



TUSCOLAN VILLAS

TOUR

The Tuscolan Villas between the Renaissance and the Baroque

An itinerary between art and gastronomy in the Roman Castles. We will visit Frascati, Grottaferrata and the Tuscolan villas, once summer residences of the nobility today witnesses of the uniqueness and grandeur of this territory

FRASCATI

Meet with the guide in Frascati and start of the tour. We will walk through the streets of one of the most renowned towns of the Roman Castles famous for the various Tuscolan villas, once home to illustrious patrician families. The town is also often remembered for the cathedral of St. Peter in neo-Renaissance Baroque style and the church of Gesù built in the eighteenth century by the genius of Carlo Fontana, as well as for the traditional local culture linked to wine and various gastronomic products.

VILLA MONDRAGONE

Later in the morning, transfer to Villa Mondragone (entrance ticket included), the largest of the Tuscolan Villas. Building started in 1573 by Cardinal Altemps, Mondragone lives its period of maximum expansion between the Renaissance and the beginning of the Baroque. It was the summer residence of the popes until 1626 when the new Pope Urban VIII moved it to Castel Gandolfo. Visit of the interiors, including the wonderful Hall of the Svizzeri, the splendid Garden of the Girandola, the majestic Portico del Vasanzio and the Theatre of the Acque.

Before leaving Frascati for Grottaferrata we will talk about the history of Villa Aldobrandini which stands in the Roman Castles and dominates all of Rome. The centuries-old villa stands on a panoramic hill overlooking the entrance to the town and has seen powerful families often linked to the papacy within its walls.

VILLA GRAZIOLI

Lunch at Villa Grazioli (Grottaferrata) today transformed into a 5-star hotel with the prestigious Grazioli Art Bistrot restaurant. In the summer, you can have lunch outside on the exclusive terrace overlooking Rome. Villa Grazioli is an ancient cardinal's villa located in a panoramic position on the Tusculum hill. We will visit the interior with the splendid frescoed rooms and the wonderful gardens overlooking Rome. The Villa is surrounded by a large centuries-old park, where guests can relax in contact with nature, in a context of peace and silence, away from the chaos of the city.

GROTTAFERRATA

After lunch, proceed to Grottaferrata, an elegant town in the Roman Castles. We will visit the Greek Abbey of San Nilo, founded in 1004 and is currently the last of the Byzantine rite monasteries in Italy. Built on the foundations of an important Roman villa, it incorporates the so-called Grotta Ferrata (cryptoferrata): a sepulchral cell presumed to be the tomb of Tulliola, daughter of Cicero. Along the way you can admire the Farnese Chapel with frescoes by Domenichino and the icon of Mary with Child by Gian Lorenzo Bernini. Return to Frascati and end of the tour.

PRICE PER PERSON	
Scheduled dates every week and additional dates on request	
Code /Number of pers.	6/9 Pers.
Tour only (without lunch) (TUS1)	68€
Tour only (including lunch) (TUS2)	98€
Transfer from Rome (SP01)	+48€
Transfer from Frascati (SP02)	+30€

The price refers to the private tour organized on request.
Price per person, includes guide, entrance fees. TUS1 tour only, travel by own car. TUS2 includes a 3 course lunch. SP01 includes transfer from Rome and during the tour. SP02 includes transfer from Frascati Station.

