

FABULOUS FOOD AND PHOTO WORKSHOP PROCENO ITALY 2019

WORKSHOP #1 SEPT. 8-14...WORKSHOP #2 SEPT. 15-21

5 DAYS \$3000
PROCENO ITALIA

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PHOTOGRAPHY-COMPOSITION-LANDSCAPES
FOOD-WINE-COOKING CLASSES
LIMITED TO JUST 6 PARTICIPANTS

Experience five glorious days of touring the Italian countryside. Cooking classes, and photographic instructions are at the heart of this workshop. David Hoptman and Rick Halberg, both seasoned experts in their fields, will unfold the path each day to a balance of delightful food and inspirational country hill towns. Participants will gain a true insight into the Italian experience through both photography and local foods. Photographers of all levels including iPhone photographers are welcome to join.

INCLUDED:

Cooking Classes
6 Fabulous Dinners
Vineyard Tour/Lunch
Photo Instructions
Daily Excursions
Castle/Wine Cellar Tour
Pick-up and Return
Orvieto to Proceno

CASTELLO DI PROCENO

We want our guests to feel at home in our castle and gardens in the Italian countryside. We will welcome you to spend an unforgettable sojourn in our little paradise, getting to know our village and the picturesque surroundings of the peaceful, untouched countryside. The dining ambiance with candlelit tables creates a relaxing and romantic mood where you may savor the aromas and flavors of the three regions that intersect in Proceno: Lazio, Tuscany, and Umbria. The restaurant's cuisine is based on simple ingredients that follow the seasons: fresh vegetables, spring and summer, wild mushrooms in autumn, and fresh game in winter. Handmade fresh pasta, local sheep and goat cheeses, home-made cakes and tarts are only a few of the delights waiting for you. To complement your meals, we bring the best wines of central Italy from our cellars to you. The Castello di Proceno is our workshop's home-base. Doesn't get better!

David Hoptman speaks Italian, knows the terrain and towns. David lived in this area for 7 years. 2004-2010.



DINING ROOM CASTELLO DI PROCENO



LOGGIA GUEST ROOM CASTELLO DI PROCENO



VALLE DI ORCIA_NEARBY PIENZA DAY 4

Itinerary: Excursions/Classes

Day 1. 9am Breakfast daily in the Castello dining room. 10 am Castle and wine cellar tour on site within the 16th century Castello di Proceno. This is a great opportunity for photography and Photo-lessons. 3pm Cooking class and dinner with Rick/Puccie.

Day 2. 10am. Sorano, Pitigliano and surrounding area/Tuscany. Both truly spectacular Medieval hilltop towns off the beaten track. Photographing and touring in these picturesque Etruscan villages will be an experience you won't soon forget.

Day3. 10am. Tuscania, Marta and surrounding area/Tuscany. Tuscania is a classic fortress town with great views and fabulous architecture. Marta is a quaint fishing village located on picturesque Lake Bolsena. We will enjoy a great fish restaurant for lunch on the lake.

Day 4. 10 am. Pienza/Tuscany/Vineyard Tour. Pienza is spectacular hilltop town, world famous for their sheep's milk cheeses. A great place to tour, photograph and behold the beauty of the Tuscan countryside. Vineyard and lunch tour/afternoon

Day 5. 10 am. Market Day in Acquapendente/Lazio, Friday morning followed by lunch in town. Cooking class at Castello di Proceno 3-6pm. Cocktail hour/photo critique follows cooking class. Farewell dinner at the Castle.

Friday afternoon: we meet as a group and share photos and fine-tune compositions. David will be available to work with all participants personally and as a group during the workshop. i-Phones and all camera formats are acceptable. Portraiture/landscapes/composition, the creative process will be our focus.

FOOD AND PHOTOGRAPHY



LANDSCAPE NEARBY PROCENO



WILD MUSHROOMS



DESERT CASTELLO



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“Photography is an expressive art form that primarily relies on observational skills in relationship to light, form and composition. Foundational photographic skills including composition, lighting, lens choice and camera function, will be discussed and incorporated into the workshop. This workshop will be primarily taught in the field during our daily photographic excursions. There will be plenty of time for personal instruction, critiques as well as demos’.”

“Food is what brings us together. This is one of the tenets I’ve lived my life by. In this time of constant distractions I believe in the importance of sharing a meal with friends and family. The Italian people have perfected this idea and made mealtime the most meaningful time of the day. Join us as we travel around this incredible region of Italy, as we search out rustic kitchens, farms, vineyards and trattoria and spend some wonderful time together enjoying the food and hospitality of Italy.”

Rick's career has spanned over 40 years as one of metro Detroit's premier chefs and restaurateurs. Rick has been an educator, mentor, consultant, chef, and owner of several of the area's finest restaurants. He focused much of that career on the food and culture of Italy.

David is a commercial and fine art photographer/educator for more than thirty years. He specializes in architectural/interior photography/still life and portraiture. David has taught photography in Florence Italy at the College-Lorenzo De Medici, The Santa Fe University of Art and Design, College of Santa Fe, etc.



PITIGLIANO TUSCAN HILL TOWN DAY 2

COSTS

WORKSHOP TUITION: \$3,000 FOR 5 DAYS 6 NIGHTS

ALL DINNERS ARE INCLUSIVE WITH THE WORKSHOP. TWO COOKING CLASSES WITH RICK/PUCCIE. A VINEYARD TOUR WITH LUNCH, DAILY GUIDED TOURS AND TRANSPORTATION, CASTLE TOUR, PHOTOGRAPHIC INSTRUCTIONS AND CRITIQUE. ALL THE WHILE SHARING RICKS' FOOD EXPERTISE AND TRAVEL STORIES, AND DAVIDS KNOWLEDGE OF THE AREA AND THE ART OF PHOTOGRAPHY.

PARTICIPANTS WILL PAY FOR JUST 3 LUNCHESES INDIVIDUALLY AS WE TOUR THE TUSCAN COUNTRYSIDE, AND HILLTOP TOWNS, OF PITIGLIANO, SORANO, MARTA, TUSCANIA, ACQUAPENDENTE AND PIENZA.

Registration: A deposit of \$1000 is required to hold your place.



VIEW TO CASTELLO DI PROCENO



CASTELLO DI PROCENO TOWER DAY 1



SORANO TUSCANY DAY 2



RICK HALBERG



DAVID HOPTMAN



SORANO TUSCANY DAY 2

LOGISTICS-DETAILS



TUSCANIA DAY 3



MARTA LAKE BOLSENA DAY 3

Registration: A deposit of \$1000 is required to hold your space. Full refunds available until May 1, 50% refund available after May 1, until July 1, Full balance, \$2000, is required July 1 2019. After July 1 refunds will only be made if your space is able to be filled. This is intentionally a very small (6 participants) group in order to make the workshop very personal, so any cancellation affects the whole group. Go to Castello di Proceno site <http://www.castellodiproceno.it/en/> and select your room. All rooms are unique and vary in price. Mention that you are with David and Rick's Workshop Plan on arriving in Italy in plenty of time to get to the Orvieto train station on Sunday, September 8 (or September 15) by 4:00 pm at latest. We will pick everyone up and proceed onto Proceno and Castello di Proceno, our home for the next week.

*****It is imperative that all participants be on time. Proceno is an hours drive from the train station in Orvieto. There isn't another alternative transportation available.*****

Return: 8am we depart from Castello di Proceno early Saturday morning for the Orvieto train station. For those departing for home Saturday following the workshop either plan an evening flight or plan on spending the night in Rome or Florence.

An air conditioned van will be provided for the entirety of the workshop, including transportation to and from the Orvieto train station at the designated times listed above.

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David has a lot to offer and where I once looked upon my image taking as an end in itself, I now look upon each capture as a new beginning. Not only is David an accomplished photographer in the traditional sense but he has gone way beyond what most consider within the photographic realm. He's an accomplished teacher and communicates his vision and philosophy. I feel a new energy and look forward to a new photographic experience.

Thank you again for this amazing Workshop. David's art school background and his life as an artist gave us totally new perspectives. I especially liked the exercises where he helped us catch the best view of a single subject and develop our own personal vision.



PHOTO'S DAVID HOPTMAN



Fisherman Marta

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