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SAN GIMIGNANO AND COLLE VAL D'ELSA TOUR

North west of Siena, on the hills of Val d'Elsa, stand the medieval towns of Colle Val D'Elsa and San Gimignano. Colle Val D'Elsa, famous worldwide for its crystal industry and known as "Italy's Bohemia", produces almost all Italian crystal. The creativeness and quality of the crystal production are the epitome of the tradition, beauty and harmony of an art that has been here for centuries. We will take you on a guided tour of the most famous crystal factories in the area; you will be shown the crystal working process, where expert craftspeople create veritable masterpieces. You will also visit the old town centre of Colle Alta, divided into Castle and Borgo (Hamlet), with its wealth of churches and medieval buildings.

The tour then continues to San Gimignano, defined as the town "with a thousand towers" owing to these impressive buildings symbolising power and wealth. Fourteen of them are still standing today.

Due to the development of trade on the Via Francigena, crossed by thousands of pilgrims in the Middle Ages on their way to Rome, San Gimignano underwent an economic and cultural revival arising from the recovery of its agricultural and artisan origins.

The artistic and cultural treasures that San Gimignano possesses interweave with the secrets of the local wine and gastronomy in a pot-pourri of fragrances and tastes that our expert tour leaders will give you the opportunity of savouring in a unique tour.

This incomparable experience will give you the possibility to appreciate the particular beauty of Santa Fina pottery and local handicrafts.

THE TOUR INCLUDES:

- Shuttle service from your accommodation and back
- Private minivan with all comforts for a maximum of 8 people
- Guided tour of San Gimignano
- Expert bilingual escorts (English-Italian)
- Guided tour of a famous crystal factory with demonstration of the crystal working process;
- Guided tour of Colle Val D'Elsa
- Possibility of buying local fancy goods at advantageous prices, (Deliveries almost all over the world)
- Photos of the tour

DETAILS:

- Days: every day
- Departure: from Siena 08:30 a.m
- Duration of tour: 5 hours
- Minimum number of participants: 1
- Price/Bookings: please contact our reception or our call centre
- Reductions: applicable for groups and families
- Promotions: 10% off per person when booking additional tours