

## HOLY MONASTERY TOUR



Our monastery tour was created to raise awareness of famous sites, sacred to the Christian religion, places of worship and stays of St. Francis of Assisi. Step back into the Middle Age, meeting and conversing with the Franciscan monks who still live in isolation and peace of the monasteries in Tuscany :

**LA VERNA** The Sanctuary of La Verna is famous for being the place where St. Francis of Assisi would have received the stigmata September 14, 1224. Built in the southern part of Mount Penna at 1128 meters above sea level, the Sanctuary Above the cliff shrouded by forest is the largest sanctuary complex in its massive and varied architecture holds many treasures of spirituality, art, culture and history. For all Franciscans and supporters of San Francesco La Verna is an indispensable place of pilgrimage. For them, the friars of Verna centuries damage, as well as spiritual assistance, the opportunity to refresh and stop for a few days in the guest.

**HERMITAGE CELLS SAINT FRANCIS** is a sacred building that is located in Le Celle, in the town of Cortona, in the province of Arezzo. The Franciscan settlement was founded in 1211 by the saint himself, who returned there in 1226 before he died, and was extensively restored in 1969 The complex, built at the turn of a narrow valley, is very impressive for the amenity and spirituality of the place. The dwellings of the monks and the local convent are arranged "tiers" on both sides of the valley. Finding himself to preach at Cortona in 1211, as usual, Francis asked for and obtained a place in which they can withdraw in prayer. A young noble of the city, Guido Vagnottelli (which later became the "Blessed Guido", one of the early companions of Francis of Assisi) offered him what the early thirteenth century. must have seemed a harsh place and especially devoid of any human settlement.

**MONASTERO DI CAMALDOLI** Founded a thousand years ago by San Romualdo, Monaco and Benedictine hermit (1027), the Holy Hermitage and Monastery of Camaldoli are immersed in an enchanting forest of the Tuscan-Romagna. A setting of extraordinary beauty that instills peace and expands the spirit.

It rises 818 meters above sea level and is located on the banks of one of the branches of the river Archiano, mentioned by Dante Alighieri (Purgatorio, canto V, verse 94).

This reality monastic its roots as much in the ancient tradition of the Christian East as in the West that are recognized in St. Benedict. It also unites the communities, and the lonely life of monaco, expressed respectively in the Monastery and the Hermitage, which form a single community. Camaldoli was also known by the name of Fontebuona for the quality and richness of the waters that were celebrated by the monumental fountain that Ambrose Traversari built in front of the entrance to the monastery.



#### GENERAL INFORMATION

Available: All year round. Rain or shine

Duration: from 1 to 5 hours

Travelling time: 40 minutes

#### INCLUDED IN THE TOUR

Air conditioned vehicle

Pick up and drop off in your location

English speaking Driver Guide for the day

Lunch at local restaurant (3 course meal + drinks)

Subject to availability and fix in advance you can have lunch in the guest house of the monks with local produce and source water

#### How to book

If You require more details and information please contact us



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