

MAREMMAEVENTS organizes:

**Tour 4 Maremma, southern Tuscany – Food, Wine and Nature
7 day tour**

Programme

If you consider yourself a nature lover, or a food&wine lover, we have a unique travel experience for you! To visit the Maremma, the coastal side of Tuscany is to be in contact with nature. The Maremma is outstanding for its many protected natural areas that offer the chance to appreciate its wide variety of animals, insects and birds, trees, shrubs and flowers and to enjoy its special light and scenic beauty. The Nature Reserves aren't separated from the rest of the territory, but are symbolic of an integral whole. The Maremma affirms a way of life in harmony with nature and the rhythm of the seasons. Our private tour begins and ends at the airport where we pick you up in a private bus and take you to a charming country hotel in Maremma, near the tuscan coast. Pines and Cypress lined narrow roads, silver shining olive groves, medieval villages and hill topped vineyards are the classic images of the southern part of Tuscany, very picturesque. You'll visit the natural reserves, sample world famous wines at fine wine producers and taste the typical tuscan "cucina" that is known all over the world.

1. day

Arrival during the day at Pisa or Rome Airport
private transfer to Maremma, the southern part of Tuscany
check in to the elegant countryhotel located in beautiful Maremma

7.30pm Cocktail di benvenuto - Welcomedrink on the tuscan terrace

8.00pm Dinner Maremmana with your host

2. day

Breakfast

10.00am Departure for Massa Marittima

Guided Tour to the nearby city, time to relax and enjoy "Tuscany's medieval gem". Of etruscan origins, in the medieval ages Massa Marittima was rich in splendid art treasures boasting one of the most beautiful squares in the whole of Italy.

Enjoy a stroll around the "Cittavecchia", the historical part of Massa and sit on the Piazza Garibaldi sipping on a nice cold Prosecco. See the spectacular dome, a classic example of romanesque-gothic architecture with its splendid "Madonna delle Grazie" di Duccio di Buoninsegna from 1316.

12.00 Winetasting in one of Tuscany's best Enotecas. Here you will sample the famous **MO-Mo-Mo Wines of the Maremma**, the Montereale di Massa Marittima, the Morrellino di Scansano and the Montecucco. Taste some of the best wines from famous wineries and enjoy typical maremman specialities like the fresh pecorino or the "Salame di cinta senese" a delicatessen.

Return to the hotel – you can stay on the terrace and enjoy the view, swim in the pool or you can take a nice walk along the vineyards.

4.00 pm Departure for Castiglione della Pescaia

Dominated by a magnificent 15th century Aragon castle. C.d.Pescaia is one of Italy's most popular holiday resorts of roman origins.

Stroll along the beach and visit with your personal guide the "Centro storico", the old part of the city where you have a wonderful view from the castle, overlooking the old marshlands which stretched between C.D. Pescaia and Grosseto and to the other side you will see the coastline, stretching south from the "Uccellina" to the hills which conceal Punta Ala, famous port for the rich and famous. Visit the church of Santa Maria del Giglio or sit on the piazza and have one of Italy's delicious ice creams.

You will have plenty of time to absorb Tuscans warm sun, watch the sunset or have an "aperitivo" on the Piazza Garibaldi before we will go for dinner in one of Castiglione's famous fish restaurants.

7.30pm Dinner at a typical fish restaurant at Castiglione della Pescaia

Please let us know, if you don't like fish...

Return to the hotel around 11.00 pm

3. day

Breakfast

9.00 departure for the national reserve of the Maremma

The Parco Naturale della Maremma encompasses the Monti dell'Uccellina, running parallel to the coastline from Principina a Mare to Talamone and was one of the first protected areas instituted in Italy.



Today the park includes reserves for repopulation, biogenetics, and comprehensive protection. In all, there are almost 40,000 hectares of nature reserves stretching from north to south. They provide a complex and detailed vision of the wealth of the Maremma's natural heritage in all of its diversity from coast to inland, wet zones and mountain crests.

We will wander along one of the numerous routes indicated within the park that enables the visitor to perceive the vastness of the preservation project and the botanical, zoological and geological wealth, differentiation and beauty offered. You will see the wild horses, the typical maremman cattle with their large horns, as much as wild boars, deers and tamed foxes. We will lunch in one of the local trattorias or on the beach (weather permitting) and you will have plenty of time to relax and take a stroll along the beach.

Around 4.00 pm we will take you to Buriano to a famous winery that produces one of the best organic wines of Tuscany. Also known as the "Wine of Happiness" you will experience what are the most important characteristics of an organic wine.

Organic wine production is a relatively new tradition in Italy. Pioneers started over 20 years ago. Production met a steady increase during the late '80ies and the '90ies, and is facing now a fast increase, because the consumer of today wants a good natural quality not only in his food but also in his wine. And you

taste it!!! If Bacchus, the Roman god of wine, existed these days he very well might spend his days stirring organic compost instead of basking in fountains of San Giovese.

There is a greatest concern for ecological practices in Italian vineyards. An increasing number of winegrowers are turning from chemical fertilizers to compost, getting rid of chemical weeding because they are worried by lack of soil biological activity and by its consequences which can sometimes be important: soil erosion, or biological retrogradation of soil in worse cases. Choice for non chemical weeding and fertilizing methods is often made in order to improve both soil fertility and wine quality – because 80 % of the quality of a wine lays in the vineyard.

With the winetasting you will enjoy delicious genuine specialities of Southern Tuscany.

8.00pm Dinner at the country hotel

4. day

Breakfast

We will leave the hotel around 9.30 h and head for Alberese, where we will change in one of the beautiful horse carriages. Lovers of the slow pace and countryside of the Tuscan lifestyle, will find that Maremma also follows the philosophy of slowness, which enhances the travellers journey and doesn't immediately show the way to the destination. Our trip will take us along wide olive groves with silvery shining trees, many of them more than 500 years old, to a farm where they raise the original buffalos of the region. The owner will give a tour of the farm and shows the production of the original **Mozzarella di Bufala**, the prestigious **salami della cinta senese** and the wine of the region, the **Morellino di Scansano**. You will enjoy a genuine lunch with these fine products, sitting in the sun, listening to the birds flying around and just be a part of nature's great mystery.

The horse carriage will take you to Alberese, from where we will part to take the bus first to the regional horsefarm where the wild maremman horses are bred and later on to a famous local wine producer. There you can not only taste the spectacular purely organic Morellino di Scansano, but have a nice chocolate and wine cake or some hors d'oeuvre of mixed biodinamic cheese served with fig jam and wine gelatine with it. Late afternoon we will return with lots of nice memories of a wonderful day to the country hotel, where you can relax and have an aperitif on the splendid terrace before you'll have your host invites you to a lovely dinner.

In the afternoon we will take you to one of the oldest Aziendas in Tuscany where we have prepared an "**Olive Oil tasting**" Needless to say that all Olive oils are "**Extra Vergine**" and most of them are purely organic with many healing and therapeutical features. Have a bruschetta (toasted bread) with olive oil on it, close your eyes and you will feel the Tuscan genuinity.

Dinner at the country hotel with only the best traditional organic food & wine.

5. day

This day is dedicated to old traditions of Tuscany.

Let yourself be guided by your curiosity and follow the indications of your heart. Here in this mystical and ancient region of the etruscans you can easily pass from the coast to places of etruscan heritage, from the olivegroves to unspoiled terrain of the Butteri della Maremma (the cowboys of this region. This day offers a mixture of ancient civilizations, enduring local traditions and lush landscapes. You will see the Butteris on their maremman horses as they take you for a walk in an untouched nature up to a viewpoint that is spectacular - an experience and emotions you will never forget. If the weather is good we organize a lunch for you on top of the hill overlooking the whole region. Or we have lunch barbecue at the farmstay with typical organic food from the farm.

In the afternoon we will visit nearby the archaeological area of Roselle, the ruins of the Etruscan-Roman city – VI century B.C. Situated on an almost elliptical rise, it includes two areas of high ground separated by a valley that constitutes the heart of the archeological area. The elevated position permitted control over what is today the Grosseto plain, but in ancient times was a system of lagoons extending from Roselle to Vetulonia. You will see the historic evolution of the city from the onset of urbanization (VII century B.C.) until the Middle Ages through the study of its monuments.

Dinner at the country hotel at 8.00 pm

6. day

Today we will finish our wine and nature tour with a visit to two wineries which are famous, not only for their architecture, but also for their excellent wines.

In the morning we will visit a new Wine Estate that is situated in the Monteregio zone, a wineproducing district of extremely long standing which, however, only gained D.O.C. status relatively recently. The zone itself constitutes a highly distinctive terroir between the shoreline and the local hills, with their rich metal deposits. The area is bathed by the sun's rays all the way from Montalcino to Bolgheri (by the sea), thus providing the vines and grapes with ideal light. The pedo-climatic conditions are, therefore, perfect for obtaining exciting wines. Winetour and Winetasting and visit

Lunch at a typical Maremman Trattoria

In the afternoon we will take a tour to a spectacular vinery, an italian/french cooperation, designed by Prize-Winning Architect, *Renzo Piano*, known for his high-tech buildings. Renzo Piano is originally from Genoa, Italy, and he designed *Il Grande Bigo* for Genoa's *Columbus International Exposition*. An elegant combination between modern architecture and classical viticulture. This vinery will leave you breathless with it`s beauty.

7. day

Breakfast

Typical Tuscan farewell gift from your host

Departure with the bus to your airport

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Customer Feedback:

We really appreciated this wonderful tour. To see not only the stunning nature of Southern Tuscany which is relatively unknown in the States, whilst enjoying ourselves in beautiful wineries and enotecas, but we experienced a once in a lifetime moment with a magnificent producer of organic wines whose expertise made us learn so much about wine and olive oil making. Thanks to our tour guides, so friendly and professional. We are looking forward to do other tours with Maremmaevents!!!

Pete Dorsey, Boca Raton, Florida, USA

Prices:

This is a sample itinerary. This tour is calculated for 8 (single people) and 16 people (8 couples)

Price per person, included VAT (8 people)

Price per person included VAT (16 people)

The price includes:

- Transportation from and to airport
- Bus transfers throughout the trip
- Bottle of Wine in your room
- 7 nights stay at the country hotel with all breakfasts and 3 dinners
- All professional wine tasting presentations
- lunch in Montalcino, Massa Marittima, San Gimignano dinner in Castiglione della Pescaia
- all entrances to natural parks, lunches and carriage tour
- your private guide throughout the trip, all private guided tours
- all excursions

excluded: flights, airport taxes and wine

meals and drinks not specified

Personal expenses such as telephone and minibar

Travel insurance and caution insurance (strongly recommended)

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