

## **CRAFTSMANSHIP AND INDUSTRY**

### **A weekend to discover Valdelsa Valdicecina**

*Beyond the classic Tuscany lies a land shaped by human labor, stone, and steam. This three-day itinerary explores the artisan and industrial excellence of the Valdelsa and Valdicecina region, revealing how humankind transformed natural resources into opportunities for growth.*

*The journey begins in Colle di Val d'Elsa, known as the "Bohemia of Italy," to discover the secrets of crystal, before continuing to Volterra, where the tradition of alabaster comes alive through its EcoMuseum and historic workshops. You will then venture into the mining galleries of Montecatini Val di Cecina, once Europe's largest copper mine, and proceed to Larderello, in the "Devil's Valley," where the Geothermal Energy Museum and the thunderous roar of a geothermal well reveal the power of steam used to produce energy. The tour concludes in Saline di Volterra, featuring its impressive salt cascade pavilion.*

*Perfect for school groups, this tour offers a unique opportunity to experience an unexpected side of Tuscany, where human dedication and the raw power of the earth forge an unforgettable story.*

Snapshot:

- 3 days / 2 nights
- For school groups
- Price per person in multi-bed room starting from € 299,00 (The fee is calculated on a base of 25 people - A gratuity is guaranteed every 25 participants)

## Program

### Day 1 – Friday Afternoon

Discovering Colle Val d'Elsa and its crystal craftsmanship.

Activities:

- ★ Arrival in Colle Val d'Elsa.
- ★ Packed lunch.
- ★ Visit to the Crystal Museum and a crystal workshop to see its crafting techniques.
- ★ Free time and self-guided visit of Colle Val d'Elsa city centre.
- ★ Transfer to Poggibonsi, hotel accommodation, dinner and overnight stay.

### Day 2 – Saturday

Discovering the craftsmanship in Volterra and Montecatini

Activities:

- ★ Breakfast at the hotel, then transfer to Volterra.
- ★ Meetup with the guide and visit of the city centre, the Alabaster Museum and a workshop, where an artisan will demonstrate the crafting techniques.
- ★ Lunch in a pizzeria
- ★ Transfer to Montecatini Val di Cecina
- ★ Arrival in Montecatini and meetup with the guide to visit the Copper Mine.
- ★ Free time to discover the Medieval village.
- ★ Hotel accommodation in Montecatini Val di Cecina. Dinner and overnight stay.

### Day 3 – Sunday

Discovering Larderello and the strength of geothermal energy + Saline di Volterra and its salt industry.

Activities:

- ★ Breakfast at the hotel and transfer to Larderello.

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- ★ Arrival in Larderello meetup with the guide and visit to the Geothermal Energy Museum and the demonstration geothermal well.
  - ★ Packed lunch offered by the hotel.
  - ★ Transfer to Saline di Volterra.
  - ★ Arrival in Saline, guided visit to the production plant and to the salt cascade pavilion.
  - ★ End of services.

### Useful information

#### What's included:

- Entrance to the Crystal Museum of Colle Val d'Elsa
- Visit to a crystal workshop.
- 2 overnight stays in a 3-star hotel (Half board treatment in a multi-bed room)
- Entrance to the EcoMuseum of Alabaster.
- Visit to an alabaster workshop.
- Lunch in a pizzeria.
- Entrance and guided tour to the Copper Mine Museum in Montecatini Val di Cecina.
- Packed lunch offered by the hotel.
- Entrance to the Geothermal Energy Museum and opening of the demonstration geothermal well.
- Entrance and guided visit to the Salt Industry.

#### Exclusions:

- Transfer, ticket for the bus parking lot.  
Room supplements, extras, and tips.
- Single room supplement: 60 euro per person, per night.
- Any services or meals not explicitly listed under "*The Price Includes*"

**INFO AND BOOKING**

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