



Unique Italy, LLC



*Villa La Massa*

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## Villas & Gardens of Tuscany

Spring Tour: from Monday, May 5th to Sunday, May 11th, 2014

Autumn Tour: from Monday, September 8th to Sunday, September 14th, 2014



Villa La Massa on the Arno



Garden



Villa La Massa, The Noble Villa

Unique Italy and Villa La Massa invite you to discover the beauty that lies behind the gates of several private villas and gardens throughout Tuscany. You will learn the stories behind each of these magnificent places from none other than their owners and caretakers.



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DAY 1: Arrival in Florence  
Monday, May 5th / Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup>

Individual arrivals in Florence during the day.

19:00 Welcome cocktail and dinner at Il Verrocchio Restaurant of Villa La Massa.

DAY 2: A walk through Cortona (Arezzo)  
Tuesday, May 6th / Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>

11.30 - Departure **for Castello di Reschio** in Cortona (private), property of Comte Bolza who married Prince Corsini's daughter. They restored the Castle and its gardens with the typical ecological taste of the XXI century.

13.00 - Lunch at the **Castello di Reschio**.

After lunch - visit to the **medieval city of Cortona**.

17.30 - Return to Villa La Massa and dinner at the Hotel (individual)



Villa La Massa,  
Restaurant Detail



Villa La Massa on the Arno,  
detail



Garden detail



Villa La Massa,  
The Chef's Garden



Villa La Massa, Double Room

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DAY 3: A walk through Florence  
Wednesday, May 7th / Wednesday, September 10th

10.30 - Visit to **Palazzo Corsini** (private), where we will be received by Princess Giorgiana Corsini. A drink will follow.

13.30 - Lunch on the terrace of **Villa Gamberaia** (private), with view on the "water games" created for Princess Ghyka in 1905.

16.30 - Time at leisure in Florence or return to Villa la Massa.

Dinner at the Hotel (individual).



Villa Gamberaia



Garden Corsini



Villa La Massa, The Villino



Villa La Massa,  
Junior Suite Top



Villa La Massa,  
Swimming Pool detail

DAY 4: Villas and Gardens around Siena  
Thursday, May 8th / Thursday, September 11th

Morning at leisure.

12.30 - Lunch at **Castello di Celsa** (private), wonderful property owned by Princess Livia Aldobrandini which features a beautiful baroque garden.

16.00 - Visit of **Villa Cetinale** (private), property of Lord Lambton who created in 2000 a beautiful Renaissance garden.

Late afternoon - Return to Villa La Massa and dinner at the Hotel (individual).

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DAY 5: Villas and Gardens of the Chianti Region  
Friday, May 9th / Friday, September 12th

10.30 - Departure from the Hotel and visit to **Villa Corsini a Mezzomonte** (private) where we will be received by Marquise Inès Corsini d'Ormesson. This Villa features the most beautiful frescoes among Tuscan Villas, realized on the occasion of one of the Medici's wedding.

13.30 - Lunch at the **Villa Capponi** in Pian de' Giullari (private), ancient property of lady Scott who asked the English Architect Cecil Pinsent to create the Garden in the '30s.

18.00 - Return to Villa La Massa and dinner at the Hotel (individual).



Villa Capponi



Villa La Massa, Iris Garden



Villa Corsini a Mezzomonte,  
Garden



Villa La Massa, Garden Detail



Villa La Massa, Room Detail

DAY 6: Day at leisure  
Saturday, May 10th / Saturday, September 13th

Day at leisure.

20.00 - Farewell dinner at the Verrocchio Restaurant, Villa la Massa.



Villa La Massa, Iris detail



Villa La Massa, Detail



Villa La Massa, Table detail



Villa IL Massa, The Noble Villa



Villa La Massa,  
Pool Bar Terrace

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DAY 7: Departure  
Sunday, May 11th / Sunday, September 14th

Breakfast and individual departures arranged by *Unique Italy*.

Please note - dinners (wine included) are counted in the program and foreseen at the hotel:  
2 are group dinners (the welcome dinner and the farewell dinner), all the others are individual.

Please note

This program is created and organized by Unique Italy LLC, Villa d'Este Hotels and Armand de Foucault, art and garden historian.

The organizer reserves the right to make substitutions to the itinerary with similar activities/venues as those described in the original official program, if necessary.



Villa La Massa, the Hall

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### REGISTRATION

The program is reserved to a group of 15 participants due to its exclusive nature (on a first come first served basis).



Maremma Sunflowers



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