

This combo Cruise / Culinary vacation is for CDV Alumni only. For those that have been to our Soriano location, this will be a reunion of epic proportions with everything new and different, while reuniting with many of those that make our Soriano weeks so special. For guests that have been to our other locations, and this will be a first visit to Soriano, you know how we roll! You will fit right in, and surely meet many of the people you have heard us rave about for years!

## Draft Itinerary

\* This is a draft itinerary. Some items on itinerary be reorganized or replaced with similar experiences, as much of this is still in the works. As usual, when we make a substitution, we make sure it is a knock your socks off substitution!

From	To	Location	Activities
<b>Day 1   Apr 22, 2023 - Welcome Aboard!</b>			
1:00 PM		Ft. Lauderdale	Embark on Odyssey of the Seas and get settled.
6:00 PM		Ft. Lauderdale	Welcome Reception on Ship with Michael and Paola for the official inauguration of CDV@Sea !!
8:00 PM		At Sea	Dinner together in main dining room
<b>Days 2 - 8   Apr 23- 30, 2023 - Relax at Sea!</b>			
		At Sea	During our sea days, we will have no schedule, and will simply let it roll as we all make plans together here and there during the cruise. We will have two specialty dinners together and a cocktail reception TBA. We may have a few other special events planned, TBD. Note that for meals, we will have late seating, and our group will all be at the same tables, but with all of the other restaurants aboard, it is never expected that everyone will be there for meals.
<b>Day 9   May 01, 2023 - Malaga, Spain</b>			
9:00 AM	6:00 PM	Malaga, Spain	No CDV excursions will be planned this day. Choose to see Malaga on your own, or take a shore excursion.
<b>Day 10   May 02, 2023 - Street Food in Alicante, Spain</b>			
9:00 AM	6:00 PM	Alicante, Spain	CDV Managed Food & Wine Tour in Alicante included
<b>Day 11   May 03, 2023 - Palma de Mallorca, Spain</b>			
7:00 AM	4:00 PM	Palma de Mallorca, Spain	No CDV excursions will be planned this day. Choose to see Palma de Mallorca on your own, or take a shore excursion.
<b>Day 12   May 04, 2023 - Winery in Provence</b>			
9:00 AM	5:00 PM	Marseilles, France	CDV Managed visit to winery in Provence with lunch included
<b>Day 13   May 05, 2023 - Michelangelo's Marble Quarry</b>			
7:00 AM	7:00 PM	La Spezia, Italy	CDV Tour of the Carrara Marble Quarry with lunch included.

## Day 14 | May 06, 2023 - Welcome Home to Soriano!

9:00 AM	10:45 AM	Civitavecchia, Italy	Disembark ship, pick up luggage and transfer to CDV bus for transfer to Soriano and check-into your village homes.
11:00 AM	1:00 PM	Soriano	Time to get settled in Soriano and collect your dirty laundry. Bags will be waiting for you in your village home.
1:00 PM	3:30 PM	Soriano	Bring your laundry bags with you to piazza, and we will transfer down to Villa Eddarella for a welcome reception & lunch, plus make Ricotta cheese with Shepard that will be used during the week. * Note, the laundry service is on us, but it will be delivered to your village home on Monday, so be sure to have clothes for Sunday and Monday.
3:30 PM	6:30 PM	Soriano	More time to get settled and relax after lunch in your village home.
6:30 PM	10:30 PM	Faggeta Forest	We will head up to the breathtaking Faggeta forest, which is among few such places under UNESCO patronage. We'll take a walk through this mystical forest before we have an amazing "Grigliata" dinner at Ristorante La Baita" at the edge of the forest.

## Day 15 | May 07, 2023 - Our First Cooking Class, Inferno, The Etruscans & The Hippie Town!

	9:15 AM	Soriano	Traditional Italian breakfast is each day at Caffé Roma in Piazza. They open by 6 am and you are more than welcome to go anytime you'd like. Grab a pastry or croissant (cornetto in this region of Italy) and some coffee, espresso, cappuccino, café latte, tea, juice, etc.. and watch the town start the day! Open seating breakfast is at your leisure every day...The café has free Wi-Fi. We will leave for the Villa at 9:15 AM
9:30 AM	3:30 PM		Immersive Cooking Class resulting in lunch at Villa Eddarella: <b>App:</b> Chilled Pear, Pancetta & Ricotta Soup <b>1st Course:</b> Gnocchi col Ferro (Not Gnocchi as you know them!) <b>2nd Course:</b> Beef & Chestnut Spezzatino <b>Dessert:</b> Cantucci & Vin Santo + <i>Down in the cellar</i> , make Grappa in the copper still & our infamous "Inferno" with Michael & Rocky!
3:30 PM	5:30 PM	Sutri	We will head through the Cimino mountains and visit the town of Sutri, site of one of the most beautiful Etruscan necropolises. It dates back roughly 3,000 years, followed by a visit to the the ruins of a 9,000 seat ancient roman amphitheater that dates back to the 1st century AD.

6:00 PM	9:30PM	Calcata	<p>Calcata is a tiny medieval hill town that stands on a mountain of tufa rock, dominating the valley of the river Treja. Legend has it that Calcata's church once held the relic of Jesus Christ's foreskin, making it an important destination for pilgrims... until it was allegedly stolen in 1567. Yes, you read that right. <i>That</i> foreskin. In the 1930's the town was condemned, and residents were displaced, until the 1960's when Italian hippies and artists squatted in the condemned buildings. A new legend emerged, that an unknown energy occupied the town, and those that were one with the energy could live there, and those that could not were driven mad. Today, Calcata still has a thriving artistic community, and has been described by the New York Times as "the grooviest village in Italy, home to a wacky community of about 100 artists, bohemians, aging hippies and New Age types."</p> <p>We'll walk around town, visiting some of the artist shops, and finally have dinner the restaurant of our old friend, Pancho.... A hippie to the end, at his funky vegetarian tavern, "Gotta deli Germogli"</p>
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**Day 16 | May 08, 2023 - Wannabe Sommelier School in Tuscany + The Annual Wine Bottle Ceremony!**

8:30 AM	9:00 AM	Soriano	Meet in Piazza at Bar Roma for breakfast. This will be a long day, so dress very comfortably. We leave promptly at 9:00 AM.
10:30 AM	2:00 PM	Montepulciano	We will head to Enrico's vineyards, where he grows the grapes for his <i>Vino Nobile di Montepulciano</i> . There, we will have a picnic lunch together between the rows of vines (weather permitting), as we take in the scenery and spend time with Enrico and family.
2:30 PM	9:30 PM		<p>After lunch, we will head up to Enrico's breathtaking 3,000 year+ old wine cellar. There, we will do a mini sommelier class with us as we get to know the in depth details of what makes Tuscan wines so special. Don't be surprised if our friend Roberto shows up with his Brunello and Enrico and Roberto have a showdown of the wines!</p> <p>* After our class, we will participate in a tradition that that has been a seal of friendship between Michael &amp; Paola and Enrico &amp; Antonella of the winery for years. We will bring he ladder in the cathedral room of the cellar and add a bottle to our personal stash to mark our 2023 season and friendship with this wonderful family.</p> <p>* Time permitting, we will take a walk around Montepulciano, and have dinner back in the cellar with a traditional Tuscan meal and some truly amazing wine!</p>

**Day 17 | May 09, 2023 - Cooking Class + Olive Oil Class & Dinner at Madonna delle Macchie**

	9:15 AM	Soriano	Meet in Piazza at Bar Roma for breakfast. We leave promptly at 9:15 AM.
9:30 AM	3:30 PM		<p>Immersive Cooking Class resulting in lunch at Villa Eddarella:  <b>App:</b> Suppli (Arancini, Soriano Style)  <b>1st Course:</b> Sauces! 5 different sauces for pasta.  <b>2nd Course:</b> Bistecca alla Palermitana  <b>Dessert:</b> Nutella &amp; Hazelnut Bomboloni</p>
3:30 PM	6:30 PM	Soriano	Some down time after lunch

6:30 PM	10:00 PM	Castiglione in Teverina	We will head over to Madonna delle Macchie winery and olive mill. We will have a wonderful dinner with Serena and family, as she treats us to a horizontal olive oil tasting and class that will make you a true expert in discerning what makes a quality olive oil, as well as what kind of oil pairs with what types of food. You will never see olive oil the same! Naturally, we will be drinking all of their wonderful wines as well as we reconnect with the family here!
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**Day 18 | May 10, 2023 - Painting The Castle, Rome & The Vatican at Night! (May need to move this day)**

10:00 AM	Soriano	Breakfast at Bar Roma at your leisure anytime this morning. For those that are not artistically inclined, this is a great time for a rest. For anyone else, we will meet Riccardo Sanna, the celebrated artist in Soriano, and find a spot where we will have a mini painting class, as we paint the iconic western view of Soriano and the massive 10th century castle.
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12:30 PM	2:00 PM	Soriano	We'll meet in the Rotezzia pub below Piazza for a light lunch.
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2:00 PM	10:00 PM	Rome	Today we are spending an evening in Rome made for people that have already "done Rome". We will drive into the city, stopping at Gianicolo Hill, considered by locals to be the site of the best view of the city. This is also the site believed to be where St. Peter was crucified. Here, we will spend some leisure time at a cafe, sipping some aperetivi and snacking away. After dusk, when the Vatican closes its doors to the masses, we will make our way to the entrance of the Vatican museums, where we will be among the very few guests allowed to enter after hours, when the crowds have all gone. We'll have a chance to experience the museums, the Raphael rooms, and The Sistine Chapel the way they were meant to be experienced. If you have been here a hundred times, this will truly be your first!
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Finally, you have heard us rave about it, you have probably had us recommend it. We are going to Trattoria Vecchia Roma, our absolutely favorite restaurant in Rome, where we will have the best Amatriciana on planet earth!

**Day 19 | May 11, 2023 - English @ Elementary School, The Sulphur Springs & The Epic Party!**

10:00 AM	Soriano	Meet in Piazza at Bar Roma for breakfast. We leave promptly at 9:15 AM.
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10:00 AM	2:00 PM	Viterbo	We will head over to Viterbo, and visit an Italian Elementary school, where we will read English to the kids. Be sure to bring some books to leave them, and we will have lunch together with the kids at school. If nothing else, you will leave knowing that Italian kids eat well in school!
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2:00 PM	3:00 PM	Viterbo	We will next visit the Bulicame volcanic sulphur springs. This is a place the ancient Romans believed could wash away your sins. It was frequented by popes, cardinals, and yes.. prostitutes in Roman times. In medieval times, the tradition continued with visits by Michelangelo, and it is even described in Dante's Inferno! In more modern times, the locals believe bathing or drinking the water here is the cure for anything that ails you. For those wishing to drink, we will fill bottles of this hot sulfur water right from the source. If you feel like bathing in one of the pools, hop on in!
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3:45 PM	6:30 PM	Soriano	Time to rest up for tonight's Party at the Villa!
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7:00 PM	????	Soriano	<p>The party of parties at the Villa. This is the party we have every year or two, in which everyone is invited! Almost all of the CDV team will be here, and you are likely to see friendly faces from MANY of our other locations! The last time we did "the party," there were over 100 guests, most of which were CDV team! We pull out all of the stops for this party! An entire porchetta, a massive dinner, music, dancing, and most of all, FRIENDS!</p> <p>We will also be having a very special surprise ceremony tonight. We would tell you what it is, but then we would have to kill you :-)</p> <p>For those wanting to get to bed early and those that want to party into the night, we will be able to give rides into town for anyone, anytime they desire.</p>
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**Day 20 | May 12, 2023 - The Hidden Ruins w/Picnic Lunch & Medieval Dinner in the Castle!**

10:30 AM	Soriano	<p>Once again, a late start after a late evening! Breakfast at Bar Roma for whenever you fell like strolling over!</p>	
11:30 AM	2:30 PM	Monti Cimini	<p>We will take a light hike to the Etruscan ruins at Santa Lucia. For those that have been on our Cities lost in Time weeks, part of this will be familiar from our hike to "Corviano," but this time we will end up at the ruins of a different 3,000 year old village with a far more scenic hike. When we arrive, we will have a picnic waiting for us at the site. For those that do not wish to take the hike, we can get you very close to the location by van.</p>
3:00 PM	7:00 PM	Soriano	<p>Time to relax again (and maybe get some packing done), but for those that have not finished their paintings, we will stroll down to Riccardo's studio to do our finishing touches.</p>
7:00 PM	????	Castello Orsini	<p>Tonight is our EPIC farewell dinner, and it will be unlike anything we have ever done! We are taking over the castle! This is the same castle in which Rodrigo Borgia had his son Alessandro murder a Cardinal in order to finally become Pope! This is the castle where the Vatican ordained the Franciscan Order of the Church. Tonight's dinner will be 100% medieval fare! Nothing modern, nothing "pretend." To add to it, we will be joined by the swordsmen of the "Rione Rocca" in Soriano, and they will treat us to a performance, and... who would we be if we didn't get some sword fighting lessons while we are at it?</p> <p>To add to the evening, we will have yet another ceremony to mark the conclusion of our first CDV@Sea trip, and the inauguration of this new Soriano itinerary that will only be repeated on rare occasions for alumni! Be sure to leave some room in your luggage, as you will need a little extra after tonight.</p>

**Day 21 | May 13, 2023 - Ciao, alla prossima volta!**

TBD	TBD	Soriano > FCO	<p>All good things must come to an end, and here we are. We will arrange transfers to the FCO Airport or Orte Train Station based on flight schedules. Breakfast will naturally be ready at Bar Roma, and we will hit the road in tie for everyone to make their flights.</p>
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