

Eat, Paint, Cook Tour of Tuscany 2020 with Rebecca Zdybel

Dates of Program: 7 Days in Tuscany (Sept 26-

Oct 3, 2020)



Our home away from home is the beautifully restored ex-monastery of San Fedele, located in the Chianti region of Tuscany near Radda-in-Chianti, about 12 km northeast of Siena and 45 km south of Florence.

Over 1000 years old, San Fedele monastery dates back to 1203AD. The complex consists of a 16th Century chapel, a refectory, terrace, U-shaped piazza, conference/class rooms, organic gardens and swimming pool. All guest rooms are elegantly furnished with refrigerators, modern bathrooms and Wi-Fi internet access. The program will be facilitated by *Il Chioistro, Inc.* who will provide

transportation and handle all payments. For photos and a detailed description: [Learn More and Sign Up for Eat Paint Cook 2020](#)

General Description of Tour:

- Cost \$3200 double occupancy (\$550.00 single supplement, Suites also available for a min. of 2 persons)
- Pick up at Florence train station on Saturday afternoon, transfer to San Fedele (approx. 1 hr.)
- Day trips from our beautiful “home away from home”- San Fedele. You will see as much as possible, but avoid long hours in transit. Transportation for all excursions provided.
- Optional Art lessons- Rebecca will be encouraging those who want to paint, but many past participants have enjoyed our excursions without painting. The advantage of traveling with artists, is that we seek out beautiful places. Lessons and painting assistance will be provided by Rebecca Zdybel on location and in the large studio space.
- Access to dedicated studio space. Each artist will have a table set up and available to you for the week.
- Optional Cooking class: Class during the week at the home of Tuscan chef and sommelier Andrea Anichini
- We can organize a wine tour at a local winery and generally have at least one wine tasting at dinner
- Transfers to Siena at the end of our trip. Participants can make connections to all points in Italy.
- 7 nights at San Fedele, including breakfast
- Sunday barbeque at lunchtime
- Organized dinner on Sunday evening at a local enoteca (participants pay separately)
- 1/2 day excursions to scenic local hill towns like Castellina, Radda, San Gimignano, and Monteriggioni. I take you to my favorite towns in the area and build an itinerary that allows you to see authentic and beautiful Tuscany at its best!
- 6 dinners prepared by our private chef (dinners include wine)
- Optional appetivos on the patio in the evenings (for a nominal fee)
- [Click Here to Register and Learn more](#)



Come with me to TUSCANY! We will be living a dream...



This trip will be yet another chance to combine all the things I love: Travel, Great Food, Cooking, Wine, Art, Teaching, Friends, and Music...it's a dream fulfilled!

Imagine yourself enjoying the peace and tranquility created by the beautiful scenery of the Tuscan landscape.



Imagine the experience of making art in beautiful settings. I have found that personal and intimate connections with locations and people happen naturally while painting or sketching on the street. I have some pre-printed images that will make creating some special paintings of San Fedele much easier.

San Fedele Awaits- Rebecca Zdybel



Imagine eating and cooking "Tuscan style". Delicious, fresh, organic and FUN! We get to enjoy delicious food and great wines prepared and selected by our excellent chef. In the process we cement new friendships and make some great memories. The meal at the end of the day will be a gathering time. A chance to appreciate the fresh locally grown food and great wines that this region has to offer. Italians understand that meals are a means of connecting with those we care about, and we will relax and enjoy that experience night after night. On this trip to Tuscany, all these dreams can be realized during our very special week.

Bubble Boys- Rebecca Zdybel

All you need to enjoy this trip is:



1. A capacity for laughter
2. A positive attitude
3. Willingness to dwell on beautiful things and/or indulge others as they dwell on them
4. A taste for farm-to-table organic foods and wines
5. Willingness to explore incredibly beautiful and wonderfully medieval Tuscan towns.



6. Come on this tour if you have an interest in learning and/or making art through drawing, painting, or photography. If you aren't an artist, then all that's required is a willingness to indulge us when we talk about these things. You can always choose Art lesson time as an opportunity to take a walk, swim in the Olympic size pool, grab a nap, read a book or take a walk.



7. Take advantage of the opportunity to cook with my favorite Tuscan chef, Andrea Anichini. If you are part of this trip, then you can enjoy a cooking lesson with this character. How fun will it be to learn a few of Andrea's Tuscan Tricks of the Trade?! And yes...he is just as FUNNY AS CHARMING AS THIS PHOTO IMPLIES! (He is also a sommelier!)

One of Our Chefs -Andrea Anichini



8. Interest in touring Tuscan wineries or viewing local art, and/or historical sites. These are all available on our day trips. (Great options for artists and non-artists alike).

