

TREKKING between ABBEIES and CASTLES

five days horseback riding from Civitella Marittima to Val d'orcia



This trip is a long way backwards in the time, through wonderful places where history, art and the taste of Tuscany are mixing together.

We will ride to old Castles and Abbeies placed in this area of Tuscany which is considered one of the most beautiful regions of the world.

The Ardenghesca and Sant'Antimo's Abbeies, the castles of Monte Antico, Poggio alle Mura, Argiano, the fortress of Ripa d'Orcia, the fort of Tentennano are the halting-places of our trip.

The views will be Brunello di Montalcino vineyards, the Amiata mountain, the hills and villages of the Val d'Orcia.

Like wayfarers in the middle ages we will spend the nights in castles or in old houses where we will taste the excellent food of this area. At the **Castello di Argiano** we will taste the wines of Montalcino, we will see the **Abbazia of Sant'Antimo** and at the **Castello di Ripa d'Orcia** we will spend two nights in the rooms which used to be of the fighters.

1st DAY:

Civitella Marittima - Castello di Argiano

From our trekking center we will ride to the Abbazia Ardenghesca. The biggest church in the province of Grosseto was built in the year 1100, unfortunately today in bad conditions. From the Abbazia we will ride to Castello di Monte Antico from the year 1400, today a luxury hotel over the river Ombrone. Not far away on a hill the Castello di Poggio alle Mura built in the year 1200, where start the vineyards of the Brunello di Montalcino. After a stop at Poggio alle Mura, we will ride to Castello di Argiano, where we will have dinner with a wine taste.

We will spend the night in an old house from the year 1200.

2nd DAY:Castello di Argiano - Abbazia di Sant'Antimo - Castello di Ripa d'Orcia

From the Castello di Argiano through the Val d'Orcia we will reach the Abbazia di Sant'Antimo, originally from the year 1352. In the year 1770 the Longobard started to build the Abbey and in the year 1781 Carlo Magno put his seal.

From the Abbazia through wood and hills we will reach the Castello di Ripa d'Orcia, the destination of our trip where we will spend the next two nights.

3rd DAY:around the Castello di Ripa d'Orcia

On the third day we will see the middle age villages around the Val d'Orcia: San Quirico d'Orcia, Bagno Vignoni, Rocca d'Orcia, Castiglione d'Orcia.

4th and 5th DAY:

Castello di Ripa d'Orcia - Castello di Argiano - Civitella Marittima

In these two days we will ride back to Civitella Marittima

Trip: 5 days of riding, 4 nights

Price: € 1.740,00 including 5 days of riding, 4 nights of lodging and all meals, horse, guide,

Minimum participant: 2 people

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- luggage will be transferred with car or pack-horse
- the trip is only for well experienced riders
- maremman horses with typical maremman saddles

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