



GET AWAY FROM IT
ALL: Both mother and daughter can take advantage of Italy's wonders.



MAMMA MIA!

A new company — Me & Mom in Tuscany with Maria Rocco — is serving up Italian-style adventures for moms and their kids

RELAXATION AND TRAVELING TO ITALY WITH KIDS DON'T BLEND as easily as spaghetti and meatballs, but this summer a new company — Me & Mom in Tuscany with Maria Rocco — dishes up the perfect solution: a weeklong retreat in the hills of Tuscany for Mom, while the kids simultaneously live it up at a summer camp nearby.

"As a single mom to an 8-year-old, I started this for moms who love spending time with their kids but at the same time do not want to feel guilty about taking a wonderful vacation for themselves too," Rocco says.

Canadian-born Rocco moved to Italy more than 20 years ago and has restored a villa for moms, and a restored farmhouse is the residence for kids (ages 6-14), both located in Maremma, two hours from Rome. Moms partake in language lessons, yoga under the trees and outings to neighboring wineries. Cooking classes with a local chef are served up, with menus created by Maria's brother David Rocco. A stroll away, youngsters are supervised for activities that include soccer, arts and crafts, and Italian lessons. A joint all-day beach excursion to Orbetello is also arranged.

An adventure costs \$5,035 per adult and \$1,290 for one child. Spots go fast, so book early. Meandmomintuscany.com —KIMBERLEY LOVATO

A Marvel-ous Summer

Actor Corey Stoll fulfills his fanboy fantasy in the highly anticipated film *Ant-Man*

As a teenager, actor Corey Stoll saved all his comic books in the hopes they'd be worth big bucks someday. They did pay off, just in an unexpected way: as career preparation. Stoll stars as villain Darren Cross/Yellowjacket opposite Paul Rudd as the titular hero in *Ant-Man*, the film adaptation of the Marvel comic, out this month. He'll even have his own Yellowjacket action figure, something Stoll never would have had in connection with his breakout role as the doomed legislator Peter Russo on Netflix's *House of Cards*. "I cannot tell you how excited I am," Stoll says. "I could walk away from this career happy. Fortunately, I don't have to."

No, especially not with this summer's return of *The Strain*, the FX series from horror master Guillermo del Toro. Stoll stars as Ephraim Goodweather, a CDC epidemiologist investigating a gory outbreak of vampirism in New York. When Stoll was offered the role, del Toro saw his passion for comics as a plus. "It meant I was comfortable in a world beyond the standard TV realism, with characters that are larger than life," Stoll says. *Strain* fans accustomed to the show's heightened suspense and gross-out factor shouldn't get too comfortable, though. "The scale ramps up this season," Stoll says. "It's much bigger."

—KRISTIN BAIRD RATTINI



Stoll (left) as Darren Cross/
Yellowjacket
(below)



LEFT: ME & MOM IN TUSCANY WITH MARIA ROCCO (3); RIGHT: FROM TOP: GREGG DEGUIRE/WIREIMAGE; FILM FRAME