

Explore Tuscany

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FEATURING: Florence, Venice, Pisa, Lucca, Siena, San Gimignano, and Montecatini Spa

Tour Florence, Tuscany's crown jewel, with its beautiful buildings, colorful history, priceless art and unique atmosphere. And amongst the vineyards and hills of Tuscany take in other lovely historic towns, Lucca, home of Giacomo Puccini and one of the wealthiest towns in Tuscany, and Pisa with its Leaning Tower and Square of Miracles. In Venice marvel at the gold mosaics of St. Mark's, admire art in churches, and explore the city's maze of canals.

Drive through the heart of Italian wine country to Siena. Visit Piazza del Campo, one of Europe's greatest medieval squares, and San Domenico, which hold relics of St. Catherine. Taste wine in the charming medieval hilltop town of San Gimignano with breathtaking views of the Tuscan landscape.

Tour Montecatini Terme, with its world-famous thermal baths, large parks and gorgeous gardens, it has been a busy health spa for centuries. Enjoy time at leisure for individual sightseeing, shopping or relaxing.



Florence - Brunelleschi's Dome



Florence - Ponte Vecchio Bridge



Pisa - Square of Miracles



Venice - Rialto Bridge



Siena - Piazza Del Campo

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Walking Tour of Florence
- ◆ Visit Giotto's Bell Tower
- ◆ See Chiberti's Gates of paradise
- ◆ Visit Brunellechi's Dome
- ◆ Walk Signoria Square
- ◆ Free time to explore Accademia, home to Michelangelo's David, Uffizi Gallery, Ponte Vecchio Bridge or the Medici Palace
- ◆ City Tour of Lucca
- ◆ Visit Pisa and the Square of Miracles with the Leaning Tower, Cathedral Duomo, Baptistery and the Camposanto Monumentale
- ◆ Tour Venice and San Marco Square, Marco Basilica, the Bridge of Sighs and Rialto Bridge

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Venice free time for shopping, visiting outlying islands or a gondola ride
- ◆ Tour Siena and visit Piazza del Campo
- ◆ Tour San Domenico Church, home to the relics of St. Catherine
- ◆ City tour of San Gimignano, a medieval hilltop town
- ◆ Free time to sample "vernaccia," the town's famous wine and take in the breathtaking view of the Tuscan landscape
- ◆ Guided Walking tour of Montecatini
- ◆ Tour a Terme, world renowned health spa centers
- ◆ Enjoy a day at leisure time to explore Tuscany or relax

Tour Itinerary

Day 1: Indianapolis / Boston

Indianapolis flight to Boston, depart Logan Airport on an early-evening transatlantic flight to Italy (via an intermediate stop) with full meal and beverage service, as well as complimentary stereo headsets, available while aloft.

Upon arrival, you will be met and transferred to your hotel in Montecatini. Enjoy lunch and afternoon at leisure prior to our orientation meeting followed by dinner. Montecatini is conveniently located for touring, offers 5 major spas and every major designer has a boutique in the city. It's a great city to walk after dinner with a beautiful promenade and many cafes. **Hotel Manzoni or similar. (L, D)**

Day 3: Montecatini / Florence / Montecatini

After breakfast, depart for Florence. On our tour, we will see the stirring sights of Florence including: Giotto's Bell Tower, Ghiberti's Gates of Paradise, and Brunelleschi's Dome. The tour ends in Signoria Square. A light lunch is included with the afternoon at leisure to explore on your own. Florence has great museums like the Academia (home to Michelangelo's David), and the Uffizzi Gallery. Check out the famed Ponte Vecchio bridge, or the Medici Palace. Return to Montecatini for dinner. **Hotel Manzoni or similar. (BB, L, D)**

Day 4: Montecatini / Lucca / Pisa /

After breakfast, we will ride to Lucca, home of Giacomo Puccini, and one of the wealthiest towns in Tuscany. You'll tour and have leisure time in this graceful city. Return to your hotel for a sit-down lunch. In the afternoon, visit Pisa to explore the Square of Miracles with the Leaning Tower Pisa's Duomo, Baptistery and Camposanto Monumentale. Return to your hotel for dinner. **Hotel Manzoni or similar. (BB, L, D)**

Day 5: Montecatini / Venice /

Depart for Venice. Take a vaporetto to San Marco Square where a guide will show us around "the Queen of the Adriatic." Visit San Marco's Basilica, walk over small bridges to the Bridge of Sighs and past winding waterways to the Rialto. A full luncheon at a local

restaurant is included. The remainder of the afternoon is free for shopping, visiting the outlying islands, or a gondola ride. A convenient box dinner will be provided for our return trip to Montecatini. Overnight. **Hotel Manzoni or similar. (BB, L, D)**

After breakfast, drive southwest through the heart of Italian wine country, over the rolling hills of Chianti to Siena. In Siena, visit Piazza del Campo, through the narrow streets, past Medieval towers and walls. A highlight of Siena is San Domenico, which holds relics of St. Catherine. A light lunch is included. On the return to Montecatini, visit San Gimignano, "The most famous small town in Italy." This charming Medieval hilltop town is noted for its many towers and its breathtaking views of the Tuscan landscape. Sample some "vernaccia," the town's famous wine. Return to Montecatini for dinner. **Hotel Manzoni or similar. (BB, L, D)**

This morning, enjoy a guided walking tour of Montecatini. You'll tour a terme, a world renowned health spa centers. The full-service spa features all manner of treatments, from mud baths to aromatherapy to waters known for their curative properties. Enjoy lunch at hotel followed by the afternoon at leisure. Dinner at the hotel. **Hotel Manzoni or similar. (BB, L, D)**

Enjoy a day at leisure where you can explore Montecatini, do individual sightseeing or relax. Montecatini has many cultural opportunities, a golf course, parks, and its own train stop with easy access to Florence and elsewhere. Lunch and dinner are included at the hotel. **Hotel Manzoni or similar. (BB, L, D)**

Day 9: Boston / Indianapolis

After breakfast, you will be transferred to the local airport for your return flight to Boston (intermediate stop). Mid- to late-afternoon return. **Evening flight to Indianapolis. (BB)**

Commercial Air: Book Now to ensure your place on this trip because this trip operates on commercial air. Space is limited and may not be available less than 90 days before departure.

Explore Tuscany Italy

Wednesday - Thursday

May 12-20, 2010

9 days / 7 nights

Cost per person: *

\$2,899 (D)

\$3,319 (S)

Deposit per person: \$650

Balance due: February 6, 2010

Cancellation Insurance:

\$288 (D) \$325 (S)

* Air departure tax of \$396.85 extra & subject to change.

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