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## Exclusive Experiences

*A collection of places, encounters and experiences, thoughtfully curated to reveal the many souls of Tuscany and the Italian Riviera.*

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*“The art of living lies in the beauty of unhurried moments.”*

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# Flavours of Tuscany

*A land where every season finds its expression on the table.*


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# The Culinary Masterclass

Cooking is one of the most intimate ways to discover a place. At Il Bottaccio, our culinary masterclass invites you to experience Tuscany through its flavours, its seasons, and the quiet rituals of its kitchen.

Join two of our chefs in the serene setting of our dedicated Cooking School for a private, hands-on journey into the region's culinary traditions. Over the course of three unhurried hours, you will work with the finest seasonal ingredients, preparing a selection of dishes inspired by the time of year and guided by the knowledge and passion of our culinary team.

The experience concludes with a leisurely lunch featuring the dishes you have created, accompanied by a carefully chosen bottle of wine.

Each masterclass is private and tailor-made, crafted around the interests and pace of every guest, offering an intimate and authentic encounter with the art of Tuscan living.

*Begins at 11.30 am · Approximately three hours · A private culinary experience including lunch and wine*



# Wine Journeys at Il Bottaccio

Wine is one of Tuscany's most eloquent expressions of place. Through our curated tastings, we invite you to discover landscapes, traditions, and stories, one glass at a time.

Each tasting is intentionally intimate and designed to be savoured at a leisurely pace, offering a journey through Italy's most celebrated wine landscapes and an invitation to discover the art of living through the pleasures of the table.

## ROAD 222

*A journey along Tuscany's ancient wine road*

Follow the legendary route that winds through the heart of Chianti and discover four wines that embody the spirit of this celebrated land. From the delicate freshness of Vernaccia di San Gimignano to the depth and character of a Super Tuscan, each tasting reveals a different expression of Tuscany's rich winemaking heritage.

**A curated selection of four wines:**

- Vernaccia di San Gimignano DOCG
- Chianti Classico DOCG
- Chianti Classico Riserva DOCG
- Super Tuscan IGT

## SORSI D'ITALIA

*A journey through six Italian regions*

Travel across Italy's most iconic wine territories through a carefully chosen selection that celebrates the country's remarkable diversity. From the elegant bubbles of Franciacorta to the sweet, lingering notes of Vin Santo, each glass offers a glimpse into the character and traditions of its homeland.

**A curated selection of six wines:**

- Franciacorta Brut, Lombardy
- Vermentino di Luni, Liguria
- Barbera d'Alba, Piedmont
- Primitivo di Manduria, Puglia
- Nero d'Avola, Sicily
- Vin Santo, Tuscany



# Ornellaia – Estate Visit & Wine Tasting

Some wines express a terroir; others define it. Nestled near the picturesque village of Bolgheri, on Tuscany's unspoilt coast, Ornellaia has become one of Italy's most celebrated wine estates, renowned worldwide for its iconic Super Tuscan wines and its deep connection to the surrounding landscape.

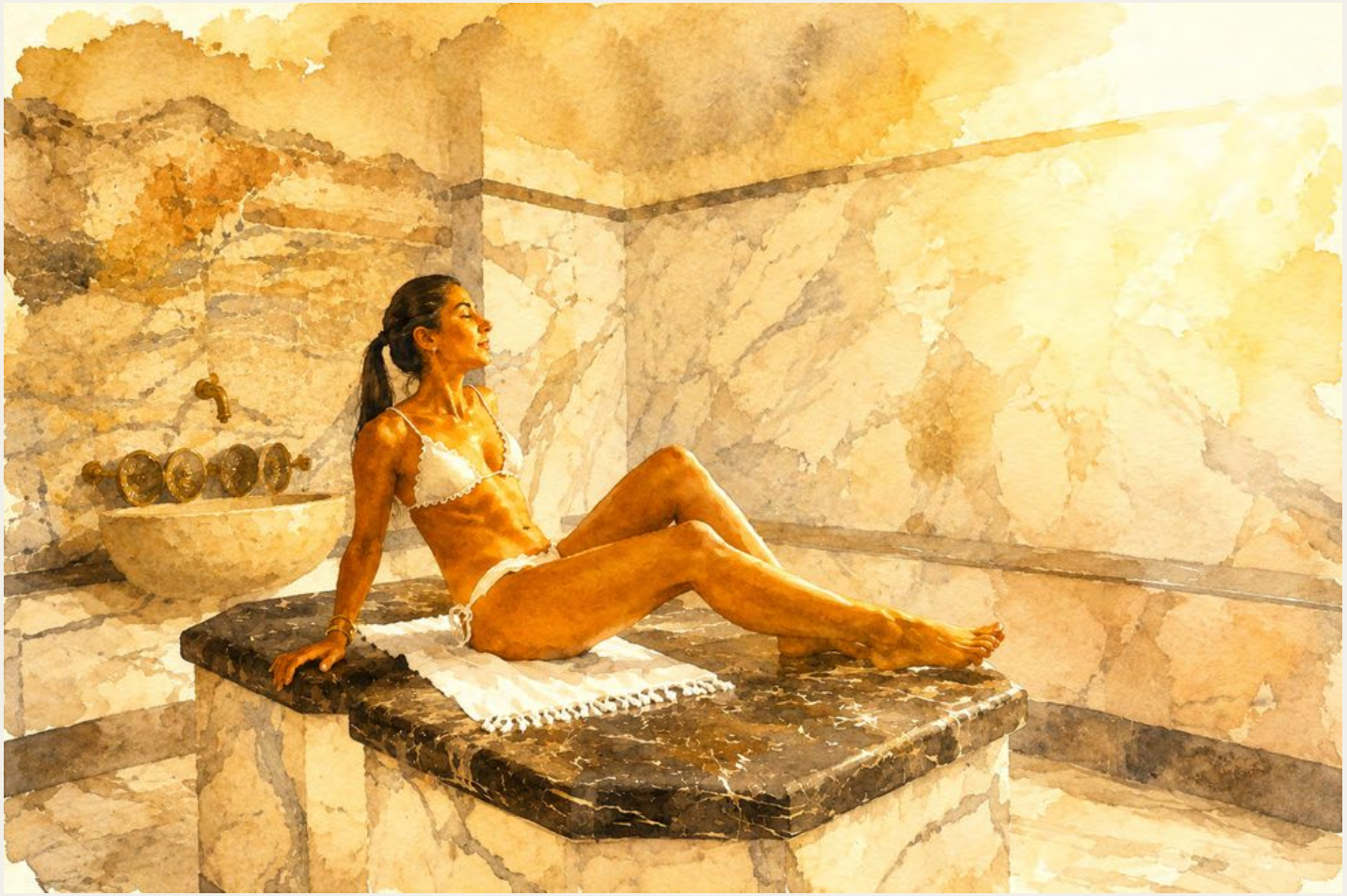
This private experience invites guests to discover the estate through its vineyards and state-of-the-art winery, gaining an intimate insight into the philosophy and craftsmanship behind each vintage. The journey concludes with a guided tasting of Ornellaia's wines, with the opportunity to sample the estate's extra-virgin olive oil and Grappa Riserva.

A journey into the heart of Bolgheri, where exceptional wines, coastal landscapes and the art of Tuscan hospitality come together in perfect harmony.

*Shared estate visit and guided tasting*

# Wellbeing & Nature

*Moments of stillness beneath the Tuscan sky.*



# Otzium Wellness Spa

Wellbeing begins with a pause. In our Otzium Spa, time slows and the gentle rhythm of nature invites moments of stillness, renewal and reconnection.

Our Spa is a place devoted to balance, where restorative treatments and quiet rituals unfold in an atmosphere of serenity. Beyond the treatment rooms, the garden becomes an extension of this experience, offering spaces for relaxation and mindful movement, including an open-air gym immersed in nature.

Whether through a massage, a moment of contemplation or exercise beneath the Tuscan sky, Otzium offers an opportunity to rediscover the simple pleasure of feeling well.

A place to retreat, restore and savour the luxury of time.



# Forte dei Marmi

Forte dei Marmi has long been a cherished seaside destination, where understated elegance and the art of living by the sea come together in perfect harmony. Framed by the Apuan Alps and the Tyrrhenian Sea, this refined coastal town is celebrated for its golden beaches, elegant boutiques and relaxed, sophisticated atmosphere.

Stroll through its lively piazzas, discover artisan shops and hidden galleries, or simply embrace the gentle rhythm that has drawn artists, writers and discerning travellers here for generations. From sun-drenched mornings by the sea to leisurely aperitivi at sunset, Forte dei Marmi invites guests to savour the timeless pleasures of the Tuscan coast.

To allow guests to experience the destination at their own pace, Il Bottaccio offers a complimentary shuttle service to the beach clubs and the historic centre of Forte dei Marmi, creating a seamless connection between the vibrant spirit of the coast and the quiet intimacy of this exceptional eight-suite residence.



# Golf in Versilia

Golf invites us to slow down and savour the beauty of the landscape, where every round unfolds at its own gentle rhythm. Just ten minutes from Il Bottaccio, the 18-hole Versilia Golf Club offers an elegant setting between the sea and the majestic Apuan Alps.

Designed to challenge experienced players while remaining enjoyable for all, the course unfolds across open fairways and peaceful surroundings, creating an atmosphere of both recreation and tranquillity. Here, the pleasures of the game are accompanied by the ever-changing light of the Tuscan sky and the beauty of the natural landscape.

Whether played in the soft light of the morning or during a leisurely afternoon, a round in Versilia is a celebration of open spaces, fresh air and the quiet pleasures of time spent outdoors.



# Horse Trekking

Few experiences offer such a profound connection with nature as discovering Tuscany on horseback. Following ancient trails and quiet country paths, horse trekking invites guests to explore the landscape at a gentle pace, where every turn reveals a new perspective of the surrounding hills, olive groves and distant sea.

Guided by experienced instructors and suitable for both beginners and experienced riders, each excursion becomes an opportunity to immerse yourself in the authentic beauty of the region. The rhythm of the horse, the scent of Mediterranean vegetation and the ever-changing light of the Tuscan countryside create a sense of freedom and serenity that is both invigorating and deeply restorative.

Whether enjoyed as a peaceful ride through nature or a more adventurous exploration of the countryside, horse trekking reveals Tuscany from a different perspective, where the rhythm of the horse and the beauty of the landscape become one.

*Suitable for all levels*

# Art & Culture

*A landscape shaped by beauty and human creativity.*



# Pietrasanta Art Experience

Some places inspire art; others become part of its creation. Pietrasanta is one of them. Long cherished by artists such as Henry Moore, Fernando Botero and Isamu Noguchi, this elegant town has become one of the world's most important centres for contemporary sculpture.  Guided by an art expert, discover the artistic soul of Pietrasanta through its historic squares, churches, exhibitions and the renowned Museo dei Bozzetti, before stepping behind the scenes into the studios of internationally acclaimed artists and master artisans.

Meet the creators in their working environments, gain an intimate understanding of their creative process and, if you wish, try your hand at marble carving yourself. The experience concludes with a coffee or aperitivo shared among the artworks and the artists who bring them to life.
Each journey is private and tailor-made, offering a rare and personal immersion into one of Tuscany's most extraordinary cultural landscapes.

**Artist Studios Aperitif**
As the day draws to a close, enjoy an intimate aperitivo among the artists' studios at Tre Luci. Meet the creators, discover their latest works and share a glass of wine and local delicacies in an atmosphere of conversation and inspiration. A unique opportunity to experience the creative spirit of Pietrasanta from within.

*Approximately 1½ hours · Private experience*



# Bronze Casting Experience

In Pietrasanta, sculpture is more than an art form, it is a living tradition. This exclusive experience offers rare access inside a family-run bronze foundry, where some of the world's most celebrated contemporary sculptures have taken shape.

Guided through two production sites, guests follow the remarkable journey of a bronze sculpture, from mould-making and casting to finishing and patination, discovering the extraordinary craftsmanship behind each work.

Meet the artisans, hear personal insights from a third-generation foundry artist, and step behind the scenes of one of Italy's most discreet and fascinating artistic worlds.

A unique immersion into the creative heart of Pietrasanta and the timeless art of bronze casting.

*Private experience*



# An Evening with the Artist at Villa Casone d'Arte

Some places possess a rare and inspiring sense of beauty. Hidden within the UNESCO protected Apuan Alps, Villa Casone d'Arte is one such place, a historic estate where art, nature and creativity exist in perfect harmony.

This exclusive experience invites guests to spend an intimate evening in the company of an artist, exploring a remarkable private villa and its artistic world. Wander through inspiring spaces, discover the stories behind the works, and enjoy meaningful conversation in an atmosphere of elegance and tranquillity.

As the sun sets over the Tuscan hills, an aperitivo shared with the artist transforms the evening into a memorable encounter—an invitation to experience art not as an observer, but as a guest within a living creative sanctuary.

*Begins at 5.00 pm · Approximately 2–2½ hours · Private transfer, guided visit and aperitivo on the terrace included*



# Pisa: the city of the Leaning Tower

Beyond its iconic leaning tower, Pisa reveals a rich tapestry of history, art and elegant architecture. Stroll through its lively streets and discover a city shaped by centuries of maritime power, where Romanesque churches, noble palaces and hidden squares tell the story of one of Tuscany's great cultural capitals.

From the splendour of Piazza dei Miracoli to the quiet beauty along the banks of the Arno, Pisa invites visitors to experience a more authentic and intimate side of Tuscany, where history and everyday life unfold in perfect harmony.



# Lucca & Villa Reale di Marlia

Encircled by Renaissance walls and filled with timeless charm, Lucca is a city to be discovered at a gentle pace.Wander through its cobbled streets, elegant piazzas and hidden churches, where every corner reveals a sense of beauty and tranquillity.

Just beyond the city lies the magnificent Villa Reale di Marlia, one of Tuscany's most enchanting historic estates. Surrounded by extraordinary gardens, ancient camellias and shaded avenues, the villa offers a journey into the refined world of Tuscan nobility and the art of landscape design.

Together, Lucca and Villa Reale invite guests to experience a quieter and more graceful side of Tuscany, where history, nature and elegance come together in perfect balance.



# Florence, a timeless renaissance experience

Florence is a city that needs no introduction—a place where art, beauty and human ingenuity have shaped the course of history. The birthplace of the Renaissance, it remains an endless source of inspiration, where masterpieces, magnificent palaces and timeless architecture accompany every step.

Discover its celebrated museums and churches, wander through artisan workshops and lively piazzas, or simply pause to admire the changing light upon the Arno. In Florence, every street and every stone tells a story, inviting visitors to immerse themselves in one of the world's most extraordinary cultural landscapes.

A day in Florence is an encounter with beauty in its purest expression and an invitation to experience the enduring spirit of Tuscany.

# Sea & Discovery

*Where marble mountains descend towards the Mediterranean.*



# Carrara Marble Quarries

There are landscapes shaped by nature, and others shaped by human ingenuity. The marble quarries of Carrara are both. For centuries, these dazzling white mountains have yielded the stone that inspired artists and architects from Michelangelo to the present day, becoming one of the world's most extraordinary places of creation.

This immersive experience leads guests deep into the heart of the Apuan Alps, along winding roads, tunnels and ancient quarry routes, revealing the three historic marble basins of Colonnata, Miseglia and Torano.

Discover the history, traditions and craftsmanship behind this remarkable landscape, where immense blocks of marble emerge from the mountains in a setting of striking beauty and timeless fascination.

A journey into the living heart of Carrara, where nature, art and human endeavour have been intertwined for centuries.

*Morning or afternoon departures · Approximately three hours · Transfers and a tasting of the well-known Lardo di Colonnata included*



# Cinque Terre

Where the land meets the sea in a dramatic embrace, the Cinque Terre reveal one of Italy's most enchanting landscapes. Perched on rugged cliffs and surrounded by terraced vineyards, the five colourful villages seem suspended between sky and water, offering a timeless beauty that has captivated travellers for generations.

Explore the charming harbours and narrow lanes of Monterosso al Mare, Vernazza, Corniglia, Manarola and Riomaggiore, or discover the timeless charm of Portovenere and the Gulf of Poets by land or by sea.

A journey through the Cinque Terre is an invitation to slow down, savour the beauty of the Mediterranean and experience one of Italy's most treasured coastal landscapes.

*Morning departure from 9.00 to 9.30 am · Full-day private experience · Private car, driver and guide included.*



# Cinque Terre by Private Yacht

The most beautiful way to discover the Cinque Terre is from the sea. Aboard a private yacht, sail across the Gulf of Poets and along one of Italy's most spectacular coastlines, where colourful villages, terraced vineyards and dramatic cliffs rise directly from the Mediterranean.

Cruise past the timeless beauty of Portovenere and the five iconic villages of Monterosso, Vernazza, Corniglia, Manarola and Riomaggiore, enjoying privileged views accessible only from the water. Along the way, stop for a swim in crystal-clear coves, explore charming harbours at your leisure and savour the simple pleasures of life on board.

A day at sea that captures the essence of the Italian Riviera—unhurried, unforgettable and imbued with the timeless beauty of the Mediterranean.

*Departure at 9.00 am · Up to six guests · Transfers included · Towels, snorkelling equipment, light refreshments, wine and Prosecco on board.*



# Gulf of Poets – Private Boat Tour & Seafood Tasting

The Gulf of Poets has long inspired writers, artists and travellers with its quiet beauty and timeless charm. Aboard a private boat, discover this enchanting stretch of coastline where colourful fishing villages, hidden coves and dramatic cliffs meet the shimmering waters of the Ligurian Sea.

Cruise past the picturesque villages of Fezzano, Cadimare, Le Grazie, Portovenere and Lerici, with time to swim, snorkel and savour the gentle rhythm of life at sea.

The experience continues with an exclusive visit to local mussel and oyster farms, offering a fascinating insight into the traditions of marine cultivation that have shaped this coastline for generations. The journey concludes with a tasting of freshly harvested mussels and oysters, perfectly paired with a glass of local Vermentino wine.

An authentic encounter with the sea, where nature, tradition and the pleasures of the table come together in one of Italy's most captivating coastal landscapes.

*A half-day experience · Approximately four hours · Up to four guests · Transfers included*

# Music & Festivals

*Summer evenings where music meets the Tuscan night.*

# Puccini Festival – Torre del Lago

On the shores of Lake Massaciuccoli, in the village where Giacomo Puccini chose to live and compose, music returns each summer to the open air. The Gran Teatro all'Aperto stands beside the water, a few steps from the villa where the composer wrote some of his most beloved operas, and for one season every year the stage, the lake and the sunset become part of the same performance.

Now in its seventy-third edition, the festival opens on 9 July with La rondine, celebrating one hundred and ten years since the opera's premiere, and continues through the summer with the great Puccini repertoire:

La rondine · 9 July and 22 August
Turandot · 10, 23 and 31 July · 13 and 28 August
Tosca · 16 and 24 July · 6 and 21 August
Madama Butterfly · 30 July · 8 and 20 August
La bohème · 7, 14 and 27 August
Il Trittico (Il tabarro, Suor Angelica, Gianni Schicchi) · 25 July and 29 August

Two concert evenings complete the season: Omaggio alla lirica italiana on 11 July, a journey through the most celebrated Italian composers, and Roberto Alagna in concert on 17 July, dedicated to Italian melodies and the Neapolitan tradition.

*Gran Teatro all'Aperto Giacomo Puccini, Torre del Lago · 9 July – 29 August 2027 · Tickets and private transfers arranged by our concierge*

# Lucca Summer Festival

Every July, the Renaissance walls of Lucca embrace one of Europe's most celebrated open-air music festivals. Since 1998, Piazza Napoleone has welcomed the great names of international music, with the façades of the old city as a backdrop and the summer night as the setting.

The 2027 edition brings an exceptional line-up to the heart of the city:

Mariah Carey · 11 July
Muse · 17 July
Santana · 18 July
Take That · 20 July
Simply Red · 30 July

An evening in Lucca unfolds at its own gentle pace: a stroll along the tree-lined walls, an aperitivo in one of the city's piazzas, and then the concert beneath the stars, in a setting that no stage could ever recreate.

*Piazza Napoleone, Lucca · 11 – 30 July 2027 · Tickets and transfers arranged by our concierge*

# Andrea Bocelli at the Teatro del Silenzio

Among the rolling hills of Lajatico, where Andrea Bocelli was born, lies a theatre that comes to life for only one or two evenings each summer. The Teatro del Silenzio is a natural amphitheatre set into the Tuscan countryside, with a small lake as its stage and the hills of the Valdera as its scenery. For the rest of the year, it belongs to silence.

On 22 July, as the sun sets behind the hills, Andrea Bocelli returns to his home stage for his annual concert, accompanied by orchestra, choir and special guests, in an evening that unites opera, popular song and the extraordinary beauty of the landscape.

A concert at the Teatro del Silenzio is more than a performance: it is one of the most sought-after evenings of the Tuscan summer, where music and landscape become one.

*Teatro del Silenzio, Lajatico · 22 July 2027 · Tickets and transfers arranged by our concierge*

# The Journey Continues

*Every stay at Il Bottaccio is shaped around the rhythm and wishes of each guest. Our concierge team will be delighted to curate these experiences and create moments that linger long after your return home.*


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