

Tuscany, Volterra and San Gimignano

historical cradle for contemporary art

3 Days - 2 nights

MIN. 2 PEOPLE

Price per person from 340,00 Euro

Not only Medieval Towers and Etruscan Urns: discover the richness of the artistic avant-garde outside the beaten historical paths and lose yourself into the compelling world of the modern and contemporary art.

When modern art gives new life to the ancient heritage...



1° Day

-Arrival in Volterra in the afternoon
Guided tour of the city center with a look at the historical highlights and one at the contemporary Volterra: Palazzo dei Priori with art pieces by Consortini and Trafeli, the Mino Rosi's collection at the Santa Maria Maddalena exhibition center, Kalpa art allery in via Porta all'Arco, one of the most ancient streets in town and finally the art studio Colpa del Vento.

You will visit the Etruscan Museum Guarnacci with the Evening Shadow, the Etruscan bronze that inspired Alberto Giacometti so distant in time but also so near in terms of expressive strength, showing the close connection between ancient and modern arts and the great fascination of ancient history on the exponents of the avant-garde movements.

Volterra, is also alabaster: the Etruscans first began mining and carving alabaster and this translucent stone is still masterfully crafted today in the hilltop town of Volterra as you will see by visiting the workshops of Paolo Sabatini and Alessandro Marzetti

-Dinner and overnight stay in Volterra

2° Day

- Morning

Self-guided tour to have a look at the Mural by Nico Lopez in memory of Aulo Grandoli known as the "Pupo", one of the most representative alabaster artists of Volterra; the Consortini's house Museum with a huge collection of his bronzes and sculptures in wood and stone just in front of the beautiful church of San Giusto. Before entering the SS 68 road towards San Gimignano, make a stop at "Guernico" the second Mural by Nico Lopez, a free reinterpretation of Picasso's Guernica. Along the road don't miss the cyclopic artworks by Mauro Staccioli, geometric installations boldly integrated into landscape (Anello, Ellisse, Al bimbo che non vide crescere il bosco/To the child who didn't see the wood grow, Indicatore).

-Light lunch between Volterra and San Gimignano

-Afternoon

Arrival in San Gimignano, the medieval Manhattan that combines tradition and modernity. Guided tour of the city center (Piazza della Cisterna, City Hall, Art Gallery, Torre Grossa, Piazza delle Erbe, Cathedral, Gallery of Modern and Contemporary Art) with focus on historical corners where contemporary art finds its exaltation.

At the Rocca of Montestaffoli you will see the "Equilibrio compresso" by Eliseo Mattiacci where the austere, vertical structure of the towers make a contrast with the light, horizontal installation and emphasizes a sense of precariousness and vertigo. Not to be missed in the same location "Yellow girl" by Kiki Smith, the "Meridiana" by Giulio Paolini and Anish Kapoor's "Underground" both in Piazza Sant'Agostino and "Chair in front of the door" by Joseph Kosuth in Piazza del Bagolaro.

-Dinner and overnight stay in San Gimignano

3° Day

- Modern and contemporary art (painting and sculpture) are nowadays an essential part of San Gimignano: many fine art galleries make of San Gimignano an international melting pot of artistic avant-garde from Beijing to Cuba from France to all of Italy.

In the morning self-guided visit to the art galleries of the city centre: Galleria Continua, Galleria Gagliardi and Nous Art Gallery

- Light lunch in San Gimignano and departure



This itinerary can also be organized in the opposite direction: with arrival in San Gimignano and departure from Volterra.

The price includes:

- guided tour of Volterra HD
- Volterra card (Etruscan Museum, Art Gallery, Alabaster EcoMuseum, Palazzo dei Priori, Etruscan Acropolis, Roman Cistern and Roman Theater)
- visit to an alabaster workshop with demonstration
- San Gimignano Pass wich includes the Civic Museums + the Collegiate Church of San Gimignano with the adjoining Museums (City Hall, Art Gallery, Torre Grossa, Archaeological Museum, Spezieria di Santa Fina, Gallery of Modern and Contemporary Art, Church of San Lorenzo in Ponte, Cathedral and Museum of Sacred Art)
- Guided tour of San Gimignano HD
- 2 dinners in a typical restaurant (appetizer + first or second course with sidedish)
- 2 light-lunches
- 2 nights in a 3 star hotel

The price does not include:

city tax, transfer, parking in Volterra and San Gimignano, drinks at meals and all that is not specified in "The price includes"



Info e Booking

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