



Tuscany Village Stay

Sep 2025

Mon 01 Sep

FLORENCE - VICOPISANO

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Arrive in Florence today where you are met and transferred to the Tuscan village where we will be based for the next week. **Vicopisano** is perfectly located just 15 km from Pisa and 50 km from Florence. In medieval times it was a flourishing fortified town with a castle built by Brunelleschi in 1434 – today it is a lovely little village with a great choice of restaurants and bars, and best of all is very untouristy! It's an easy walk down a handsome tree-line avenue to the village square - a place we will frequent often to soak up the local atmosphere, sit outside sipping refreshments, and dining out at tasty local restaurants. Aperitivo and welcome dinner tonight.

Accommodation: Villa Lenzi, Vicopisano - 6 nights

Tue 02 Sep

CALCI MONASTERY & COOKING CLASS

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After breakfast we travel to **Calci** for a special tour of the **monastery**. The complex was built in 1366 at the base of Mt Pisano and is known as one of the greatest architectural accomplishments of Tuscany. A guardian will guide us through the complex where we'll learn about the most important aspects of the monks' lives.

In the afternoon, pull on an apron and roll up your sleeves to engage in an enjoyable **Tuscan cooking session** with Daniella in her homely kitchen. Afterwards, relax and relish a classic meal that you've contributed to creating.

Wed 03 Sep

PISA & LUCCA

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Early this morning we take a short drive to the popular town of **Pisa** where we will have a walking tour and view the **Leaning Tower** and impressive neighbouring **Cathedral** before the ship crowds arrive. If

you're feeling energetic, you can climb up the steep marble steps inside the tower and take in the sweeping city views from the top – well worth the effort. A walk through the historic city centre and along the river will make you wonder why people don't spend more time here!

Later we explore **Lucca** – winding our way through the cobbled streets of this beautiful city known for the well-preserved Renaissance walls encircling its historic centre. A broad tree-lined pathway runs along the top of the massive 16th- and 17th-century ramparts and is popular for walking and cycling (you'll have time to walk right around or hire a bike). Or you might prefer to enjoy a refreshment as you people-watch from one of the many outdoor bars lining the iconic squares and/or do some retail therapy – the shopping is very good here.

Thu 04 Sep

TRUFFLE HUNTING

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This morning you will go hunting for the mysterious truffle. Together with a master truffle dog and guide, venture into the woods of **Savaia** following the dog on an exciting ramble. After this exertion, you will no doubt be ready for a delicious lunch topped with our freshly dug truffle and washed down with a selection of wines from the area.

Free afternoon to relax around the pool or explore the village.

Fri 05 Sep

VOLTERRA & VINEYARD LUNCH

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This morning, we set off for a day-out in the countryside. Along the way, visit the **Teatro del Silenzio** near Lajatico, the hometown of **Andrea Bocelli**. This open-air amphitheatre is surrounded by typical Tuscan scenery and a wonderful setting for outdoor concerts. Enjoy a leisurely lunch accompanied by wine from the surrounding vines at a **Tuscan vineyard**. Later, visit the walled town of **Volterra** and admire the Roman, Etruscan and medieval structures, along with the fabulous **Palazzo dei Priori** with its medieval frescoes and impressive bell tower. Explore the extraordinary **Palazzo of the Viti family** where you'll come face-to-face with unique sculptures and art. Free time to wander the cobbled lanes, shop for alabaster or just sit and enjoy a coffee or aperitif.

Sat 06 Sep

MEDIEVAL FESTIVAL

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Free day to relax at the villa, laze by the pool, or take a walk into the village which has been transformed into a **medieval wonderland**. This evening we are special guests at the **Castle**. Following a parade of Lords, Ladies and Flag throwers, we wind our way up to the 14th century castle and are seated at long tables under the stars. A sumptuous medieval feast is served by the village waifs and maids, and between courses we are entertained by a variety of artists. A truly unforgettable experience!

Sun 07 Sep

END VICOPISANO

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Sadly our adventure comes to an end this morning. Let us know where you will be departing from and we can advise transfer cost. Options could be Pisa Airport, Florence Airport, or you might be taking a train somewhere – the nearest station is Pontedera.

Date

Departs Florence – 01 Sep 2025

Ends Vicopisano - 07 Sep 2025

Price

NZ\$5,590 per person twin share

NZ\$6,630 single

If you are travelling solo and would like to twin share, let us know and we'll find you a room-mate (subject to availability)

Includes

- Arrival transfer from Florence
- Transportation by minivan
- 6 nights accommodation
- Meals as specified (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner)
- Sightseeing entry and local guides as specified
- Truffle Hunt and speciality lunch
- Medieval Festival and speciality dinner
- Tuscan cooking lesson and dinner
- Escorted by Marie from Roam Travel Adventures (minimum 6 guests)

Excludes

- Airfares
- Travel Insurance
- Personal spending
- Refreshments & any meals not included
- Optional tours

Group Size

Minimum 6, maximum 10

Important Notes

Daily itinerary may change due to availability or local conditions. Price is subject to change until confirmed and paid in full. \$700 non-refundable deposit is required to secure your place. Travel Insurance is compulsory and should be taken out at the time of booking to cover you for cancellation leading up to the tour, and to cover you whilst you are travelling in Europe.

Add-ons

Let us know if you would like to add on a few days in Florence, or somewhere else in Italy, or perhaps you'd like to join us in Croatia for the small ship cycling cruise.

