



***FINDING VALENTINO* Tour with author **Angela Di Sciascio** and escorted by specialist **Abruzzo** guide, **Luciana Masci**.**

Tour includes

- Private transfers from Rome Termini station. All land travel and transfers within Abruzzo by airconditioned minibus and private driver.
- Small personalized and private group.
- 11 days / 10 nights accommodation in the Abruzzo countryside including 3 different accommodations, such as 17th & 19th century farmhouses, boutique family run accommodation in towns and villages in Abruzzo. (4 nights, 3 nights then 3 nights in 3 different accommodations over the 11 days).
- Welcome drinks on arrival at all 3 accommodations.
- Meals and drinks provided as per itinerary - breakfast daily; 7 lunches and 5 dinners/suppers; including 1 private cooking class.
- Souvenir apron, printed recipes and personalized printed menus of restaurant meals.
- Drinks - All lunches and dinners provided in the itinerary include wine and water as well as coffee/tea and occasionally liqueurs.
- Meet local winemakers with private cellar visits and wine tastings of Abruzzese D.O.C Montepulciano and Trebbiano wines. Join in the local autumn grape harvest.
- Private escorted visits to local cheesemakers, olive oil producers, and truffle producers with accompanying tastings.
- Private escorted visits to local traditional craftsmen of gold filagree jewellery, wrought iron and copper.
- Visit to local outdoor village market and indoor covered markets
- Private guided visits to towns and villages including Pescara, Casoli, Loreto Aprutino, Pianella, Fossacesia coast, Guardiagrele, Pennapiedimonte, Palombaro, Roccascalegna, Sulmona, Raiano, Sant'Omero, Civitella del Tronto, Santo Stefano di Sessanio, Farindola, Campo Imperatore.
- Admission to all historical sites, galleries and museums mentioned in the itinerary.

- Guided gentle walks in the Maiella National Park, Gran Sasso National Park or easy, leisurely country walks
- Lead by Australian author Angela Di Sciascio and escorted by your English speaking (and Italian and Abruzzese speaking) guide Luciana Masci and other local guides where required.

Tour does not include

- Airfares
- Items of personal nature, phone calls, passport and visas (if applicable), laundry or tips.
- Personal transport, excess baggage, security and government taxes, travel insurance.
- Beverages unless specifically described.
- Meals not specifically mentioned in itinerary.
- Entry fees to places other than those specifically mentioned in itinerary.
- Optional excursions or activities that may be offered but not included in the tour price.
- Does not include morning teas/afternoon tea/coffee or drinks in between meals, such as aperitivo drinks on free evenings.

Terms and Conditions/Cancellation Policy

All cancellations must be made in writing to **Touring Abruzzo** and will be subject to the following cancellation charges from the date the written cancellation is received.

- Cancellations received more than 60 days prior to departure will incur a loss of deposit.
- Cancellations received within 59 – 30 days prior to departure will incur a loss of 50% of total tour cost.
- Cancellations received within 29 days or less prior to departure will incur a loss of 100% of total tour cost. However, this could be recoverable through your travel insurance.

Payments of deposits and balance of payment for tour Oct 5 -15, 2014

- COST: AUD \$6050 per person, twin share (and Single Supplement AUD \$1200)
- Upon a booking being made through Angela, a non refundable deposit of \$500 per person is required to secure the booking.
- An invoice will be issued by Luciana Masci of Touring Abruzzo with the full payment of tour including single supplements, deposit payable and balance owing.
- Balance is owed 60 days prior to departure of tour (ie August 5, 2014) and a final invoice will be issued.
- Payment is in Australian Dollars.
- See Terms and Conditions above for cancellation of tour once deposit or final payment made.
- Travel Insurance is necessary for all guests booking.

- A Client Information Form will be sent along with invoice - this will have your details, emergency contact numbers, travel insurance information and a disclaimer to be signed.

Single supplements

Upon paying a single supplement, a double room will be guaranteed for that booking. Single supplements are limited due to the small number of rooms in boutique accommodations, farmhouses etc in Abruzzo.

For information on Abruzzo

<http://www.visitabruzzo.co.uk/> General tourist information

<http://www.paesaggidabruzzo.com/> In Italian but has amazing range of fantastic photo images of Abruzzo.

<http://www.lifeinabruzzo.com/> One of Angela's favourites, started by an English expat who set up home in Abruzzo.

www.findingvalentino.com Angela's website...of course!

What will the weather be like?

October is autumn in Italy – the time of the grape harvest and wine vintage. It averages about 18-20 degC in Abruzzo in early October, with colder weather up in the mountains. It will get a little colder as the month passes.

