

## OPERA, FILM AND BEYOND



### **BRYN MAWR FILM INSTITUTE TO VILLA BUONVISI IN LUCCA, TUSCANY, ITALY MAY 23-30, 2009**

Join Bryn Mawr Film Institute members and friends for a week-long stay on the enchanting Buonvisi Estate near Lucca, birthplace of Puccini. Our professor for this trip will be Maurizio Giammarco, beloved teacher of Italian and French cinema at BMFI. Our hostess is Kit Burns, President of Doorways, Ltd., who will organize a weeklong extravaganza of fine film, lectures, food and a performance of arias of Mozart and Puccini in Lucca. Juliet Goodfriend, President of the Bryn Mawr Film Institute, and her husband, Marc Moreau, Chairman of the Philosophy Department of La Salle University, will accompany us. We will visit special sites appropriate to the films and operas we will be discussing in Lucca, Pisa, Florence, Chianti and along the Ligurian Coast, including the Cinqueterre, the Carrara Marble Quarries, and Pietrasanta. Transportation will be by van. We are expecting approximately 20-24 people to be on the trip, in addition to the leaders. This promises to be a fascinating trip, rich in ideas and unlimited in its scope covering opera, film, art, history, politics, and of course, food and wine.

#### **THE BUONVISI ESTATE**

Here is a chance to experience Italy as an Italian! The Buonvisi Estate is a wine and olive oil estate located 4 kilometers from Lucca. Wine from the estate at dinner is included in the price of the trip. Villa Buonvisi is five hundred years old and is the perfect setting for our group. Next door on the same estate but with its own pool is Villa del Barbaro, where singles will be able to stay at the lower single rate, if they so choose, without sacrificing comfort and convenience. We will have two swimming pools, a pool table, and a home office with computer, fax machine, and wireless Internet access, en suite marble bathrooms, and a screening room. These villas are private homes and do not have elevators, but there are a limited number of ground floor bedrooms reserved on a first come, first served basis for people with mobility issues.

#### **A TYPICAL DAY**

*Times will vary, depending on the lengths of the films, lectures and day trips.*

8-9 am	Breakfast at the villa with discussions of the topic of the day over coffee
10 am-4 pm	Day trip by van, lunch out on your own
4-6 pm	Return home with free recreational time at the villa
6-8 or 8:30 pm	Film or lecture with film clips and discussion
8:30 pm	Dinner with wine at the villa and the discussion continues

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## BOOKING FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Sharing with? \_\_\_\_\_  
Name 2: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Sharing with? \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Phones: Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address1: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address2: \_\_\_\_\_  
For your comfort, will you answer the following questions and explain, where necessary?

Any food allergies or dislikes? \_\_\_\_\_

Any environmental allergies? \_\_\_\_\_ Mobility issues? \_\_\_\_\_

What are you most interested in on this trip? \_\_\_\_\_

If you want a single room, do you prefer Villa Buonvisi or Villa del Barbaro? \_\_\_\_\_

----- Please detach and return to Doorways with your deposit by February 28, 2009.-----



### PRICES:

\$3800/person based on double occupancy  
\$2500 single supplement for single occupying a double room in Villa Buonvisi

### Included:

- Transportation from/to the Buonvisi Estate from Pisa airport or Lucca rail station.
- 1 week accommodation on the Buonvisi Estate in Villa Buonvisi or Villa del Barbaro (Visit [www.villavacations.com](http://www.villavacations.com) to see more photos and read more about the villas. All rooms are air conditioned and have private bathrooms.)
- Continental breakfast and full dinner with wine daily at the villa
- Lectures and discussions led by Maurizio Giammarco, with movies and movie clips
- Daytrips by van, including guides and entrance fees
- Ticket for opera concert one night

### Not included:

- Flights (Nearest airport is Pisa. British Airways flies into Pisa via London.)
- Trip Insurance (Doorways will provide a brochure 610-520-0806.)
- Rental car (Doorways can arrange on request.)
- Tips for excellent service.

### Deposit and terms:

- 50% deposit is due with your booking form no later than February 28, 2009.
- 50% is due 2 months prior to the trip, March 13, 2009.
- Payments are non-refundable, so please purchase trip cancellation insurance to cover your non-refundable costs.
- Please inform us of any environmental or food allergies or mobility issues.
- Your participation will benefit the [Bryn Mawr Film Institute](http://www.bryn-mawr-film-institute.org), so part of the cost will be tax deductible. We'll give you a letter to that effect after the trip.

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