

# Perfume Rose Harvest Tours

Please come and share in our joyful and fragrant Perfume Rose Harvest tours!

Every year during the second half of May, festival of Rose and Rose harvest is being held in our Garden . The season for picking rose and preparing rosewater is from end of May to mid-June



The ceremony for making rosewater in our Garden attracts many tourists. In May, the scent of rose spreads over different areas of our garden.

The roses are picked swiftly, before the sun's heat sets in, and collected in bags made from large pieces of cloth tied around the picker's necks. The bags are then taken to the distillation workshops, where they will be turned into rose water the same day.



Take part in the rose harvest, see the rose distillation process and more importantly buy the freshest rose otto oils and related products. Join the Rose Festival 27 of May until 10 of June. See the precious blossoms and their attributes come alive. Learn the long history of this Mythical history of this Mythical flower and journey through history, medicine and scent.

The tour start from 8 in the morning till 3 in the afternoon.

Roses are still picked by hand (there is no other way to gather the flowers without damaging them) and the best pickers can harvest about 120kg per day. Harvesting can only be done from about 5am to 12pm as the roses start to concentrate their oil in the roots after the mid day sun rises. Everything is time sensitive once the rose is harvested. They must be processed within just a few hours or the precious oil evaporates.

In the afternoon, visit our active rose distillery, the Maravel Distillery, where you will learn first-hand about the painstaking process used for harvesting and producing this precious substance, and the use of rose oil in a variety of products from oils to rose jam and rosewater. In the evening,

In the afternoon Enjoy a lunch outside in our garden.

**The cost of the tour is 20 euro per person**

The cost includes:

- Breakfast
- lunch
- A full program of visits as per the itinerary



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