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Explore Tuscany

May 3 – 11, 2018



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"Single Hotel Stay": tours feature every night at the same hotel, so you only unpack once! Accommodations are carefully chosen, allowing you the flexibility to access and explore nearby cities and attractions.



Culinary Inclusions

- Sample delectable wines during a wine tasting in the Chianti region.
- Spend time at a cheese farm to taste flavorful pecorino cheese.
- Learn about Tuscan cuisine during a cooking class.

Collette Experiences

- Visit the Academy Gallery and Michelangelo's famous statue of "David."
- See the Gothic Line, one of the Germans' last lines of defense during WWII.
- Visit the Museum of Liberation and see WWII fortifications and bunkers.

Must-See Inclusions

- Stay in the famous spa resort town of Montecatini Terme for seven nights!
- Journey to Florence for a tour of the "Cradle of the Italian Renaissance."
- Stop in the medieval city of Lucca, encircled by 16th-century walls.

Highlights: Montecatini Terme, Florence, Lucca, Gothic Line, Pisa, Cooking Class, Siena, Choice on Tour, Winery Tour, Cheese Farm, San Gimignano

Day 1: Thursday, May 3, 2018

Overnight Flight Rolling landscapes, savory wines, delicious food and stunning architecture...this can only be Tuscany. Unpack once on this journey among Italy's most charming towns.

Day 2: Friday, May 4, 2018

Montecatini Terme, Italy - Tour

Begins Your tour opens in the famous spa resort town of Montecatini Terme, nestled in the heart of the rolling hills of Tuscany. This evening, get to know your fellow travelers during a welcome dinner where regional foods and Italian wines kick off your adventure. (D)

Day 3: Saturday, May 5, 2018

Florence A cultural tour in the "Cradle of the Italian Renaissance" showcases the beautiful city of Florence. Join a local Florentine guide who highlights many of the city's priceless treasures including a visit to the Academy Gallery* – housing Michelangelo's monumental statue of *David*. At the Piazza del Duomo, the center of religious life in medieval Florence, see the impressive Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore and the gilded bronze doors of the Baptistry dedicated to St. John. Take the remainder of your day to explore this unparalleled city as you choose. (B)



Day 4: Sunday, May 6, 2018 Lucca - Borgo a Mozzano - Gothic Line Set out on a guided visit to Lucca, Tuscany's best-kept secret. Renaissance walls, Romanesque churches, medieval streets flanked by towers, and delightful squares are just some of Lucca's charms. Visit the medieval Basilica di San Frediano. Its otherwise simple façade is adorned with a colorful 13th-century mosaic. Enjoy some time to explore at your own pace. Set off for Borgo a Mozzano to see the remarkable Ponte del Diavolo (Devil's Bridge). Continue on to the Gothic Line. Built by the Germans, it was one of their last lines of defense during WWII. We will visit the Museum of Liberation and see the actual fortifications and bunkers. (B)

Day 5: Monday, May 7, 2018 Pisa Explore the many historic sites in the ancient maritime Republic of Pisa including the Piazza dei Miracoli, or "Field of Miracles" (UNESCO). Keep your camera handy during our stop at the famous Leaning Tower of Pisa. You probably won't be able to resist taking a picture that makes it appear as if you are holding this iconic

structure up. Visit the Baptistery, the largest in all of Italy. This impressive building of Romanesque and Gothic architecture is known for its perfect acoustics. This evening we travel to the quiet countryside to learn the secrets of traditional Tuscan cuisine. Partake in a cooking class featuring a bounty of local ingredients and culinary techniques that have been passed down for generations. Then sit down and enjoy the fruits of your labor during dinner. (B, D)

Day 6: Tuesday, May 8, 2018 Siena Welcome to Siena. Discover this charming town with a local guide. Embark on a walking tour through its narrow Gothic streets. Take in stunning palaces, mansions and the historic Piazza del Campo along the way. Then, **it's your choice!** Explore Siena's beautiful Gothic Cathedral at your own pace or join your guide to get to know local life in a contrada (neighborhood). Next we make our way to a Tuscan winery and meet the people behind some of Chianti's finest wines. Learn from experts as you savor a selection of the local varieties. You'll also learn about the art of



winemaking and the process of making olive oil. (B)

Day 7: Wednesday, May 9, 2018

Montecatini Terme The day is yours to relax and experience the local flavor. Take this opportunity to shop at the local boutiques and dine at one of the many fine local restaurants. Or, perhaps you will choose an optional excursion to Cinque Terre with its rugged coastline dotted with terraced vineyards. Explore its string of fishing villages nestled between the mountains and the Mediterranean. (B)

Day 8: Thursday, May 10, 2018

Cheese Farm Visit - San Gimignano

Begin the day with breathtaking views of the Tuscan hills as we make our way to a cheese farm. Learn how the famous pecorino cheese is made before sampling it for yourself. Afterwards, travel to the hilltop village of San Gimignano, one of the most picturesque places in Tuscany.

Explore this enchanting medieval town, from its famous 14 towers to its magnificent vistas overlooking the vineyards of Tuscany. Enjoy free time and perhaps indulge in some gelato. A delightful experience awaits this evening when you attend a Tuscan feast featuring traditional cuisine and savory wines in the magical Tuscan countryside. (B, D)

Day 9: Friday, May 11, 2018

Montecatini Terme - Tour Ends Your journey comes to a close today. Depart with many fond memories of Tuscany. (B)

Itinerary at a glance

Day 1 Overnight Flight
Days 2 – 8 Grand Hotel Tettuccio,
Montecatini

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Experience It! Gothic Line

In the waning days of World War II (and after the fall of Rome), German forces made preparations to defend northern Italy. Along the Apennine Mountains, they created a formidable line of defense in an effort to hold back Allied forces. The site of some of the hardest fighting of the Italian campaign, the battles along the Gothic Line helped tie down two German armies. Join us and see the array of bunkers and fortifications along the line and visit the Museum of Liberation. Learn of the heroic deed of Allied forces and Italian partisans. Come away with a new appreciation for those who gave so much in the name of freedom.

Please Note:

Days of features are interchangeable.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.

Most shops and businesses in Italy are closed on Sundays and on national/religious holidays.

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at prescheduled times.

*The Academy Gallery is closed Mondays, as are other state museums. If the Academy Gallery is closed the itinerary will be rearranged to accommodate it.

To truly experience the program and destination, you need to be able to participate in physical activities such as longer walking tours, walking over uneven terrain, climbing stairs and periods of standing. Some of the touring days may be longer, with select included activities occurring later in the evening. Some of the most unique sightseeing can mean accessing locations that restrict

motorcoaches, especially in historic areas. For your comfort, we recommend bringing walking shoes.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

Air passengers will arrive and depart from Florence or Pisa airports.

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

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