



# Tuscany Taste Tour®

Chauffeur Service



## Stop in Cortona - (1hour and 45 minutes from Florence)

**Cortona** is a town and *comune* in the province of Arezzo, in Tuscany, Italy. It is the main cultural and artistic center of the Val di Chiana after Arezzo.

Originally an Umbrian city, it was conquered and enlarged by the Etruscans, who called it Curtun. During the 600's BC, it joined the Etruscan League.

**Cortona** eventually became a Roman colony under the name Corito. The origin-legends and ancient names of Cortona are described by George Dennis. In the final stages of the Gothic War (535-554), Cortona was sacked and destroyed.

**Cortona** became a Ghibellinian city state in the 13th century, with its own currency. From 1325 to 1409 the Ranieri-Casali family successfully ruled the town. After being conquered by Ladislaus of Naples in 1409, Cortona was sold to the Medici in 1411. In 1737, the senior branch of the Medici line went extinct and Cortona came under the authority of the House of Lorraine. Following the Italian Wars of Independence, Tuscany – Cortona included – became part of the Kingdom of Italy.

## Stop in Assisi - ( 1 hour from Cortona)

**Assisi** is a town and *comune* of Italy in the province of Perugia in the Umbria region, on the western flank of Monte Subasio.

It was the birthplace of St. Francis, who founded the Franciscan religious order in the town in 1208, and St. Clare (*Chiara d'Offreducci*), the founder of the Poor Sisters, which later became the Order of Poor Clares after her death. The 19th-century Saint Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows was also born in Assisi.

*Don't forget Cortona is famous for "Under the Tuscan Sun" movie.*

## Tour Highlights

- Cortona ( Historical centre and countryside).
- Assisi
- Cathedral of San Francis
- Basilica of Santa Chiara
- L'Eremo delle Carceri
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Finally we will drive back to Florence.



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