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Oil and Truffles Luxury Tour

FULL DAY



Your English speaking chauffeur will meet you at your hotel's reception after breakfast. Your day will begin with a lovely drive, enjoying the idyllic rolling hills, medieval towns and cypress lined roads. You'll reach the medieval village of **Montisi** which earliest reliable documents date back to the 12th century, when Montisi was a castle belonging to the Counts of the Scialenga, originally from Asciano. A relaxing pause in a local farmhouse for a delicious oil tasting, for appreciating the oil of these countries, a real treasure of delicacy. Lunch in a typical restaurant will allow you to test all the intense flavors of **Crete Senesi**

Visit of **Abbey of Monte Oliveto Maggiore**, about 2 kilometers outside the town of Asciano is the church of the monastery founded in 1300 by Olivetani. Interesting is the Chorus inlaid by Fra' Giovanni da Verona. In the monastery's library there are 40,000 precious books preserved. The Chemists contains an important collection of jars from the XVII century.

The excursion will continue with the visit of the **Castle of San Giovanni d'Asso** located at the top of a hill, overlooking the Asso River valley, this castle is probably to be included amongst the properties belonging to the Imperial Officers, however in the ancient times it was the seat of a rural Etruscan settlement. After visit you will test one of the most famous truffles in the world: the white truffle in a famous workshop of the village.



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9:30	Meeting with a guide in the hotel lobby, transfer to Montisi (about 118 km)
11:00	<p>Arriving to Montisi. Guided tour</p> <p>Montisi has ancient roots: in fact it arose in the Middle Ages on the site of an ancient Etruscan necropolis. In 1291, the Lord of Montisi Simon Cacciacconti degli Scialenga recaptured the village, destroying most homes and robbing all the farms. But when he died in 1295, left most of his possessions to the Spedale di Santa Maria della Scala, who built a grange.</p> <p>At the end of the 14th century, Montisi became an independent comune and so remained until 1777, when it became at the first a frazione of Trequanda, and, after various vicissitudes due to the water supply, of San Giovanni d'Asso.</p>
12:30	Lunch in a typical restaurant will allow you to test all the intense flavors of Crete Senesi
13:30	<p>Your personal chauffeur will drive you to the Abbey of Monte Oliveto Maggiore (15 km) founded in 1300 by Olivetani. Interesting is the Chorus inlaid by Fra' Giovanni da Verona.</p> <p>In the monastery's library there are 40,000 precious books preserved.</p> <p>The Chemists contains an important collection of jars from the XVII century.</p>
15:30	Transfer to the Castle of San Giovanni d'Asso (9 km)
15:45	<p>Visit to the beautiful Castle, probably to be included amongst the properties belonging to the Imperial Officers.</p> <p>In the ancient times it was the seat of a rural Etruscan settlement.</p>
16:15	<p>Tasting of White Truffles of Crete Senesi. The White Truffle of Crete Senesi is considered one of the most valuable Truffles in Italy.</p> <p>Of light color, white cream or ocher yellow, the White Truffle may be of regular shape, but more often it is angular and irregular; the peridium is smooth, often thick and tender.</p> <p>Inside, the pasta is compact, with a tendency to light color, from rosé to ocher, to hazelnut, has white, thin slices that give it a marbled look. The perfume can be more or less intense and complex, but always fragrant and penetrating.</p>
16:40	Transfer to Florence
18:10	Arriving to the hotel in Florence



PRICE ON REQUEST

Price includes:

- Luxury Limousine Service to and from Florence, Siena with English speaking Chauffeur (Mercedes/ Deluxe Minivan) for the full day
- Private Guide for the day
- Olive Oil and White Truffles Tasting
- Traditional Creta Senese Lunch
- Abbazia Entrance fees
- All Local Taxes

Price not includes:

- Everything not specified in the Price includes list.

Early booking of at least two days is advisable

The itinerary is indicative and might vary on the base of the hotel pick up area

Infant up to 3 years free of charge

From 3 to 8 - less 50%

From 8 to 12 - less 30%

Recommended Season: All Year

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