

## ITINERARY:

### Day 1- Saturday 09 June 2012

Make your own way to the Airport for our flight  
London Stansted to Rome Ciampino  
Depart Stansted 14.00  
Arrive Ciampino 17.25  
You will be met upon arrival and transferred to your hotel Eden, Bolsena, expected arrival around 21:00 for dinner

### Day 2- Sunday 10 June 2012

Tour of Orvieto to see the historical procession of Corpus Domini, 400 people in wonderful medieval costumes with drums and trumpets, standard bearers and the representatives of the medieval city, the Podesta, the Captain of the People, the Constable, the knights and squires. The religious procession celebrating the legend of Bolsena follows the historic procession. An unforgettable occasion which dates back to 1337 and has continued uninterrupted since then. Later we will visit Orvieto cathedral one of the most splendid gothic cathedrals in Italy which took more than three centuries to build, you will see the Capella Brizio with the frescoes by Luca Signorelli which inspired Michelangelo in his last Judgement found in the Sistine Chapel in the Vatican. In the afternoon we make off to Civita Bagnoregio, the dying city approached by a 300 metre bridge and sat high on an outcrop of tufa, as you walk over the bridge you will see the unique scenery of the Calanchi. In the evening we will return to Lake Bolsena where later you will be able to see the firework display on the lake to celebrate the festival of Corpus Domini.

### Day 3 -Monday 11 June 2012

Day at leisure. Join us for an exploratory walk along the lakeside followed by a walk around the historic town of Bolsena who's origins can be traced back to 3<sup>rd</sup> century B.C. including walking up to the Monaldeschi Castle and climbing further to see magnificent views of Lake Bolsena.

### Day 4- Tuesday 12 June 2012



## LAND OF THE ETRUSCANS - AN ALL INCLUSIVE WEEK - FROM £ 799.00

Join us for a week on Lake Bolsena in Lazio, 70 miles from Rome, explore the lake and its surrounding typical towns, visit Orvieto with its magnificent cathedral and the fascinating medieval quarter, see the dying city of Civita di Bagnoregio after crossing the 300 metres long approach bridge with spectacular views. Our other included tour is to Tarquinia, an ancient city of the Etruscans, and to Vulci with its natural and archaeological park. Join us on a tour to the Villa Lante and the Palazzo Farnese.

## ACCOMMODATION



You will be based at the Eden Hotel:

<http://www.hoteledenbolsena.it/> on the shores of Lake Bolsena. It's a three star hotel, managed by a family, with a 16mt swimming pool, garden and private lake beach. The restaurant provides excellent Italian cuisine.

Lake Bolsena is the largest volcanic lake in Europe, it's known as "the lake you can drink" (il lago che si

beve) the water is so pure and clean that the local fisherman use it to make a fish soup called Sbroscia. It is surrounded by a green landscape with lush vegetation due to the climate and fertile volcanic soil. All the way around the lake you will find stretches of beaches filled with fine volcanic sand, where you can relax, swim and take the sun. Take a boat from the port of Bolsena for a tour of the lake and see its 2 islands Martana and Bisentina. Ten minutes' walk from your hotel is the pretty town of Bolsena, situated on the Volsini hills and bordered by the via Cassia, the ancient road to Rome, which is still in use today.

Bolsena was originally an Etruscan town and is now the home to about 3,000 people. Visit the Castle of the Monaldeschi, the church of Santa Christina where the festival of Corpus Christi was instituted or just stroll through the pretty streets with their enticing shops, restaurants and cafes. From Bolsena you can take local buses to some of the towns surrounding lake Bolsena, Gradoli, Montefiascone, Grotte di Castro and Viterbo where you can visit the famous thermal baths. For the more energetic there are well mapped walks, or cycles can be hired or even a boat.

The price of the holiday is £799.00 per person in shared twin rooms, all inclusive. Lake View and Balcony £ 999.00 per person per week, Doubles for single use £ 899.00 per week.

Tour to Tarquinia home of the National Archaeological Museum which houses some stupendous Etruscan artefacts including the famous winged horses and then on to see the painted Etruscan tombs, some dating back to the 6<sup>th</sup> century BC, on the outskirts of Tarquinia in a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Later we visit the ruined Etruscan city of Vulci which had its origins in the 9<sup>th</sup> century BC set in a natural and archaeological park, walk on the stones of a Roman road, catch sight of the unusual Maremma cattle roaming in the park.

**Day 5- Wednesday 13 June 2012**

Day at leisure, guided walk level 3

**Day 6- Thursday 14 June 2012**

Tour to Bagnaia to see the Villa Lante with its formal gardens and fountains, largely laid out by Cardinal Gambara during the 16<sup>th</sup> century. The gardens are laid out in three terraces, you will be able to see the Fountain of the Dolphins, the Fountain of the Giants, the Cardinal's Table, used for outside banquets with water running in the centre to keep drinks cool, the Fountain of the Lamps which feeds into the enormous pool of the Quadrato with the Fountain of the Moors. At the entrance to the gardens you will find the Fountain of the Pegasus, with its winged horses striking their hooves against the rock to send up a jet of water. In the afternoon we go to Caprarola to see the Farnese Palace built in the 16<sup>th</sup> century for Cardinal Alessandro Farnese by Vignola. It was from 1948 until 1955 the summer residence of the President of the Italian Republic. This pentagonal palace dominates the town of Caprarola was built to celebrate the power and glory of the Farnese family. You will climb an elegant spiral stair case completely frescoed to gain access to the piano nobile where room after room is decorated with frescoes displaying the life and history of the Farnese family.

**Day 7- Friday 15 June 2012**

Day at leisure. Self guided walks

**Day 8- Saturday 16 June 2012**

Breakfast at the hotel-Transfer from Bolsena to Rome Ciampino Airport Departure for London 17.50 -19.30



Corpus Domini Orvieto 2011



**Corpus Domini (On day 2):** The historical procession of Corpus Domini - 400 people in wonderful medieval costumes with drums and trumpets, standard bearers and the representatives of the medieval city, the Podesta, the Captain of the People, the Constable, the knights and squires. The religious procession celebrating the legend of Bolsena follows the historic procession. An unforgettable occasion which dates back to 1337 and has continued uninterrupted since then.

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**FLIGHT & COST SUPPLEMENTS**

The cost of your holiday includes flight UK-Rome Rtn of £ 100.00, however, should the air ticket be higher at the time of your reservation your package cost will be adjusted accordingly; same will apply to the exchange rate, if considerably higher than **1.10 Euros to the Pound.**



**Villa Lante (On day 6)** - Tour to see the Villa Lante - The gardens are laid out in three terraces, you will be able to see the Fountain of the Dolphins, the Fountain of the Giants, the Cardinal's Table, used for outside banquets with water running in the centre to keep drinks cool, the Fountain of the Lamps which feeds into the enormous pool of the Quadrato with the Fountain of the Moors. This pentagonal palace dominates the town of Caprarola was built to celebrate the power and glory of the Farnese family. You will climb an elegant spiral stair case completely frescoed to gain access to the piano nobile where room after room is decorated with frescoes displaying the life and history of the Farnese family. At the entrance to the gardens you will find the Fountain of the Pegasus, with its winged horses striking their hooves against the rock to send up a jet of water. In the afternoon we go to Caprarola to see the Farnese Palace built in the

**WHAT'S INCLUDED**

*Itinerary return flights London Stansted to Rome Ciampino. Airport transfers. Seven nights Half Board basis with continental breakfast, lunch or dinner with wine & water included. Tours to Orvieto -Tarquinia-. Civita Bagnoregio Vulci - Villa Lante and Palazzo Farnese Tours. Double rooms for single use. The services of Adam and Steve travel manager.*

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