



DOROTHY FAGAN

Join me for a Muses of Tuscany Creativity Retreat

SEPTEMBER RETREAT

September 16– Sept. 24, 2016

OCTOBER RETREAT

September 30– Sunday, October 8, 2017

\$2400 per person

ACCOMMODATIONS ARE 2-BEDROOM

APARTMENTS WITH SHARED BATH, FULL KITCHEN. Limited to 8 persons.

TO REGISTER

EMAIL OR CALL DOROTHY
for availability and details.
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A TUSCANY RETREAT LIKE NO OTHER

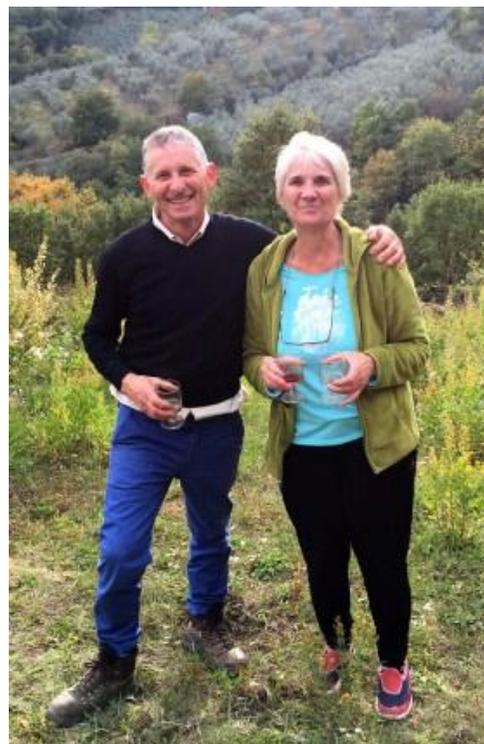
*I invite you to join me and Chef Danilo Becattini for a very special
retreat. We are here to inspire you ~ with zest and creative cooking ~ one-on-
one.*

Adopt the Heart and Soul of Tuscany on this One-of-a-Kind Creative Retreat.

MEET THE MUSES

Meet Danilo Becattini, chef and muse extraordinaire! During my retreat in 2015, the Becattini family adopted me. Their friendship, love, and the beautiful landscape surrounding their hilltop village reconnected me heart and soul with my own Creative Spirit.

Now Danilo and I are teaming up for a one-of-a-kind creative retreat in the heart of Tuscany in the fall of 2017.



Whether your creativity lies in the kitchen, the wine cellar, the paint brush, or in your dreams; I know your creative spirit will enjoy our small group sessions, ala carte, in your own unique pairings.

Plein air painting near Pelagio with a 360 degree panorama is amazing! And imagine a restaurant in the middle of it! Select from a complete menu from pasta making to painting, watercolor and oil to journaling dreams, exploring, writing, cooking, eating, napping, and enjoying the good company of creative souls.



-) 8 Days & Nights
-) Mountain Top Tuscan Village
-) Private Creativity Sessions in Painting, Cooking, and/or Dream Journaling
-) Daily Demonstrations in Plein Air Oil, Watercolor Journaling & Italian Cooking
-) Plein Air Oil Painting Lessons
-) Watercolor Journaling Lessons
-) Tuscan Pasta Making Lesson



-) Festive Tuscan Dinner Parties
-) Chianti Regional Wine Tastings

A RELAXED PACE

Hide out in the tiny hill village of Poggio Alla Croce. Each morning join the group in the Becattini's private restaurant for breakfast or fix your own in the fully-equipped kitchen in your apartment. After breakfast, enjoy my morning painting demonstration as the mist lifts from the Arno Valley. or head out on your own adventure.

Paint with me in the village or on your own in any of the inspiring nearby villages. Use oils or acrylics to paint, watercolors, pencil, pen or charcoal to journal. Design your own creativity with my one-on-one sessions.

Share your inspirations from the day. See what others have created. Rejoin the group in Poggio Alla Croce for a Tuscan dinner party, or enjoy dinner at a nearby monastery, winery or restaurant. Watch the sun set from your balcony. Paint the sparkling Florence lights twinkling on the horizon.



Venture to the crest of the ridge to see the village namesake, Cross on the Hill. Or watch olives ripen in the orchard. Savor the sweet taste of Becattini Vinsanto lingering on your palette long after you return home ~ and discover your Creative Spirit lingering ever so sweetly!



Our balcony in Poggio Alla Croce overlooks the landscape west to Florence. Painting this view repeatedly, each experience different colors and atmosphere.

PLEIN AIR PAINTING

Poggio Alla Croce is so paintable! Views of Florence and the Arno Valley will make your mouth water. Set your easel up on your balcony or just down the quiet street of rustic rooftops, doorways, and balconies cascading with roses. Within an hour's drive, paint panoramic views of vineyards, olive groves, and Tuscan villages of Volterra, Cortona, Panzano, Loro Cuifenna, Volpaia, and Siena. The list is endless and after 9 weeks there, I have them all mapped out for you with directions. Explore 'til your heart's content, no schedule, no class restraints. Come back each evening and share.





Chef Danilo Becattini teaches Tuscan pasta making with his own gusto. You'll not go home sad or hungry!



ITALIAN COOKING LESSONS

Everyone is an artist in Danilo's Italian kitchen. Danilo teaches Tuscan Pasta and Pizza making in small groups of three or four. Everyone is invited to share in their culinary creations. I even learned to make Tiramisu, Yum!

WALKING & TOURING

If you enjoy walking, there are trails to a nearby vineyard. Take the train to Florence for the afternoon. Or drive to a nearby monastery or vineyard. Assisi and Cinque Terre are also day trip distance and well worth the effort. Watercolor journaling is a quick and easy way to capture inspiration while waiting for Chianti to be served!

ONE-ON-ONE SESSIONS

With no one looking over your shoulder, try watercolor journaling or get expertise on plein air color mixing. Set your own direction, pace, and interests. I will be hanging out in Poggio for one-on-one sessions all week long. If you want to learn watercolors, we'll focus on that. If you're up for oil painting with an in-depth color focus, we'll do that. If you're more interested in dreams or journaling, we'll focus on that.

Muses of Tuscany 2017 Retreats

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INCLUDED

-) 8 days & nights in Poggio Alla Croce
-) 5 Painting Demonstrations (at least!)
-) Private Painting/Journaling/Creativity Sessions
-) Tuscan Cooking Class with Danilo Becattini
-) 2 Cooking Demonstrations
-) 2 Tuscan Dinner Parties
-) 5 Continental Breakfasts
-) Kitchen fully equipped, dishes, utensils, oven, range, fridge, coffee maker
-) Modern Bathroom with shower and laundry
-) Wine Tasting at a local vineyard
-) Free parking & WIFI
-) Linens & towels provided



TRANSPORTATION NOT INCLUDED

Fly to Florence. Rent a car at Hertz. You will want your own car to explore nearby villages! Drive to Poggio Alla Croce (less than 1 hour)