



Itinerary for LSP Photography Holiday, Cortona 2023

Day 1 – Thursday: Arrivals and Welcome – *Ciao Amici!!*

- Lillie, Charlie or a taxi will meet guests at Perugia Airport or alternatively at the Cortona train station if flying into Rome or Pisa.
- 12:30 Prosecco and seated lunch at Cacio Brillo in Piazza Signorelli and an introduction to the holiday by Lillie.
- Leisurely stroll into Cortona and/or through the surrounding parks and olive groves. Keep cameras at the ready for those impromptu shots, and Lillie will be available for assistance and guidance.
- Surprise visit to a wonderful private property with 180 degree views down onto Cortona and Valdicchiana
- 7:30pm Pre-dinner Prosecco on terrace at the superb La Loggetta restaurant <https://www.laloggetta.com/en/> overlooking Piazza della Repubblica. An informal presentation by Lillie on photography and the more specific delights of photographing Cortona and the surrounding area.
- Dinner on the terrace at La Loggetta overlooking the ancient Piazza and town hall.
- Perhaps an after-dinner digestivo in one of the many café bars!

Day 2 – Friday: Under the Tuscan Sun Landscapes

- First class begins after breakfast, meet Charlie & Lillie at 9am in the Hotel Italia lobby
- Walk or ride in the minibus up to Torreone Bar for big views of the two valleys surrounding Cortona
- Landscape Lesson, accompanied by coffee & pastries at Torreone Bar.
- Stroll down the Localita Strada Torreone & pass the famous author Francis Maye's house
- Capture the views of Valecchie valley using aperture, perspective and composition creatively
- Finish the walk in the ornate public gardens for further valley views framed by the Tuscan pines
- Enjoy a typical wholesome Italian lunch down in the valley at Bar Pergo with a glass of the local Vino Novello... or perhaps two!
- Go for an after lunch walk through picturesque Piazzano to capture breathtaking views of the Umbrian and Tuscan hills
- Return to Cortona for a well-earned rest
- **4.30pm Meet Charlie & Lillie in Hotel lobby**
- Take the minibus to a Wine Tasting and Sunset photos at Palazzo Vecchio (<https://www.vinonobile.it/en/>) in the rolling hills of Valdichiana. Be prepared to capture the golden hour views of Cortona high on the hill through the grapes and vines
- After the sun has set, a splendid well-deserved Tuscan Dinner at Palazzo Vecchio vineyard



Day 3 – Saturday: The Hustle & Bustle of the Arezzo Antique Market

- 9am meet in the hotel foyer for a photography lesson in the Hotel presentation room
- A short minibus ride to Camucia for a Pastries, cappuccinos with a talk and demonstration provided by the wonderful award-winning baristas at Café Vanelli. <https://vannelli.coffee/>
- Arrive in Arezzo and capture the amazing antiques market that takes over the ancient historic centre.
- Lunch at La Vigna Trattoria <http://www.trattorialavigna.it/> . A 3rd generation family restaurant cooking local produce in mouthwatering recipes to a standard that Nonna would happily give her stamp of approval!
- Walk up through the winding and historic roads of Arezzo, capturing the hustle and bustle of the antiques market, a dream for all street photographers!
- ****Tonight gives you the choice of making your own plans for dinner, Lillie and Charlie are happy to make recommendations and help with the bookings.**

Day 4 – Sunday: Olives, Sagra & fun!

- Meet at 9am for lesson in the hotel presentation room
- After the lesson, we head down to the village of Montecchio to capture the olive groves, Tuscan landscapes and hill-top castles.
- **Surprise lunch & Sagra – event photographers get those cameras ready. A local event that we will have unhindered photography access, great fun and superb local food**
- Return to Cortona from the splendid lunch adventure, for an afternoon critique of your holiday images
- Meet Lillie in hotel presentation room with your SD cards or laptops for a fun afternoon, viewing & discussing one another's favourite photos. Wine and snacks on hand ☺
- 7.30pm Finale: a splendid dinner at a Cortonese favourite, Dardano's. Food, vino & 'green sheeeet' drink, that's tastes a whole lot better than it sounds!
- Lillie will present special 'tongue in cheek' awards

Day 5 – Sunrise, Cappuccinos and Arrivederci!

- Sunrise shoot @6am for those who are up for it.
- Meet Lillie in hotel lobby at 6am for a short walk to Piazza Gariibaldi to capture the light as it spreads across the Valdichiana and Lago Trasimeno
- Early breakfast and stroll into Piazza della Repubblica for some final shots and un caffè in Bar Signorelli.
- Return to Hotel Italia to pack before the short drive to the airport or station.



Arrivederci, amici!

This itinerary is representative of what to expect: However, this itinerary is subject to change depending on availability, unforeseen circumstances, weather conditions and unexpected delays.