

## Spotlight on Tuscany



### Day 1 - 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- Montecatini Terme, Italy - Tour Begins – Dinner

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.

### Day 3 – Florence - Breakfast

A cultural tour in the “Cradle of the Italian Renaissance” showcases the beautiful city. Take the remainder of your day to explore this unparalleled city as you choose. En route to the hotel, visit a family-owned leather shop and learn the traditional Italian techniques of leather making.

### Day 4 - Lucca - Borgo a Mozzano - Gothic Line - Breakfast

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. Enjoy some time to explore at your own pace. Then 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.



### Day 5 - Pisa - Breakfast & Dinner

Visit the Leaning Tower of Pisa. 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. 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.



#### Day 6 – **Siena** - Breakfast

Discover this charming town with a local guide. Embark on a walking tour through its narrow Gothic streets. 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. Next we make our way to a Tuscan winery and meet the people behind some of Chianti's finest wines.



#### Day 7- **Montecatini Terme** - Breakfast

The day is yours to relax and experience the local flavor. 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.

#### Day 8 - **San Gimignano - Cheese Farm Visit** - Breakfast & Dinner

Begin the day traveling to the hilltop village of San Gimignano, one of the most picturesque places in Tuscany. Explore this enchanting medieval town. Enjoy free time. Later, enjoy breathtaking views of the Tuscan hills as we make our way to a cheese farm. A delightful experience awaits this evening when you attend a Tuscan feast featuring traditional cuisine and savory wines in the magical Tuscan countryside.

#### Day 9 - **Montecatini Terme - Tour Ends** - Breakfast

Your journey comes to a close today. Depart with many fond memories of Tuscany.