the tour member of those conditions. Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. also reserves the right to decline, to accept or retain any person as a member of the tour, in which case equitable refund will be made at the discretion of the tour operators.

AIR TRANSPORTATION:

Transatlantic economy flight by scheduled IATA carrier(s), based on an economy class group fare. All fares are subject to specific rules and regulations, to changes and to government approval. Deviations from the group flights are possible but subject to higher rates. Pauwels Travel will research any request for date or routing changes at the time they are requested. Should any individual rate be less than the group fare plus airline and administrative fees, the lower rate will be offered to the tour participant. Individual airfares are subject to immediate ticketing and the fare plus taxes must be paid at the time the ticket is issued by the participant requesting the change. Should the group airfare be the lowest available rate, an administrative fee of \$50.00 plus any airline charges will apply.

APPLICATION FORM

Please book ___ seat(s) on the "Food Focus: Florence Tour" travelling April 20 – 30, 2018. Enclosed is my/our deposit of _____ (\$750 per person, *plus* insurance premium if taken.)

Deposit and insurance premium, if taken, are due with registration. You will be invoiced for an interim payment of \$1000 and then the balance approximately 45 days prior to departure.

WE REQUIRE A COPY OF YOUR PASSPORT (INFORMATION PAGES ONLY) VALID 3 MONTHS AFTER TOUR DATE TO BE SENT IN WITH YOUR APPLICATION FORM AT TIME OF REGISTRATION.

PASSPORT NAME(S): **Please indicate the appropriate title (Mr., Mrs., Miss, Dr., Ms.)**

Surname _____ First _____ Middle(s) _____

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Date of birth _____

If applicable, give your commonly used first name as you would like it to appear on your name tag: (e.g. "Liz" for "Mary Elizabeth") _____

ADDRESS: _____

Postal Code: _____

PHONE: _____ (Email) _____

If traveling alone, is a SINGLE ROOM REQUIRED?: YES _____ NO _____

If sharing, is there a Bed preference?: twin _____ double _____

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: We find the earlier a request is made, the more success we have in filling it, so **please list any dietary requests, allergies, any special physical needs or frequent flyer numbers etc here**. We cannot ensure requests made 30 days or less prior to departure will be possible.

Insurance, Please call the office for premiums then record it on application and add premium to deposit.

I /we would like to purchase (please check and record your rate):

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

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All-inclusive Package _____ \$ _____ Non-medical Package _____ \$ _____

Other _____ \$ _____ **OR** Decline Insurance _____

PAYMENT: Cheque payable to Pauwels Travel Visa Mastercard American Express

Amount Paid: _____

Card Number: _____ Expiry: _____ Security Code: _____ Signature: _____

"I/we agree to the terms and conditions attached to the program, have indicated our insurance choice, indicated any special requests and included payment".

Date _____ (Signature)(s) _____

Please forward this completed and signed form, copy of passport and payment to:

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