



Cycling Tour of Italy 2009



Itinerary May 2009

The tour departs on Sunday 16th May 2009 and arrives home on the 31st May 2009

After flying into Rome the 2009 tour takes you to **Saturnia** which is located in the Tuscany region and then onto **Francavilla al Mare** located near Pescara on the Adriatic Sea. Both these locations are new destinations for 2009.

The cost of the land content for the tour is **\$3581** per person which covers, accommodation, transfers and majority of meals. The costs may vary slightly depending on the exchange rate at the time of booking. The tour price is based on 11 participants. We will fly into **Rome** then travel by mini vans to Saturnia, a journey of approximately 1.5 hours.

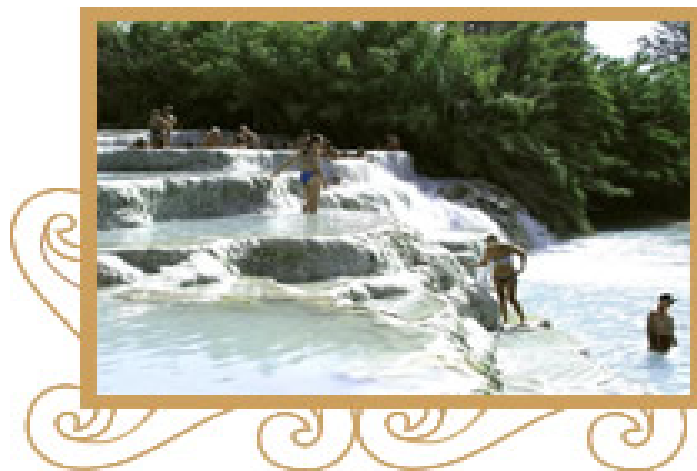
Saturnia



We will arrive in Saturnia on Monday 17th May where we will spend 6 days exploring the beautiful Tuscan country side.

Saturnia today is a town which, whilst maintaining its historic aspect, has given life to a very active thermal tourism, thanks both to the thermal complex which every year receives thousands of visitors, and the many tourist structures which have developed around it.

Our hotel is located at **Poggio Murella**, a small town at just 2 km from the thermal baths of Saturnia, a spa with ancient origins known worldwide.



Francavilla al Mare



On Saturday the 23rd we will travel to Francavilla al Mare, a journey of approximately 4-5 hours. We will stay in Francavilla al Mare for 7 nights

A stage of the Tour of Italy (Giro) finishes in Pescara (2kms from our hotel) on the 27th so we will be able to experience the magic atmosphere of the tour and get to see **Lance Armstrong** ride in his comeback tour.

Mountains, forests and lakes are all within easy distance from Francavilla al Mare. Abruzzo, the central region of Italy overlooks the Adriatic sea.

Thanks to the high number of roads that run within the area of Abruzzo, it is possible to organize countless itineraries to satisfy all tastes and levels of participants. Abruzzo has an excellent road system with a lot of roads completed in recent years. They have very low traffic and they are easily navigated.



Rome

Saturday the 30th May will find us travelling back to Rome where you will be able to explore the ancient city before departing for home the next day.