



Travelogue and biking tour with Andi and David Arnovitz April 23-29, 2010, Florence

This tour includes:-

- outstanding beautiful hotel accommodation in a historic building restored to the highest level while maintaining authentic features
- one hotel for the entire duration of your stay – no packing and unpacking and freedom to take days "off"
- intimate groups of like-minded, cultured individuals, who appreciate the finer things in life (and who don't usually travel with groups)
- day trips of general and Jewish interest – ancient Pitigliano, fabulous Florence, Pisa and its tower (but not only), proud Siena, lovely Lucca, San Gimignano, Barga and the Garfagnana
- visit to a noble villa, to help understand better the current demography of "old Europe"
- breath-taking (pun intended) hiking in the hills of the Cinque Terre
- an opportunity to meet some of the remaining local Jewish people and hear their fascinating stories
- authentic Tuscan cuisine, prepared by renowned local chefs, with minimal adaption for reasons of Kashrut
- unlimited Italian non-mevushal wines – Pitigliano light red and white, Chianti rosso and rosso di Montalcino
- the world's best ice cream and coffee – decide yourself whether San Gimignano, Lucca or Barga is better
- fashion, household and leather shopping in the markets and towns
- hands-on cooking with "maestri" - master chef teachers; Tuscany is famous for its multitudinous cooking schools
- cycling – a "must" around the walls of Lucca; for serious bikers we can arrange serious cycling with/out a professional guide



Kashrut: a mashgiach tmidi will represent the OU; we use regular milk, but chalav yisrael observers can be accommodated.

Mangiacane is our base for a Tuscany tour with a difference.



**Meet Andi Arnovitz,
Traveloguer**

**We all travel, but what
remains of our trips?
Some digital photos?**

Andi has perfected the art of capturing the essence of travel, in Europe, in Asia and in the USA. She will share with you the secrets of how every traveler, even without artistic ability, can create real, tangible memories.

**On this trip you too will create a
Travelogue.**

Hopefully it will be the first of many; they will remain precious mementos of your travels for you, and an exquisite record of some of the happiest moments of your life for your children, and their children, to cherish.



**For a very few privileged
guests!!**

Mangiacane was built in the 15th century by Giorgio **Vasari** (who also designed the **Uffizi** Gallery in Florence) for Cardinal Francesco Maria Machiavelli, uncle of the hotheaded political philosopher **Niccolò** Machiavelli, author of *The Prince*, written at the estate.

Vasari's friendship with Michelangelo has encouraged the belief that they collaborated on the villa, but this could be wishful thinking on the part of Mangiacane's current owner, Zimbabwe-born **Glynn Cohen**, (yes he is and there are mezuzot all over the place to prove it) founder of the largest transportation company in sub-Saharan Africa.

Still, the property's pedigree is such that the original plans are archived in the Uffizi. Not bad. Besides Machiavelli, it belonged to only one other family before Cohen purchased it in 2000. The restoration of the villa and its adjoining buildings produced a stunning, occasionally outrageous, 5* boutique dream hotel.



Another first for this tour:



Andi's husband, David, is one of Jerusalem's keenest cyclists.

On this trip, serious cyclists will do serious cycling in the hills around Florence, the gorgeous area known as Chianti.

The amount and difficulty of the routes will be up to you!!!

As we tour every day in Tuscany's great cities, Florence, Siena, San Gimignano, Pisa and Lucca, as we hike and bike, as we wine and dine, you will collect materials to make your Travelogue, a 3D journal recording in words and pictures the experiences of that day.

Andi will then help you build your Travelogue, showing you how best to express yourself in words and pictures. Ability to draw is useful, but this is a bonus, not a requirement, for your Travelogue.

Itinerary outline:

Friday 23rd April: meet Rome; visit ancient Pitigliano: Hotel arrival 2 hrs before Shabbat.

Saturday 24th April: a beautiful Shabbat experience and time to enjoy the magnificent surroundings. Pisa by night.

Sunday 25th April: Florence - go as you please: 3 choices - by segway, by bicycle or on foot. Agriturismo and San Gimignano.

Monday 26th April: Cinque Terre hike; Lucca bike and mini-opera.

Tuesday 27th April: Siena and Perugia, with its KOSHER chocolate factory.

Wednesday 28th April: Forte dei Marmi on market day, Viareggio and Barga.

Thursday 29th April: departure

The dates of this trip are April 23-29th, 2010

Meeting point is in Rome airport at 9am, April 23rd. You should consider flying in the day before; we have a special deal at the Hilton in Rome airport, which runs a free shuttle into Rome.

Return departure from Florence station, Florence or Pisa airports.

Remember, we recommend Delta Airlines for flights from USA - only they have a direct Pisa - JFK flight.



Contact us for details.

The land price for this trip is from 3750 – 4750 euro per person. The rooms are the DLX rooms and the suites that open onto the famous Michelangelo terrace, priced at 850euro per night.

This price includes absolutely everything included in the itinerary from landing in Rome to departure. The only possible addition would be hot-air ballooning at dawn over Florence if the weather "works"; this would be at extra cost of about 300euro per person.

We will be pleased to help you arrange flights and extra hotels. If you wish to have a Rome (or other) pre/post tour, we will help there too.

not included in the price of your trip

- **flights:** most (but not all) tours run from Friday a.m. to Thursday a.m. You will be met at Rome Fiumicino airport **0900**; on departure day, we will bring you to Pisa Galileo Galilei airport or to Pisa/Lucca train stations.
- **extensions:** if you wish to arrive in Italy before the trip commences or (more commonly) stay for a few days after, on a kosher full board basis, this is sometimes possible.
- **insurance:** all clients should be aware that while all efforts are made to avoid any problems before during or after your trip, Naomi carries no insurance for your health or luggage. While using the services only of registered suppliers, we recommend that you purchase **fully comprehensive travel insurance as Naomi cannot be held liable for any mishaps during your stay.**

important suggestion:

- **Whether or not you intended to spend time in Rome before your tour, we strongly recommend you stay the night before the tour starts in a hotel by the airport (the Hilton is IN the airport with shuttles to the city), in case your flight is delayed. We cannot wait for late arrivals as it is unfair to other guests. The cost of "catching up" by taxi/plane is MUCH greater than the cost of a night at the airport hotels!!**

To register for this tour of Tuscany, [fill in below and send](#)
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Tour Registration – Mangiacane April 2010

To register, please print out the following 2-page document, fill in the following information, sign on BOTH pages and fax to: 972-2-679-0902

Tour to Mangiacane	tour dates : 23 -29 April
Name:	E-mail:
Home Tel:	Cell:
Arriving airport/station	Date:
Flight/train #:	Time:
Persons included in reservation:	
1: Full Name as in Passport:	
Date of birth:	Place of Birth:
Mobile phone:	Phone ON TOUR:
Passport issued by (country):	Passport #:
2: Full Name as in Passport:	
Date of birth:	Place of Birth:
Mobile phone:	Phone ON TOUR:
Passport issued by (country):	Passport #:
For additional guests' details, please send on separate sheet	
Total number of rooms required:	1 / 2 / 3 / 4
DLX €7500 per couple:	1 / 2 / 3 / 4 rooms
Suite €9500 per couple:	1 / 2 / 3 / 4 rooms
Credit card details:	Type:
Your credit card details are for security only in the case of cancellation or non-payment and will not be charged.	Expiry:
	Card #:
	CVV:
Comments/ special requests / dietary issues:	

I have also read "the legal stuff" below and accept your terms.

Signature: _____

Printed name: _____ **Date:** _____

The legal stuff

Payment – your credit card will act as security only. Payment in full is to be made 30 days before tour commencement by bank transfer or as otherwise agreed with Naomi representatives.

Travel Arrangements – Meet at arrive to Rome FCO; depart Pisa airport/Florence airport/station

Extending Your Stay – Accommodations can often be made for those wishing to arrive earlier or depart later than the program dates; please ask at the time of your booking.

Cancellations and Refunds – Naomi reserves the right to cancel any program for any reason. If a program is cancelled, all monies will be refunded and such refund will release Naomi from any liability. In order to cancel your registration, you must send written notification. Monies paid by you will be refunded less a cancellation fee determined as of the date Naomi receives your written notice.

Cancellation fees are:

30 days or more before program start date, €50 handling fee per person;

15-30 days before program date, €500 per person;

less than 15 days before program date, 100% of cost of trip.

NAOMI HIGHLY RECOMMENDS THE PURCHASE OF COMPREHENSIVE TRAVEL INSURANCE TO COVER CANCELLATION FEES, OUTLINED ABOVE, WHICH WILL BE CHARGED REGARDLESS OF THE REASON FOR CANCELLATION. ADDITIONALLY, NAOMI CARRIES NO INSURANCE FOR ANY MEDICAL EXPENSES, LOST LUGGAGE, OR OTHER DAMAGE OR LOSS THAT MAY OCCUR TO ANY PARTICIPANT HOWEVER CAUSED.

Responsibility - Initial registration indicates agreement with all terms and conditions as stated in this document. Naomi reserves the right to make any curriculum or itinerary changes whenever, in its sole judgment, conditions warrant. Naomi shall not be liable, directly or indirectly, for any injury, death or damage for any reason whatsoever, including but not limited to war, acts of God, weather, strike, detention, delay, airline or other travel-related circumstances. Naomi also reserves the right to accept or refuse any person as a course participant. No refund is applicable if a participant is asked to leave. Naomi is not responsible for any belongings damaged, lost or left behind by participants.

I accept the terms above _____

Date _____