



## DISCOVERY TUSCIA

### DAY 1

Arrival in Viterbo, check in the hotel. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

### DAY 2

#### TARQUINIA AND TUSCANIA

Full day dedicated to a fascinating itinerary in Tuscia. Visit of Tarquinia, a splendid city that has always been the emblem of the Etruscan civilization, of which it was one of the most important centers. Visit of the Necropolis of Monterozzi of Tarquinia, a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 2004, is the ultimate example of Etruscan funerary painting, with chamber tombs with pictorial decorations, some of rare beauty, ranging from the sixth to the second century B.C. ( Tomb of the Leopards, of the Hunt and of the Peach, of the hunter the most important ). The Etruscans were the only civilization present in Italy before the ancient Romans. They were a rich, powerful, skillful people, and disappeared only when Rome began its slow and inexorable advance. Entrance to the National Museum which collects precious



archaeological finds from the area, set up in the 16th century Palazzo Vitelleschi, an authentic Gothic-Renaissance architectural masterpiece, funerary objects, sarcophagi and terracotta pieces including the sculpture of the Winged Horses. Lunch in typical Restaurant. Following will be the turn of Tuscania, an enchanting town immersed in the greenery of the Maremma countryside, with the historic center full of

churches, fountains and palaces reminiscent of the medieval and Renaissance periods. Visit of the ancient basilicas of S. Pietro and S. Maria Maggiore, masterpieces of Romanesque art. Dinner at the hotel, Overnight

### DAY 3

#### CAPRAROLA AND SUTRI

Breakfast in hotel, departure for the village of CAPRAROLA and visit of Palazzo Farnese. Among the most monumental and intact examples of mannerist villas in Italy, the palace (begun by Antonio da Sangallo the Younger as a fortress for the future Pope Paul III and transformed by Vignola into the summer residence of Cardinal Alessandro Farnese) is the emblem of this powerful family originally from Upper Lazio. The structure, articulated on several floors, consists of 365 rooms. A spectacular spiral staircase leads to the noble floor frescoed by the most famous painters of the time. The external estate, with an extension of about 19 hectares, includes the Secret Gardens



and the Monumental Park, characterized by fountains, sculptures and water games, at the top of which stands the Casina del Piacere, a place of maximum concentration but also delightful setting for parties and summer banquets. Lunch in a typical restaurant. Beyond the forest of the Cimini mountains and the picturesque and volcanic Lake Vico we will visit the village of Sutri, a place full of charm and hidden jewels, dug into the living rock. Visit of the regional park of the ancient city of Sutri, not just outside the medieval village, with the Amphitheater entirely carved into the rock. The most recent studies date back to the construction of the Amphitheaters at the end of the century, I.C., full Augustan age. It is believed that the Sutri Amphitheater was

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built after that of Pompeii, the latter was the first stabel amphitheater in the Roman world, and it could hold about 5000 spectators. Another monument of great appeal of the regional Park of Sutri is the underground Church dedicated from the 18th century to the Madonna del Parto, the Church was built by excavating the tuff mass of the same hill where the Amphitheater was built. Return to the Hotel in Viterbo, dinner and overnight .

#### DAY 4

##### CIVITA DI BAGNOREGIO AND VITERBO

Breakfast in Hotel, departure for the "dying city" CIVITA DI BAGNOREGIO for the guided tour of the town. Home of the Franciscan philosopher San Bonaventura, it is a place of absolute fascination in which the history of millennia overlaps with a very particular geomorphological situation. Thinned through the centuries by an



unstoppable erosive phenomenon, the rock of Civita is today a spectacular tufa island floating



on a sea of unstable clayey gullies. The only access to the tiny and picturesque village of only 8 inhabitants is an imposing pedestrian bridge inaugurated in 1965.

Lunch in typical Restaurant . In the early afternoon in Viterbo, meeting with the guide and visit of the "City of the Popes" which preserves a rich historical and artistic heritage and a still intact medieval quarter,

among the most beautiful in Europe: the Palace of the Popes, the Cathedral and the splendid Piazza S. Lorenzo with its ancient buildings, the original profferli with the typical layout of the XII-XIII century. Due to its peculiarity, this neighborhood continues to be chosen as a set for many films .

#### DAY 5

##### BAGNAIA AND BOMARZO

Breakfast in Hotel and check out ! Departure for the guided tour of Villa Lante in Bagnaia, which was for a long time the holiday resort of noble lords and important prelates. Villa Lante is a true jewel of mannerist architecture, famous for its Italian gardens, splendid buildings and numerous fountains and water games, commissions by cardinal Giovanni Francesco Gambara on a design by Vignola.



Continuation to Bomarzo and guided tour of the Parco dei Mostri, a unique complex in the world with its peculiarity and preserves a series of imaginative and grotesque sculptures perfectly integrated in the nature of the forest. : the Wood of the Villa delle Meraviglie in Bomarzo,



known as the wood of monsters, wanted by Prince Pier Francesco Orsini in 1552 for his amusement and today an authentic open-air museum as well as jewel of mannerist art.

Bye-Bye !!

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