

Food and Wine holidays with Bookings for You

Did someone say food?

And wine?

And holiday?

In the same sentence?

Yes indeed I did.

If those three things sound as appealing to you as they did to me, have a read of this article for some inspiration!



A few weeks ago I was contacted to see if I would like to attend an Italian cookery class courtesy of [Bookings for You](#).

I replied with much excitement and said I would love to, arranged for my lovely mum to have the mini monster for me and counted down the days to the event like a child waiting for Christmas Day. I'm very much a home cook (various different dishes with mince, rice and pasta) so the prospect of learning from a pro how to cook authentic Italian cuisine was a really exciting, for me and my poor family!

Sadly however, a few days before the event, a very close friend of my parents unexpectedly passed away and the funeral

ended up being on the same day as my cookery course. The husband was, as always, very busy with work and he couldn't get the day off so I ended up having no childcare for the mini monster that day and I had to cancel attending. I was sad to let people down, but I was even more sad for my parents who had lost their lovely friend. Grab life by the horns and enjoy it folks.

Despite not being able to attend, I still wanted to share with you all some info on Bookings for You and to show you what they can offer so, here you go!

Bookings For You offer more than 300 holiday rental villas and apartments in the Italian lakes, Tuscany, Umbria, Le Marche, Puglia, the Amalfi Coast and Lazio, and are starting to expand further into France and Croatia. The company's founder, owner and mum of 2, Jo Mackay – yes, Jo is literally Superwoman – is justifiably very proud of the excellent customer service provided by Bookings For You and because of this, the company has won several awards,. A real testament to her hard work. Sadly I didn't get to meet Jo, but she was been beyond lovely about me having to cancel my attendance at the cookery school just a week before it was due to happen and from chatting to her via email, I can tell she is really passionate about what she does. As a busy mum-of -two, Jo completely understands what families want from a holiday and whether you are travelling as a large group of adults, or (luckily for you) just as a couple, she can find the perfect property and help take the stress out of potential nightmare that is holiday planning.

One of the newset additions to the many properties offered by Bookings For You is;

Palazzo Tronconi



Image courtesy of Palazzo Tronconi

Palazzo Tronconi, is set in a picture postcard, medieval Italian village called Arce in the Lazio region of Italy (I might have giggled at the village name because of my terrible knowledge of the beautiful Italian language – I'm truly very childish – but it is pronounced Ar-che if you were wondering). Palazzo Tronconi is just over an hour's drive from beautiful Rome and it boasts ten double rooms on a Bed and Breakfast basis. The owner, Marco Marrocco, is really passionate about food and wine and he shares his passion for local culture and produce with his guests by running cookery lessons, wine tastings, wine tours, and cultural and culinary day trips during their stay. Trips and experiences are tailored to the guests' requirements, and cooking classes are available for children as well as adults which I think is wonderful. What a great way to get the kids involved in learning about how their

food is made, where it comes from and to get them to try new things.

Palazzo Tronconi makes it's very own wine and olive oil. The wine they produce is 'biodynamic wine' (called Fregallae) which is completely chemical free and sets it apart from most other wine producers. You can go on a wine tasting tour as part of your stay at Palazzo Tronconi and you can [buy their wine here.](#)



The cookery school event was hosted at Jo's beautiful home in the Surrey countryside and the chef's from Palazzo Tronconi (as well as Marco the owner) came over from Italy with suitcases full of produce to cook up an authentic Italian storm for the day.

The menu for the day at the cookery school was;

Creamed cod fishcakes with Avezzano potatoes, dusted with Pontecorvo peppers

A classic carbonara of rigatoni with Caserta black pig and anconetana eggs

Black pig stew from Caserta cooked in Zitore wine

Kaiser pears cooked in Mocevò wine with a scent of organic Italian lemons

Doesn't that all sound delicious?!

From what I have seen online, everyone had a great time and they all look like they cooked up a storm. It made me hungry just looking at the photos!



Image courtesy of Jo Mackay

I was truly very upset that I couldn't attend Jo's cookery school event (carbonara just so happens to be my favourite italian pasta dish) but I was really grateful that she posted me a goodie bag with some lovely italian produce in it, as well as a bottle of Palazzo Tronconi Olive Oil so I didn't completely miss out. I will be sure to serve the olive oil with some good bread as a special treat when we have friends over for dinner in the near future, I can't wait to try it!





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Thanks once again to Jo for being so understanding and for including me in the fun, even though I couldn't attend.

I'm off to scour the Bookings for You website and bombard the husband with links to some of the villas that have caught my

eye.

#hopeful

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Disclosure: I was offered the chance to attend a cookery event with Bookings for You in return for this post. All words, thoughts and opinions are my own.