What Travelers Say about Italian Cultural Society Tours

taken directly from traveler emails

" thank you for an amazing tour!! John and I have talked of nothing else since our return.
... Our day together in Lucca was truly a highlight. ...These, in addition, to the tour of the walled city, the luscious special lunch and the Puccini Concert made for a special day that will long live in our memories.
We were awed by the itinerary and all we learned and saw. ... a fabulous guide and we appreciated ....knowledge, his caring and concern. ...really made the tour special for us.
We were more than pleased with the accommodations and meals at the Villa not to mention the kindness of the staff. The special dinners you arranged in Rome were fantastic!
In conclusion, we would not hesitate to recommend this tour to anyone wanting an in depth overview of wonderful Tuscany. Absolutely first class, Patrizia! Thanks, again, most sincerely,
Gloria (and John) Bruno

"Julie and I had an amazing time with you in Italy--it is a trip we will both remember forever....
I will never forget walking under the stone archway and coming out to see the Leaning Tower of Pisa. That scene will forever be etched in my mind, because that was when it finally hit me that I was REALLY in Italy, a place I had dreamed of going to all my life. And the church that was built in 1139 still boggles my mind, to think that something could be that old. I've told all my friends about the wonderful Thanksgiving turkey with the sparklers. I would love to see more of Italy, and maybe someday I will. As for the glorious November weather--you know the reason for that. It was because two Jewish ladies lit candles for my mother in a Catholic church in Italy!
Thank you again for hosting such a wonderful, exciting trip to Italy. It is a beautiful country, and you are fortunate to be able to return to your homeland so often to see your family." Joan

"I loved everything about Tuscany, and thank you for organizing things so well - everything ran very smoothly, and that was a bonus to the magic of being in the beautiful land, where such geniuses once produced their masterpieces - I'm still in awe. I do hope you let the staff at Villa della Rose how much we appreciated their warmth and hospitality - they became like family! I would definitely recommend this trip to others (actually, I already have!). Thank you for a fabulous experience." Joyce

"Hope your trip home went as smoothly as ours. We had the most wonderful time of our life on your Thanksgiving tour! I cannot thank you enough for organizing such a fantastic trip and for all you do to give us a magical experience.
Tom and I have already told many friends that your tours are the best way to visit Italy. We hope to be able to travel to Italy with you again soon!" Pam

"It was a great trip and I'm still trying to lose the weight I gained. (10 pounds) The FOOD was the highlight of the trip for me. I would do the trip again for the food. Thank you for making the tour run so well and smoothing out the rough spots. ...I noticed how you made a grand effort to check in with people on the

tour and make them feel good. It says a lot about your character. YOU made it a great trip!!!! GRAZIE a TE!!!!!!!!!!!!!"
Cristoforo

"you showed us all such a wonderful time. The trip surpassed all my highest expectations!!! I am so grateful to you!!" Dorla

"I did have a wonderful time in Italy it was even better that i ever imagined, in every aspect. I do miss the bells, the street musicians, a quick espresso mid morning, a gelato mid afternoon, the food, the sights, the wine, the beautiful women, the tiny cars, the vespas, the glorious architecture, the history, the culture but most of all I will miss the warm people, their kind gestures and above all their hospitality and generosity.

Italy has their share of economic and political problems, but I'm glad that their average citizens have not gotten into the rat race and forgotten how to have fun, how to enjoy life, and how to eat well, really well. After all that is all that we will take with us when we die.
thank you from the bottom of my heart, with regards, your friend Juan"

"I want to thank you for a most wonderful trip! My wife had wanted to do this tour, but I wasn't that looking forward to it.... I was amazed at how much I enjoyed it. I was fascinated by the architecture, the art, the history and just about everything I saw. I have traveled a lot over the years, and have to say this was by far the best trip we have taken. The hotel and the food were excellent and the people could not have been kinder and more helpful. All the guides were fascinating and really made Italy come to life for me. Your planning and expertise were evident throughout.Bravo.... brilliant job! Thank you Steve and Jan "

"Thank you for a wonderful trip! This was my third trip to Italy and the best so far. We had so much to experience in just one week. It was fabulous! In 2004, I first saw the flyer for the trip and made it my goal to someday take the Thanksgiving in Tuscany tour when my birthday fell on the holiday. You helped to make the day special - something I was not expecting as just being in Italy was such a treat. Thanks again, Roberta"

"Thank you so much for everything. This was a dream come true for Gina and I had no idea that I would also fall madly in love with Italy. You made everything so easy and fun for us! I will never forget this time in your beloved homeland. I am so appreciative of every experience.
Sheila Jensen"

We had a grand time. Italy is beautiful the staff at villa dele rose very friendly and helpful. While the weather was cold it was sunny which made it very pleasant. The food very good and the cappuccinos and hot chocolate wonderful! Thank you, our guides and many hosts for helping make the Tuscany region come to life. Nancy"