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THERE'S NOTHING ELSE LIKE IT UNDER THE TUSCAN SUN.

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If you have promised yourself a visit to Tuscany, make this year the time and IL Borgo the place.

EXPLORE ITALIAN ART AND HISTORY...
 SAVOUR TUSCAN COOKING AND CONVERSATION...
 STUDY PAINTING AND MORE...
ON A 7-DAY ALL-INCLUSIVE ARTS AND CULTURE VACATION.



ENJOY YOUR VIEW OF THE PEACEFUL
 MONTEPERTOLI VALLEY.

An extraordinary vacation awaits you at Il Borgo Di Villa Bossi Pucci in the spectacular Tuscan hills. Overlooking the famous Chianti Toscana wine-growing region, the resort and the centuries-old park that surrounds it have been a place of beauty and harmony since the Renaissance.

Tuscany's vineyards, olive groves and tall cypress trees provide a setting that delights the eye and raises the spirit. Medieval towns and villages, hilltop castles and ancient farmsteads dot the landscape and await your discovery in this temperate, welcoming climate.

Tuscany is the ideal starting point from which to explore Italy: artistic and architectural treasures of Florence, Siena, Lucca, Pisa and San Gimignano are all nearby and, as a guest of Il Borgo, you are transported to them in absolute comfort.

You will be tempted to spend your time at Il Borgo's Tuscany Arts Campus: here adults immerse themselves in the arts and skills that make Tuscan life so rewarding. It is a learning adventure enhanced by marvelous food, wine and company.

YOUR ALL-INCLUSIVE LEZIONI
 TOSCANE VACATION

Your stay at a Tuscan home for a memorable week includes...

- Seven nights' accommodation in a luxurious Tuscan residence elegantly furnished with large bedroom, private bathroom, living-room with fireplace, private terrace or patio.
- Daily fresh continental breakfast basket delivered to your residence, welcome and orientation drink on arrival day, Tuscan dinners, soft drinks, Chianti wine tasting, and a special dinner in a private medieval castle.
- Transportation for visits to Florence, Siena, Pisa, Lucca, San Gimignano, Certaldo and other points of interest, plus arrival and departure transfers.

EACH DAY IS DIFFERENT AS YOU DISCOVER MORE ABOUT THE WONDER AND BEAUTY OF TUSCANY.



During your stay at Il Borgo, your days will be filled with adventure and discovery. Not one day goes by without our guests having the option to visit the many places that make Tuscany the enchanting destination it is. Start out by familiarizing yourself with Il Borgo's closest village – Montagnana, so that you won't have any qualms about dropping by to visit the local grocery store or pizzeria during your stay. Then, once you've had a good night's rest, prepare to be swept away by a whirlwind of beauty and charm as you call Il Borgo your home for the next seven nights.

ITALIAN ART & HISTORY Sightsee the medieval towns of Chianti: San Gimignano and Certaldo, and Tuscany's alluring medieval jewel: Siena. Don't miss the ancient but extremely well-preserved town of Lucca, as well as more of Chianti's lesser-known but nevertheless beautiful towns of Greve, Volpaia, Castellina, and Montefioralle. And, of course... we'd never let you leave Tuscany without seeing the two spectacular cities of Pisa and Florence – whether it's your first, fifth, or tenth time here, these two dynamic and vivacious cities never cease to amaze visitors who come from all over the world to feel for themselves the magic that they embody.

SAVOUR TUSCAN COOKING Be prepared to be beyond well-fed when you arrive at Il Borgo. When you embark on the Lezioni Toscane program, we guarantee you won't be able to resist the culinary delights we have to offer! We provide you with two meals a day, and we don't spare any expense – from a fresh breakfast basket placed by your door every morning, to decadent 3-course dinners complimented by steaming espresso's and the best local wines, you'll be fully satisfied each and every time.

We're thrilled to share with you the best local eateries, which are often kept secret by the villagers and hidden away in the very hearts of the cities and towns you'll be visiting. Whether it's a trattoria or a pizzeria, whether you're feasting on a buffet of antipasti, or a big bowl of Spaghetti Bolognese, or simply enjoying a glass of the many fine wines from the Chianti region – we'll ensure that your taste buds will be showered with nothing but the best...

STUDY LEZIONI TOSCANE The goal of the Lezioni Toscane program is for our guests to really get a feel for Tuscany, and we help you do this in several ways... We show you the most beautiful places, we provide you with the tastes and smells of typical Tuscan foods and wines, and we enlighten you to the Tuscan culture through a series of lezioni that you will take part in. Classes are kept small and personalized, taught by men and women who have specialized in the specific subject, and they are held for a few hours a day at Il Borgo, in between visits and meals.

A VARIETY OF TOPICS ARE AVAILABLE FOR YOU TO CHOOSE FROM:

- Tuscan Art & History
- Photography & the Tuscan Panorama
- Ceramic Painting
- Tuscan Tradition of Watercolours
- Conversational Italian
- Tuscan Four-Season Cooking
- Chianti Wine Lessons

Whether you choose to focus on only one subject, or several, during your stay with us – you will find that when you return home, you'll have a better understanding of la Vita Toscana, as well as a more profound appreciation for Italian culture.

**Meals: Included in your stay are daily fresh continental breakfast baskets and dinners that include three Tuscan courses, local wine (Vino della Casa), water and Italian coffee (espresso). For lunches, we will provide you with our suggestions of selected trattorias featuring prices around €25.00. Explorations: A schedule of your daily activities will be available upon your arrival. Visits: Your driver will take you to all points of interest within the selected itinerary. Five or more participants on the same tour will receive complimentary guide and entrance fees. For tours of four or less participants, English speaking guide and entrance fees are additional.*



LIVE... LOVE... LEARN...

IL BORGO'S LEZIONI TOSCANE CAMPUS

Open your mind and your senses to the treasures of Italy. If you have ever desired to experience the art and culture of Italy firsthand, this is the place to do it. Courses are held in the Arts and Crafts Campus of Il Borgo at convenient hours.

Seven courses are offered every week and you may pre-select the ones you wish to attend. Each small class has no more than 6/8 participants (minimum 4 participants) to encourage your participation and provide opportunities to personally interact with the instructor. Faculty comes from the Tuscan community and is well versed in the region's traditions.

THE CURRICULUM

CERAMIC PAINTING Taught by a well-known local ceramics artist, this class guides you through the process of painting various terracotta pieces. A ceramic oven fires your designs, creating ideal mementoes to display at home. (Two-day course/two hours per day)

CHIANTI WINE LESSONS Under expert guidance, taste and learn about one of the most famous Italian wine regions! (Two-day course/two hours per day)

CONVERSATIONAL ITALIAN Open your mind and ears to the melodic sounds of the Italian language. Discuss current Tuscan topics and learn helpful new words and phrases in this class. (Four-day course/two hours per day)

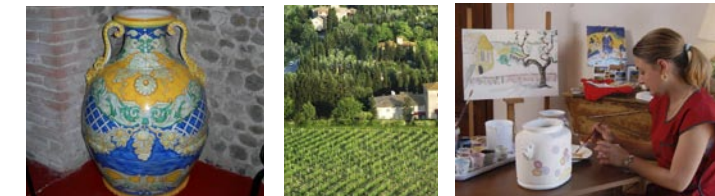
PHOTOGRAPHY AND THE TUSCAN PANORAMA Capture the evolving beauty of Tuscan landscape. The instructor, a local professional photographer, shares camera techniques and inspires participants to enhance their creativity. (Two-day course/two hours per day)

TUSCAN ART AND HISTORY Covering the art, culture and history of Tuscany, these lectures give participants unique insights into the region. (Two-day course/two hours per day)

TUSCAN FOUR-SEASON COOKING Buon Appetito! Delicious Tuscan cuisine is seasonal and based on locally available products. Learn to prepare two specialties during this course and, at the end, feast on what you've cooked. (Three-day course/two hours per day)

TUSCAN TRADITION OF WATERCOLOURS Equipped with an easel, drawing paper, watercolours and brushes, you will depict Tuscan vistas with guidance from a well-known local artist. (Two-day course/two hours per day)

**There is a nominal fee per course which includes materials. Pre-registration is required.*



WELCOME TO
 IL BORGO DI VILLA BOSSI-PUCCI

Il Borgo stands on the grounds of a 17th-century country estate established by Florence's distinguished Bossi-Pucci family. Over the centuries, the estate became the largest wine producer of Chianti in the region, its vineyards and olive groves stretching for hundreds of acres. The property's original park, with its centuries-old shaded trees and graceful open spaces, enhance the magnificent surroundings the guests of Il Borgo will enjoy. The family villa and the celebrated cellars are now being restored to their original grace and several farmhouses, originally built to house Villa Bossi-Pucci's workers, have been reconstructed and converted into Il Borgo.

Il Borgo ('the village') has the ambience of a typical Tuscan community. Constructed of materials that include *pilloli* (a large river pebble), *pietra serena* (soft grey marble), *cotta* (Tuscan red bricks) and *mattone* (locally produced tiles), Il Borgo's distinctive architecture matches the integrity of the original structures.

And while you may find yourself drawn to the open-air piazza where fresh bread is put out to cool - for your pleasure and convenience there is also a Tuscan reference library, an internet center, a swimming pool, jogging trails, and parking. And Il Borgo's friendly and helpful staff is reachable 24 hours a day.

A visit to Tuscany would not be complete without a stay in an authentic Tuscan environment with all the modern conveniences.

Il Borgo comprises six beautifully reconstructed farm buildings with 29 spacious units, most overlooking the peaceful Montespertoli Valley.

Tastefully decorated in Tuscan style, each building bears the name of its original use: *Il Casale* where the farmer lived, *Il Fienile* used for the storage of the harvest, *La Torretta* used to dry fruits and tomatoes, *La Tinaia* where grapes were stored and fermented, *La Cantina* where the wine was stored and *Il Frantoio* where olives were pressed. Inside, the colours, scale and wooden beams preserve the charm of the original farmhouses.

First-rate amenities, the privacy of a separate entrance and a four-star hotel service enhance your comfort. All units include: gracious living room with fireplace, large bedroom with double bed, modern bathroom with hairdryer, satellite TV reception, telephone and internet connection, individually adjusted heat, and a safe for your valuables. All residences also feature a private terrace or balcony with a table and chairs where you can greet the dawn and toast the sunset.