



Chianti Country & the *Italian Riviera*

Orvieto • Siena • San Gimignano • Florence
Santa Margherita • Pisa • Cinque Terre

October 12 - 22, 2012



- Siena Duomo
- American Cemetery
- Carrara Museum
- Castello Banfi
- Piazzale Michelangelo
- Colonnata Quarries
- Osteria di Passignano
- Ruffino Poggio Casciano Estate
- Lover's Lane

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IMPORTANT: The tour will depart from Rome airport the morning of **October 12**. Please plan to arrive at the Rome airport no later than **10:00 AM**. The meeting point is just outside of Baggage Claim area.

Friday, October 12, 2012 • Siena

We meet our coach and driver and proceed to **Orvieto**, a classic hilltop town in the province of Umbria. After a funicular ride to the top we enjoy a walking tour of Orvieto during which we view the **Duomo**, one of the greatest Gothic buildings in Italy. Following our tour we enjoy some free time for lunch before continuing to our hotel in Siena.

Saturday, October 13, 2012 • Siena



Today we enjoy an excursion to **San Gimignano**, a small town known for its stunning hilltop skyline of towers. We explore this fascinating town on our own and enjoy a light lunch and

sampling of the local DOCG Vernaccia di San Gimignano before returning to Siena in the late afternoon. **B/L**

Sunday, October 14, 2012 • Siena

Late morning we enjoy a guided walking tour of Siena which includes the **Piazza Il Campo**, one of the loveliest Italian squares and scene of the thrilling Palio horse race. We also see **Siena's Duomo** and the **Palazzo Pubblico**. The balance of the day is free to explore Siena on our own. **B**

Monday, October 15, 2012 • Siena

We are in for a treat today as we visit **Castello Banfi**. Our visit includes a guided tour of the cellars, a wine-tasting lunch, and a visit to their enoteca housed in the beautiful castello. A visit to the nearby town of **Montalcino** gives us the opportunity to sample more of the renowned Brunello wines of this area on our own. **B/L**

Tuesday, October 16, 2012 • Florence

We depart for Florence today, and en route we have a special visit to the **Osteria di Passignano**. Here we have a guided visit of the vineyard and historic cellars of Badia a Passignano. We then enjoy an extra-virgin olive oil tasting followed by a wine-tasting lunch at the Michelin star rated Osteria. As we approach Florence we stop for a visit to the **American Cemetery** and also the **Piazzale Michelangelo**. **B/L**

Wednesday, October 17, 2012 • Florence



This morning we take a guided walking tour of Florence, which includes a visit to the **Accademia** to see Michelangelo's incomparable **David**, as well as the other highlights of Florence. The remainder of the day is

free to explore Florence on your own. This evening we enjoy a memorable dinner at a local restaurant. **B/D**

Thursday, October 18, 2012 • Florence

We are in for another treat as we visit the **Ruffino Poggio Casciano Estate** where we enjoy a guided tour of the vineyards, vinification area, and ageing rooms as well as the guesthouse and arts at Poggio Casciano. The tour is followed by a guided wine tasting (three wines) and lunch served with two wines. We have the opportunity to purchase Ruffino wines before returning to our hotel in Florence. **B/L**

Friday, October 19, 2012 • Santa Margherita



We depart for Santa Margherita on the Italian Riviera today, and en route we stop in **Pisa** to view the famous Leaning Tower (entrance to Leaning Tower not included). We also visit the **Carrara Museum** in

Carrara and take our bus to **Colonnata** to view the quarries.

B

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Saturday, October 20, 2012 • Santa Margherita



Today we have the opportunity of taking an excursion to the **Cinque Terre**, a series of five quaint fishing villages to the southeast of Santa Margherita. Our visit involves a train ride, a

boat ride along the coast, and a scenic walk along the **Lover's Lane**. This is an unguided visit, but you'll be escorted by your Tour Manager. If you choose to stay in Santa Margherita, you will certainly enjoy your day exploring this coastal town. **B**

Sunday, October 21, 2012 • Santa Margherita

Today is free to spend as you wish! Perhaps you want to visit the nearby town of Portofino, walk the streets of Santa Margherita, relax at the hotel, or visit the beach. However you chose to spend the day, it will certainly be memorable! **B**

Monday, October 22, 2012 • Return

Early morning transfer to the Genoa airport is included.

Abbreviations for Meals

B=Breakfast **L**=Lunch **D**=Dinner



TOUR COST: \$3,349* per person

**Land only*

**Based on 25 participants in double-occupancy accommodations*

Single supplement = \$650

Triples are available but not advised

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES:

- **Land transportation** via private, deluxe air-conditioned motor coach except for two free days in Santa Margherita
- **Accommodations** (double-occupancy) in superior tourist and moderate first class hotels
- **Meals** as indicated in itinerary
- Services of a **professional tour manager** throughout the tour
- **Local step-on guides** for city tours and major attractions
- **Admission** to all activities listed in itinerary
- **Luggage handling** of one piece per person at hotels
- Luggage strap and tags, name badge and trip journal
- All **taxes and tips** except as indicated below

NOT INCLUDED:

- **Airfare**, related taxes and fees
- Meals not indicated on itinerary
- **Beverages** except with breakfast and where noted in itinerary
- **End of tour gratuity** for coach driver and tour guide
- Items of a personal nature such as passport fees
(*Passport must be valid for six months beyond return date.*)
- **Optional insurance** for health, baggage and cancellation.
(This insurance is available and recommended.)

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

A deposit of \$500 per person is due with reservation. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure date. Invoice will be sent out prior to final payment. Early registration is encouraged.

CURRENCY:

Currency exchange rates fluctuate constantly. In the event of a significant drop in the value of the dollar, Ed-Ventures reserves the right to add a currency surcharge to the price of the tour.

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Registration Form

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Passenger Information (1st Traveler)

Full name must be exactly as it appears on your passport or passport application. Passport information may be sent later if you have yet to obtain a passport.

First Name: _____

Middle Name(s) _____

Last Name(s) _____

(Nickname): _____ Gender _____

Passport #: _____

Passport Exp. Date: _____

Passport Authority: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Dietary needs: _____

Passenger Information (2nd Traveler)

Full name must be exactly as it appears on your passport or passport application. Passport information may be sent later if you have yet to obtain a passport.

First Name: _____

Middle Name(s) _____

Last Name(s) _____

(Nickname): _____ Gender _____

Passport #: _____

Passport Exp. Date: _____

Passport Authority: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Dietary needs: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Work phone/cell: _____ E-mail: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

Deposit Payment Information

(please fill out if paying by check):

Enclosed is my check made payable to
Ed-Ventures, Inc in the amount of:

_____.

Deposit Payment Information (if paying by *credit card*):

Credit Card Number: _____

Visa/MasterCard/Disc: _____ Card ID Code:* _____

Exp. Date: _____ Amount: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

**last 3 digits in signature box on the back of the card*

Sleeping Preference (circle one): Double bed Twin Beds Roommate (name): _____

Single supplement is an additional (\$650): _____ Yes _____ No

Travel Insurance (please check one): Yes, sign me up No, I decline

Insurance Payment Information: Charge my card below Check enclosed

Credit Card Number: _____

Card ID Code: _____ Visa/MC/Disc: _____ Exp. Date: _____ Amount: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

I have read and agree to the terms and conditions. Please sign me up for the trip!

Signature of 1st traveler: _____ Date: _____

Signature of 2nd traveler: _____ Date: _____