

TUSCAN SPECIAL FOR YOUR DAY



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CLASSIC

Tuscany's historic town halls provide the most classic location for a civil wedding ceremony in the region. Whether this is the Sala del Gran Consiglio in ancient Volterra or the Sala Dante in beautiful San Gimignano, the town hall is always a prestigious location steeped in history and culture – adding both dignity and a touch of magic to your ceremony. Weddings in this timeless setting always follow classic protocol, from the arrival of the bride in the frescoed interior of the ceremony room, to the moment when the bride and groom leave as husband and wife. Following in the footsteps of great tradition, the delightful and romantic villages in Casole provide a fairytale setting for an elegant and exclusive wedding reception.



Volterra
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HISTORIC

This region is home to the 9th century Poggio Imperiale in Poggibonsi, the 13th century splendor of Monteriggioni Castle and the romance of ancient Volterra. Discover authentic period clothing, rituals, tools and weapons at historic re-enactments organized by archeologists and historians in original locations around the region. Bride and groom can enjoy the show with locals in Poggibonsi, or become guests of honor at the Medieval Festival in Monteriggioni. Experience the wonder of getting married in the oldest town hall in Tuscany, or celebrate the end of your wedding ceremony with a colorful display by traditional flag wavers amidst the towers of San Gimignano.



Poggibonsi
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DIFFERENT

Find a unique way to make your big day an even more special and unforgettable celebration for you and your guests. Choose your personal style, whether it's vintage in Colle di Val d'Elsa, or hippy chic in rural Casole d'Elsa. If you're looking for something totally different, try the original mix of old and new on offer in Rocca di Staggia: get married inside a soap bubble or take a hot air balloon ride over the beautiful 9th century castle. With its river and ancient Gore, as well as its traditional crystal works and furnaces, Colle Val d'Elsa can also offer some truly unique wedding ideas. Raise an artisan crystal glass for your wedding toast and enjoy.



Colle di Val d'Elsa
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ACTIVE

Choose between a series of dynamic and fun activities to find the perfect active match for your wedding day. Make cycling a part of the event in Casole d'Elsa, which is the region's first real bike hub and home to rural landscapes, unique small towns and a network of cycle routes – great for an active wedding break. Abbazia di Isola, an ancient pilgrims' hostel on the Via Francigena, is the perfect location for ceremonies, receptions and celebrations for hikers. Guests can join the breathtaking Tuscan Via Francigena here and walk together to Monteriggioni Castle. If you prefer horse riding, this region also has much to offer.



Casole d'Elsa

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The heart of Tuscany, bordered by the Via Francigena and Via del Sale, is a unique area with a strong cultural identity dating back hundreds of years. Getting married here is a truly magical experience, and one that becomes even more special when shared with the very people who bring the region to life: the locals who know its stories, artisan traditions, food and wine, towns, castles and unspoiled countryside. **Be Tuscan For Your Special Day** provides authentic experiences that plunge you into local life, culture and history. Our mission is to help you get to know the region through its people, and to make you not just a guest, but an honorary Tuscan citizen during one of the most special moments of your life. **Your wedding and honeymoon merge into an unforgettable celebration for each and every person involved.**

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Casole d'Elsa



Colle di Val d'Elsa



Monteriggioni



Poggibonsi



Radicondoli



San Gimignano



Volterra



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BE WILD

Wild woodlands and countryside that's home to varied and fascinating plant and animal life: this region is naturally wild and unspoiled. Rural wedding locations include the pretty woods around Radicondoli, Berignone forest (between Casole d'Elsa and Volterra) and the Montagnola near Monteriggioni. Discover the wild, strong flavors of local game meat and Cinta Senese – gastronomic symbols of the region. Small yet fascinating and unique towns hidden away amidst the rolling countryside provide simple and exclusive settings. These delightful locations give a sense of freedom and are wonderful places to explore- perhaps even on horseback. The ancient town of Radicondoli has views over valleys that extend as far as the eye can see.

Radicondoli
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BE ROMANTIC

There are few places in the world as romantic as Italy, and few places in Italy as romantic as Tuscany. Centuries of art and history combine to create a fairytale setting for a truly magical wedding experience. Imagine waking up on your big day in a delightful bedroom decorated with ancient frescos and with a view across the gently rolling Tuscan hills. Your wedding becomes a honeymoon dream as you stroll around the ancient walls of Monteriggioni "gateway of the Middle Ages", overlooking a green valley dotted with historical buildings, castles and ancient churches. The majestic ancient Cassero fortifications in Poggibonsi tower over an equally inspiring and romantic landscape.

Monteriggioni
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BE GREEN

Make yours an authentic, essential and local event. In traditional Tuscan cooking, the simplest dishes are usually the most delicious as they manage to bring out the region's natural flavors; the best olive oil has an understated nobility, just like Zafferano DOP (saffron) and Vernaccia DOCG wine – both famously produced in San Gimignano. Local architecture also reflects this innate understanding of simple elegance, from the region's ancient villas to the plainest farmhouses. For centuries, local stone has been used to construct houses, the same stone that is found across the region's hillsides, rivers and farmland. Close your eyes and imagine your wedding breakfast laid out on pretty tables: a simple yet elegant selection of food and wine served with a delicious view across to the towers of San Gimignano.

San Gimignano
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