

Latium Garden Tour

Programme 5 Days / 4 Nights

Latium Garden Tour represents a fascinating journey across some of the most beautiful naturalistic spots of this region, during which the traveller will admire a luxuriant and rare fauna. Furthermore, this tour includes a series of visits to medieval villages, to cities rich in art and history, to magnificent abbeys and cathedrals as authentic and intense symbols of faith and spirituality.

2st Day (Thursday):

The botanical gardens of Ninfa and Landriana gardens

Morning: visit to the **Botanical Gardens of Ninfa**, abandoned medieval town of **archaeological interest**, belonging to the **Oasis of Ninfa** (about 1,852 hectares), which includes **Ninfa River**, the **Botanical Gardens** and a **mountain** area, where one can admire many vegetable species. Free time for lunch. Afternoon: visit to the **Landriana Gardens**.

Landriana gardens lie 40 Km south of Rome and stretch over 10 hectares inside a vast estate.

The gardens offer a wide **variety of plants**, among which heathers, old roses and camellias, subdivided in **30 rooms**.

Landriana gardens re-create the landscape English-style garden in a modern transposition, combining it in some rooms with the Italian-style garden. The variety of plants and flowers of the gardens cause that flowerings occur all year round. Every year, in April and October, a national gardening exhibition takes place in the gardens.

Dinner at the hotel and overnight stay.

1st Day (Wednesday):
Arrival

Pick-up at Ciampino or Leonardo da Vinci airport (Rome).

Transfer to the hotel in **Fiuggi** and check-in.

Before dinner, welcome drink for all the guests and after dinner short explanation of the programme.

Overnight stay.





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3rd Day (Friday): Anagni and The Charterhouse of Trisulti

Morning: visit to the town of Anagni, known as "The Popes' Town" for it was the birthplace of important Catholic popes, the most famous of which was Pope **Boniface VIII**. To be visited: the **Cathedral**, one of the most beautiful Romanesque churches in Latium, where **S. Magno's** Crypt, bishop and patron of the town, is; **Boniface VIII's Palace**, where it is told that the historical event of Anagni's slap took place (the pope would have been slapped by **Sciarrà Colonna**). Free time for lunch.

Afternoon: visit to **the Charterhouse of Trisulti**. Monastic life was started at Trisulti, situated in the territory of Colleparado, by **St. Dominic of Foligno**, a great reformer and founder of Benedictine abbeys in southern Latium. In the year 1000, he built a magnificent monastery, which one can still admire, despite the collapse of the central part (the church and chapterhouse). After two centuries of Benedictine life, **Pope Innocent III** decreed in 1204 that the abbey and its possessions should pass to the **Carthusians**, who sent four lay brothers with the task of building a new monastery suitable for their kind of monastic life and safe from rockfalls. A number of changes in the course of time have masked the original appearance of the charterhouse.

Since 1947 the monastery has been inhabited and looked after by the **Cistercians**.

The small group of monks gave life to the old charterhouse, welcoming tourists and, above all, offering their services to parish priests in the neighbourhood. Wine tasting and dinner in a farm holidays. Overnight stay in hotel.



4th Day (Saturday): Villa d'Este (Tivoli)

Morning: Free time in Fuggi. Optional visit to **Fiuggi Old Medieval Town**. Afternoon: visit to **Villa d'Este** in Tivoli. It is a sumptuous country residence created in the XVI century by Pirro Ligorio for **Cardinal Ippolito d'Este** from the shell of a Benedictine monastery. It is known primarily for its **gardens**, steeply raked on terraces, and studded with spectacular **fountains**.

The gardens give a vivid impression of the luxury enjoyed by the papal families. Highlights include the **Viale delle Cento Fontane** and the **Fontana dell'Organo Idraulico**, which, thanks to a hydraulic system, can play music. Dinner at the hotel and overnight stay.



5th Day (Sunday): Departure

Transfer to Ciampino or Leonardo da Vinci airport (Rome).