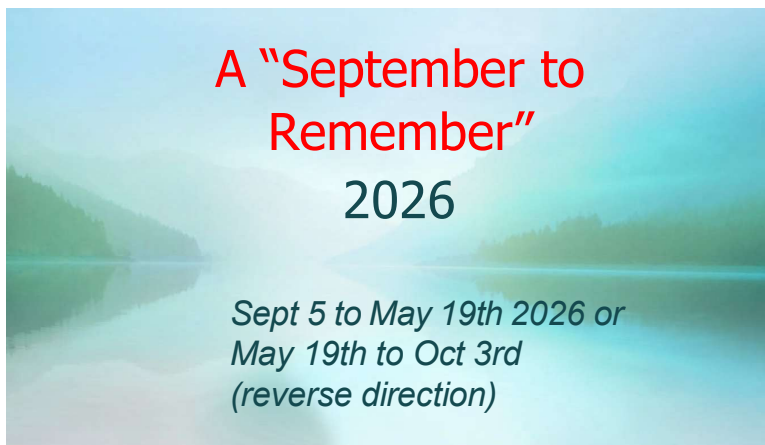


A personally curated, authentic and inclusive guided trip to visit the former homeland of your travel agent, Laura Gould and experience the “true” Italy and “La Dolce Vita” as she did for 15 Years!



Presented by:



The itineraries presented here are offered up to 4x per year, providing a minimum of 3 guests, with a maximum of 8 guests, are confirmed as a travel group.

“Viaggio Di Maggio” beginning to mid-May, and mid-May to end of May and “September to Remember” from beginning of September, and mid September to end of September. The itinerary details/activities can be modified and personalized.

Master Itinerary for STR 2026 Trip

- 09/05: arrive Malpensa airport AM, lunch, to Cerro villa, pizzeria dinner
- 09/06: breakfast, , gourmet lunch at Osteria in hills, visit Switzerland chocolate factory
- 09/07: breakfast, boat ride and visit of Borromean islands (lunch) & Stresa, villa dinner
- 09/08: breakfast, free day on lake
- 09/09: guided tour Milan, lunch Milan, drive to Levanto overnight
- 09/10: breakfast, Cinque Terre train trip or hike, dinner while out, overnight B&B Levanto
- 09/11: breakfast, Cinque Terre train trip or hike, Ligurian dinner in Levanto, overnight
- 09/12: breakfast, drive to Tuscany with Pisa stop, to farmhouse, craft brewery dinner
- 09/13: breakfast, Florence for guided tour of Florence with museum
- 09/14: breakfast, private grain mill tour, farmhouse relax, culinary experience, meal together
- 09/15: breakfast, visit San Gimignano, vineyard tour and 5 course wine pairing lunch
- 09/16: breakfast, Siena visit with Duomo and museum complex, Chianti wine tasting
- 09/17: breakfast, "Cheese, Music and Wine" day + hosted farm-to-table dinner at farmhouse
- 09/18: breakfast, olive oil farm visit and tasting, thermal pool/picnic lunch, dinner together
- 09/19: breakfast, Volterra tour and market, educational wine tasting, back to farmhouse to pack
- 09/20: breakfast, drive to Florence train station or airport for departures

Trip Accomodations

- 4 nights in private villa with several apartment accomodations with private bedroom & semi private bathrooms (studio rooms or multi bed apartments)
- 3 nights in shared villa apartment in Levanto (gateway to Liguria/Cinque Terre), with 2, 3 or 4 bedrooms and 2-3 bathrooms (depending on our party's size)
- 8 nights in semi-private accommodations in Tuscan Agriturismo (Farmhouse) in the small town of Peccioli (Tuscany/Province of Pisa) with a 3/2 apartment or 2/1 apartment or studio apartment (x2)

Part One: 9/5/26



“Gems of Northern Italy”

Day 1: Saturday

After arriving this morning into the Malpensa airport, north of Milan, we will make our way towards Lake Maggiore via private van, with your personal travel guide and driver, Laura.

Here we will stay at a large private villa in the small lakeside village of Cerro for four nights. Cerro is a subdivision of the quaint town of Leggiuno, Laura's former residence.

From the airport, we will stop at a "Risto" for a quick panino on the way to our villa, located approximately one hour from the airport, as well as a stop at a local market to gather our food for the next few days. Then we will arrive and get settled into our villa apartment.

Toward the late afternoon, we will gather on the patio for a traditional "brindisi" with an "aperitivo" to start of our trip! Then we will head out this evening, to the local pizzeria for fresh pizza and beer by the lake, on "Reno Beach" of Leggiuno.



The lakeside path of Cerro, a village in the town of Leggiuno, on Lago Maggiore

One of our villas in Cerro, for larger groups

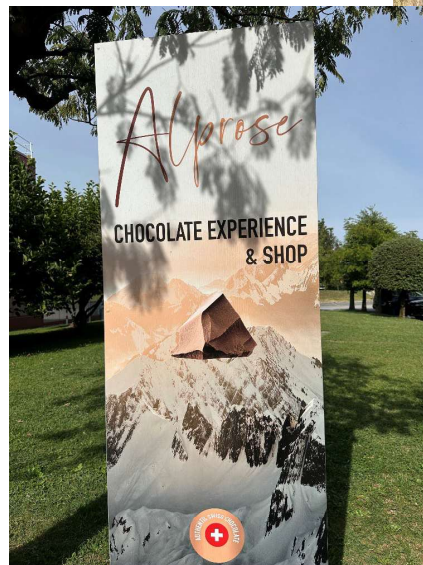
Day 2: Sunday

This morning we will enjoy our first Italian breakfast in our villa with a "caffè latte" or "cappuccino" accompanied by some pastries, fruit and yogurt.

Later this morning, we will head to the hills, to the "Osteria d'Alberto, an intimate rustic restaurant where we will enjoy a gourmet meal, prepared especially for us with seasonal delicacies by Laura's friend, Chef Alessio D'Alberto



After our delicious lunch, we take a ride across the border into Switzerland, about an hour away, where we visit a chocolate factory!



Day 3: Monday



STRESA AND THE BORROMEAN ISLANDS



After a delicious Italian breakfast in our villa, we will drive to Santa Caterina del Sasso to embark on a motorized ferryboat into Lago Maggiore to visit the Borromeo Islands: Isola Madre, Isola Bella and Isola del Pescatore, and then continue on to the western shore of the lake to explore the famous city of Stresa. In the late afternoon, we will return to our villa for dinner and an evening of relaxation.



Day 4: Tuesday

Today we leave open for you to experience the area as you like on Lago Maggiore!

Some suggestions might be:

- Go to sunbathe and take a dip at Reno Beach
- Go to Laveno Mombello in the afternoon to stroll around the lakeside and browse the shops
- Walk to visit to the Santa Caterina sanctuary



*The Hermitage of Santa Caterina Del Sasso
A UNESCO Heritage Site*

"Gems of Northern Italy" Inclusions

4 nights private single or double accommodations at at our private villa in Leggiuno

- Italian Breakfast each morning
- Transportation from Malpensa airport to Leggiuno
- All transportation via ferry and private car while on Lago Maggiore
- Personal attention of bilingual tour guide accompanying the Group
- Personal attention of Travel Planner accompanying the Group
- Interactive culinary experience preparing a Lombardian meal
- Ferry tickets to the Borromeo Islands

and Stresa

- Admission to Isola Bella Palace and Museum
- Admission to the Hermitage of Santa Caterina del Sasso
- Private vehicle transport throughout
- Guided 3 hr tour of Milan with visit to Duomo, Castel Sforzesco and Da Vinci's "Cenacolo" and painting laboratory
- Pizza dinner with beer or wine
- Lunch at Osteria d'Alberto
- lunch and dinners in villa
- Wine or beer with all meals

This morning, after a quick breakfast, we will check out of our accommodations and say "arrivederci" to the lake district, making our way in our private vehicle to the great city of Milan.

Upon arrival at Milan's "Cadorna" station, we will be guided past the "Sforzesco Castle" and head to visit the majestic, gothic Duomo and marbled Galleria Vittorio Emanuele.

We then visit a large church where we will have a guided visit to view the famous "Cenacolo", Leonardo da Vinci's masterpiece, "The Last Supper", followed by a small group painting laboratory, guided by a museum expert. We will have a light lunch while exploring Milan.

We then head back to our van, and embark on the 3 hour drive to the Cinque Terre, where we will stay in our apartment at the gateway to the Cinque Terre, Levanto,

Day 5: Wednesday

MILANO



Levanto: Gateway to the Cinque Terre

Day 5, Wednesday



Upon our arrival into the seaside town of Levanto, we check in to our comfortable villa apartment, and get ready to go to town where we will enjoy a Ligurian seafood delicacy: Linguine all'astice!





“The Cinque Terre”

Day 6 & 7: Thursday and Friday



After our Italian breakfast at home, we will then walk to the train station of Levanto and board the train to the “Cinque Terre”, where we will ride the train through all 5 “lands”. If you are feeling adventurous, you might want to walk the famous “Via Dell’Amore! We will then meet back at the villa for a typical Ligurian dinner of “Trofie al Pesto”, which fresh pesto and focaccia from the local market.

Itinerary

“Under the Tuscan Sun”

- Day 8: drive from Cinque Terre to our Tuscan farmhouse, with a quick stop in Pisa. Settle in, farm-to-table focaccia dinner at craft brewery next door.
- Day 9: early breakfast, drive to Florence for guided tour and Accademia museum visit. Lunch in Florence food court (food market)*, back to farmhouse for dinner
- Day 10: breakfast, tour of family grain mill, followed by farmhouse culinary experience preparing dinner.
- Day 11: breakfast, morning visit to San Gimignano, then vineyard tour with 5 course wine pairing lunch, back to farmhouse overnight
- Day 12: Drive to visit Siena. Drive through wine producing area for wine tasting. Meal in Siena or along way
- Day 13: breakfast, Bocelli house pass-by, visit Lajatico cheese farm, local wine cantina visit and tasting followed by lunch at local trattoria. Farmhouse culinary experience preparing dinner.
- Day 14: visit Volterra and Farmer’s Market in the morning, followed by an educational vineyard tour and wine tasting. Back to farmhouse culinary experience preparing dinner.
- Day 15: breakfast, olive oil experience and tasting, Casciana Terme for thermal pool with picnic lunch. Farmhouse for dinner and packing.
- Day 16: breakfast, check out, drive back to Florence for departures (train station or FLR airport)

Day 8: Saturday

Pisa

This morning after an early breakfast, we will leave our Levanto villa and head out to Pisa!

We then drive to the center of the walled city where I will drop you off at the city gate, so that you can tour Pisa on your own!

You may climb the famous "Leaning Tower of Pisa", from where you can see the entire city, or just take "instagrammable" pictures! You will also be able to visit the Cathedral, if you like.
We will stop for a quick bite to eat in the city, then leave for the one hour drive to our Farmhouse!



“Under the Tuscan Sun”

Tuscan Farmhouse Immersive Experience

Day 8: Saturday

Welcome to our Tuscan Farmhouse

We arrive via our private van at our family owned farmhouse late afternoon and settle into our comfortable accommodations where we will enjoy comfortable typical Tuscan style Farmhouse with a communal kitchen, living and dining room, air conditioning, shared bathrooms and beautiful outdoor swimming pool. We will have our own garden gazebo for outdoor dining, overlooking the Tuscan hills and the family’s grain farm. We also have access to the outdoor kitchen, to prepare our meals together, and communal dining hall!



FLORENCE (FIRENZE)

Day 9: Sunday

Today we leave after a light breakfast and drive into Florence, where our native speaking guide and Florence Expert, Lynn, will conduct us on an escorted and guided tour of the most famous landmarks and hidden gems of Florence!

We will venture to the Ponte Vecchio, the oldest most iconic bridge in Florence. Before lunch we will visit the Piazza Duomo, the Medici District of San Lorenzo then on to the Accademia Gallery to see Michelangelo's "David" and the Renaissance Cloister! We will have lunch in the large indoor marketplace where you can choose from the local "lamperdotto" specialty, or try a unique pizza with pistachio and mortadella! We will then go back to the train station for our ride to Pontedera, then onto the farmhouse.



Day 10 Monday

Grain Mill Tour and Relax

Today we take it easy, as we visit our host's grain mill next door to the farmhouse for an interesting and educational tour of how they grow, harvest and process their grain and legumes. We also visit their "bottega" (farm store) where you can purchase wholesome organic dry cereals, seeds, crackers pastas and legumes grown right on their farm!

After our morning visit, we go back to the farmhouse to enjoy our surroundings, sunbathing and swimming or just relaxing-maybe catching up on laundry or taking a walk!

We will have the opportunity to cook and eat a meal together, or perhaps decide to go into the town of Peccioli for a meal out.

Day 11 Tuesday

Tenuta Torciano and San Gimignano

We drive in our private van after breakfast to tour a famous vineyard about 40 minutes from our Famhouse. We will be guided through the vineyard, and we will then be accommodated into the conservatory garden where we will be served a delicious wine pairing lunch, with each course perfectly paired with a tasting of 15 wines and olive oils! We will begin with an antipasti from their own biological farm with cold cuts, cheeses and olives followed by homemade truffle Lasagne or Tuscan ribollita soup. We will then be served a second course consisting of roasted meat with fresh vegetables, followed by cantucci and homemade dessert wine.

After lunch, we will then drive to visit the infamous antique walled city of San Gimignano, and explore this town on our own for the afternoon.**

(order may be reversed depending on time of lunch reservation)



Day 12: Wednesday

SIENA

After breakfast, we will depart in our private van to spend the day driving through the Chianti countryside, stopping along the way at a local "cantina" or two to sample some wine and "affettati". This brings us to beautiful Siena, where you will have free time to tour of Siena where you will learn about the Palio and visit the Duomo. You will also have time to explore this renowned city on your own before venturing back to our Farmhouse, stopping on the way for a pizza dinner



Day 13: Thursday

Cheese, Music and Wine day!

Visit a cheese maker

We will then take the short drive to Lajatico, Andrea Bocelli's hometown. Here we will pass his childhood home on the way to visit the local cheesemaker who will show us how she makes homemade mozzarella and scamorza by hand! We will visit the stalls where her milkman may be milking the cows, goats or sheep for their daily production. Here we can sample and buy some cheese, and they will vacuum seal it for us to take with.

Lunch at Officina Bocelli*

Here we will stop for a gourmet lunch at Andrea Bocelli's brother's restaurant and bar, which also houses Andrea's museum-filled with his collection of sheet music, his piano, memorabilia and more! Be sure to look in the gift shop for Andrea's signed opera CD's for only 20 Euro!

Visit a local wine cellar for a tour and tasting

We will drive down the road a bit to Terriciola, the "Citta del Vino", where we will have a look around the cantina of a local vintner and a enjoy wine tasting outside on their beautiful grounds. You will have the opportunity to buy wines here for a special price, and even have them shipped!

Day 14: Friday

Olive Oil farm and Casciana Terme



After our Farmhouse breakfast, we will drive our private van through the Tuscan hills to visit an olive oil production farm and learn about the process.

Then onto the beautiful natural hot springs of "Casciana Terme". Bring your bathing suit as we have arranged for your entrance into the facility where you will have access to their outdoor thermal pool and changing facilities for the day. Spa treatments are optional and may be pre-arranged at an additional cost.

We will have a picnic lunch on the lawn in the park by the pools. After leaving the spa, relaxed and refreshed, we drive back to our Farmhouse and enjoy a light dinner, and start packing for the trip home on Sunday.

Volterra

Day 15: Saturday

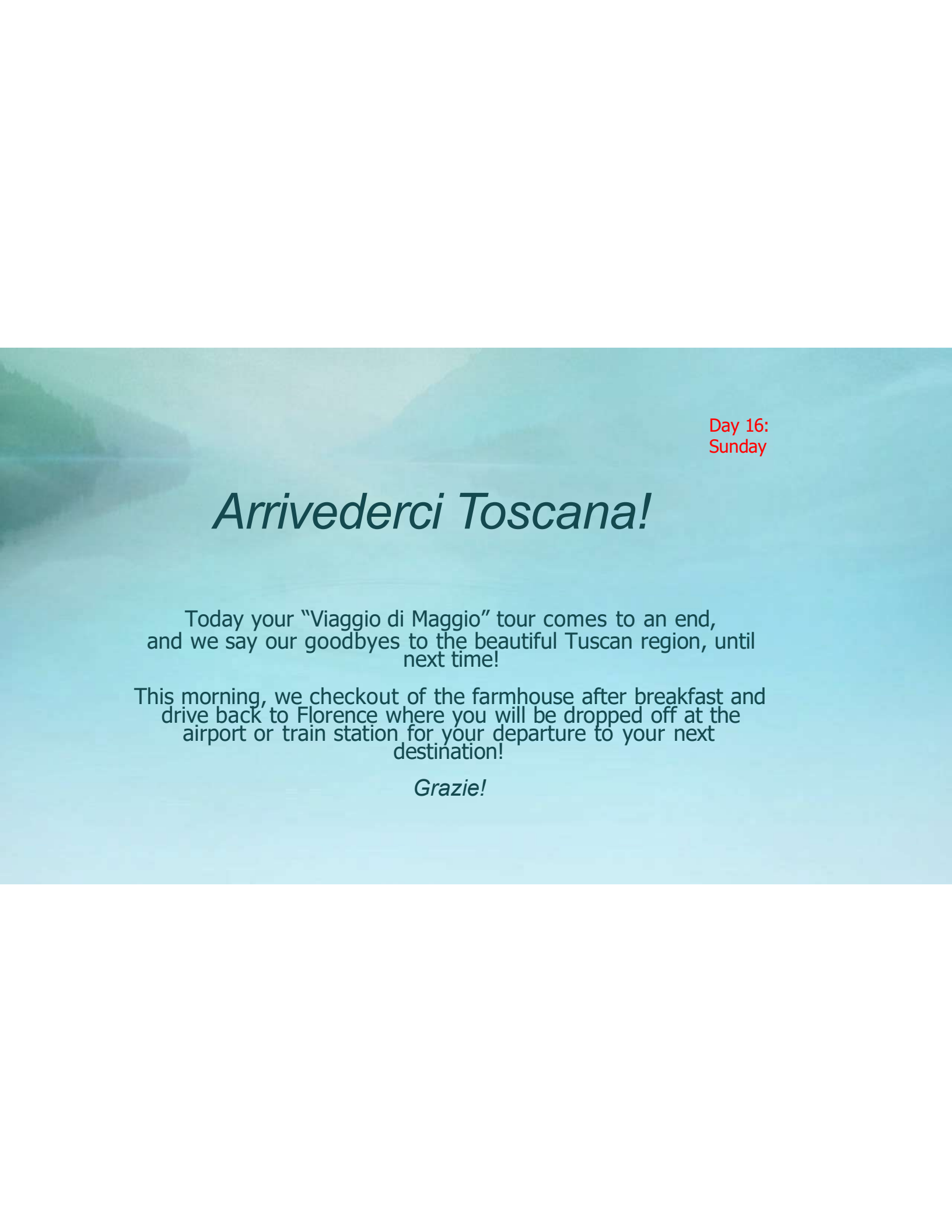
This morning we head to Volterra early in the morning, so that we can take advantage of the outdoor market there to source some fresh ingredients for our meal! There is plenty to shop for here, including clothing, souvenirs and fresh items!

After an hour or so at the market, we will head up to visit the medieval walled town of Volterra

After our city visit, we will go to have a Wine tasting and antipasto at a local winery, While our hostess will give us a tour and explanation Of the wine making process, with some antipasti

We then head back to the farmhouse for the afternoon to Prepare an authentic regional meal together!





Day 16:
Sunday

Arrivederci Toscana!

Today your "Viaggio di Maggio" tour comes to an end, and we say our goodbyes to the beautiful Tuscan region, until next time!

This morning, we checkout of the farmhouse after breakfast and drive back to Florence where you will be dropped off at the airport or train station for your departure to your next destination!

Grazie!

What's included:

- *Transportation to farmhouse via our private vehicle*
- *Private accommodations for in 3* Tuscan farmhouse with air conditioning, shared bath and swimming pool*
- *Daily Italian breakfast*
- *3 "Culinary Immersive Experiences" including interactive cooking and Italian language lessons by our bilingual hostess, Laura. Meal prepared together included.*
- *Transportation to Florence with private guided tour, entrance to Accademia Museum and lunch in Florence*
- *Private vehicle transportation to all tours and cities listed*
- *Typical Farmhouse Dinner on with wine included, prepared by the Tuscan owners of the Farmhouse*
- *Transportation to San Gimignano and tour of Tenuta Torciano winery with private lunch and wine/olive oil tasting experience*
- *Entrance to Pisa and entrance to Terme di Cascina baths and spa. Spa treatments optional at additional cost*

What's not included:

- *Meals and beverages (other than what is listed above)*
- *Transportation (other than what is listed above)*
- *Private tour guides in towns (other than what is listed above)*
- *Travel Insurance (required)*
- *Anything not specifically mentioned in the inclusions above*
- *Gratuities*

“September to Remember” Pricing and terms 2026

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September to Remember” (as per presentation)

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**\$6585 per
person**

1 extra day free (original pkg is 15 days/14 nights)

Minimum 3 guests

- 30% non-refundable deposit due within 5 days of booking
- 30% non-refundable payment due 90 days prior to travel
- Non-refundable balance due 30 days prior to travel
- Venmo, Zelle or check payable to “Bucket List Travel Center” accepted
- Any credit card payments subject to 3.5% credit card processing fee
- Travel insurance purchase mandatory
- Airfare is additional but can be purchased at tour (consolidator) or bulk fares