Imagine YOU Under the Tuscan Sun!
About the Trip

The walled city of Cortona is a wonderful destination with great culture, shopping and dining. Enjoy the Italian lifestyle, wine and wonderful views of the rooftops and the valley below.

You will have the opportunity to choose from one of four 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartments for a 7 night stay (Saturday- Saturday), subject to availability. Amenities may include WiFi, A/C, washing machines, full kitchens and TVs. There is a 2 year expiration on all trips.

To purchase tickets for an opportunity to win, please click this link: https://donations.bgcec.org/lakeside/events/auction-stampede-2015/e47892

Winner need not be present to win and will be notified by Oct. 24, 2015

CORTONA, Italy

Cortona is a 3,000 year old Etruscan hill-town conveniently situated in Tuscany between Florence and Rome. It lays on the main rail line and also the main Autostrada between Rome and Florence.

Cortona was recently made famous by the book/movie “Under the Tuscan Sun”. Along with incredible physical beauty and views of the valley and lake Trasimeno below, Cortona offers a array of fine restaurants and shops. The town also boasts two museums and numerous churches and historical sights. It truly is a magical place to explore!

*Please note: Cortona is an ancient, walled hilltown with many stairs, steep streets and limited driving/parking with no elevators or handicap accommodations. Please be advised of this if you have mobility issues of any sort.
CASA STELLA
Made entirely of stone, this ancient house was completely restored in 2015. The owner was born and grew up within its walls, and has kept its architectural integrity intact, while rendering it comfortable for a modern Tuscan holiday.

Welcoming and full of light, the house is on three levels. On the ground floor is a bedroom, and private, en suite bathroom. One flight of stairs up is the open plan living area, kitchen and laundry room. The living area is appointed with a modern sofa and armchairs, and a flat-screen TV, and two beautiful windows frame a marvelous view of the city. The second bedroom is on the top floor, with beamed ceilings, a private en suite bathroom and views of the city.

DETAILS
  2 bedrooms (two queen beds). Sleeps 4.
  2 full baths
  Modern kitchen, dining and living areas
  80 square meters

Décor: Light and welcoming, three levels, warmly painted walls, antique Tuscan furniture mixed with contemporary and wrought-iron beds.
Amenities: TV, washing machine, air conditioning in the common living area and the upstairs bedroom, WiFi
Location: Close to one of the entrance gates of the city and public parking. Very quiet area, little traffic.
CASA NOBILE

Casa Nobile is on the third floor of one of the largest and most majestic buildings in Cortona: the 15th Century Renaissance palace, Tommasi-Fierli. On the front door is the Tommasi coat of arms, and two long rows of windows and arches frame the upper floors, creating a dramatic facade.

Staying at Casa Nobile is an entree to the true Italian lifestyle of ages past. The apartment itself is decorated in beautiful frescos, and large windows welcome abundant natural light, with high ceilings in the living area and one of the bedrooms, which was formally a library of the owner, a renowned Florentine architect. A fireplace dating from the 1880s is the centerpiece of the living area that is richly deco-rated with Murano lamps, antique sofas and armchairs and a lifetime collection of the owners paintings, books and art.

DETAILS

  2 bedrooms (2 queen beds). Sleeps 4.
  2 baths
  Kitchen, dining and living areas
  110 square meters

Décor: Fresco paintings, natural light, antique furnishings
Amenities: Washing machine, WiFi
Location: Third floor of the 11th Century Tommasi-Fierli Palace, just steps from Piazza della Repubblica and Piazza Signorelli.
CASA PONTORMO

Casa Pontormo is an enchanting 2 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath home close to downtown Cortona. The owners have taken great care in furnishing and restoring this delightful gem. They lived here for many years before offering it to guests for vacation stays. Casa Pontormo is furnished with a blend of beautiful Tuscan traditional antiques and contemporary furniture, giving an elegant and warm atmosphere. The street entrance leads directly into the open plan kitchen, living and dining room. There is a half bathroom on this floor as well. The next floor has another quaint and cozy living room and the master bedroom. The master bedroom has its own en suite full bathroom. The last floor has a bedroom with two twin beds and its own en suite bathroom. Casa Pontormo has free internet, TV, air conditioning in one of the bedrooms, and a washing machine. Casa Pontormo embodies traditional Tuscan style to the highest degree, which creates a spacious and welcoming atmosphere for our guests.
CASA COMEDIA

Casa Comedia is a delightful 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom apartment that sleeps 4 people comfortably. It is situated in the historical center of Cortona and is steps away from Via Nazionale, the main shopping street of Cortona, Piazza della Repubblica, cafes and many wonderful restaurants. Casa Comedia is situated on a tiny alley up a short incline of steps off Via Nazionale, and is very quiet and tranquil. Parking is available on the nearby streets or in Cortona’s municipal parking lots outside the city walls.

The first floor of the apartment includes the living room, the kitchen and dining area, an entrance foyer and a full bath. The kitchen has the original stone fireplace that was used centuries ago. The original terracotta floors and wooden beams give the apartment an authentic ambiance. The apartment has been renovated and all its amenities are new and modern. There are two brand new bathrooms, one with shower and one with bath tub; hair-dryer, washing machine. The kitchen is updated and includes all new appliances, including stove, refrigerator, microwave oven, toaster, TV set, cable TV, stereo and cd-player. The furnishings are composed of antique and modern furniture.

Casa Comedia is the perfect home in which to base your Cortona stay!