



A Toast to TUSCANY

Plus Venice and Rome

Venice • Montecatini Terme • Cinque Terre
Siena • Florence • Rome

October 11 - 22, 2012



- Murano Glassblowing
- St. Mark's Square
- Rialto Bridge
- Leaning Tower of Pisa
- Lover's Lane
- San Gimignano
- Uffizi Gallery
- Ponte Vecchio
- Assisi
- Vatican City
- Sistine Chapel
- The Colosseum

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Thursday, October 11, 2012 • Depart

Our journey begins today with our trans-Atlantic flight to Venice, Italy.

Friday, October 12, 2012 • Venice/Mestre



Upon our arrival in Venice, we meet our coach and driver and travel to **Murano**—a cluster of small islands connected by bridges and the center of the Italian glassmaking industry since 1291. But our destination

today is fabulous Venice—La Serenissima, the “Serene One.” Built upon 117 islands, Venice is a mosaic of canals, plazas, fascinating markets, and chaos! **D**

Saturday, October 13, 2012 • Venice/Mestre

We begin our day in Venice with an excursion to **St. Mark’s Square**, including a cruise along the serpentine **Canale Grande**. Here we see the **Bell Tower** and the impressive **St. Mark’s Cathedral**. There is time in the afternoon to explore and shop in the famous market area around the **Rialto Bridge** or to enjoy a coffee and some people-watching at St. Mark’s Square. **B/D**

Sunday, October 14, 2012 • Montecatini Terme

Departing Venice, we now journey southward into the region of **Tuscany**, often described as the “heart of Italy.” Our home for the next four nights is Montecatini Terme. Situated between Florence and Pisa, the city is one of the world’s most famous health spas. Our sight-seeing today includes the famous **Leaning Tower of Pisa** and a lunch break in **Lucca**—a Roman-style city surrounded by massive red brick walls. The rest of the day is free to relax and explore Montecatini. **B/D**

Monday, October 15, 2012 • Montecatini Terme



Today we drive to the Ligurian Sea, where we have an excursion to the **Cinque Terre**, a series of fishing villages. We begin with a boat ride along the sea, and then

return by train and on foot, with a lovely stroll down

Lovers’ Lane, a spectacular walk along the sea. These villages have a special character, as we observe the life of the fishermen and the abodes to which they return. **B/D**

Tuesday, October 16, 2012 • Montecatini Terme



This morning we have time free to explore Montecatini on our own. Early in the afternoon, we drive into Chianti country and visit **San Gimignano** with its thirteen towers. The main item on our agenda today,

however, is the lovely city of **Siena**. A locally-guided tour of this fabulous Gothic city acquaints us with its sunken **Piazza del Campo** and the **Duomo**—perhaps the finest Gothic cathedral in Italy! Before returning to Montecatini this evening, we enjoy a wine-tasting dinner in the gentle hills of the Chianti countryside. **B/D**

Wednesday, October 17, 2012 • Montecatini Terme



Our entire day is devoted to **Florence**, the Cradle of the Renaissance. We begin with a stop at the **American Cemetery of Florence**. Here we see the graves of thousands of GI’s who fell while fighting their way “up the

boot” of Italy. Florence is home to the **Duomo** with its famed **Baptistry**, **Giotto’s Tower**, the **Pitti Palace**, the **Accademia** with Michelangelo’s incomparable **David**, and the **Uffizi Gallery** with the finest collection of paintings in all of Italy. We take time for exploring the sprawling **San Lorenzo Leather Market** and the shops along the **Ponte Vecchio**. We return to our hotel in time to relax before dinner. **B/D**

Thursday, October 18, 2012 • Rome

This morning we continue in a southerly direction and enter the region of Umbria, where we arrive at its most beautiful town, **Assisi**. Here a local guide acquaints us with the life of Saint Francis and shows us the magnificent **Basilica di San Francesco** where he is buried. We drive on to Rome for our overnight. **B/D**

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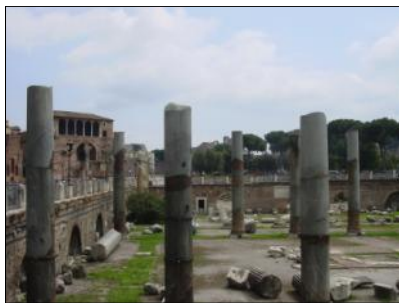
Friday, October 19, 2012 • Rome

Today we drive through the beautiful Italian countryside to **Pompeii**. **Mount Vesuvius** is an archaeological treasure trove and an insight into the ancient world. A local guide will take us through the ruins of Pompeii with explanations of how the city was before being destroyed by the volcano. **B/D**

Saturday, October 20, 2012 • Rome

This morning we visit the **Vatican City** and **St. Peter's Cathedral**, home of the Roman Catholic Church and the largest building in Christianity. Also included is a visit to the **Vatican Museum** and the **Sistine Chapel**. We have free time to visit the city center in the afternoon. Dinner tonight is on our own. **B**

Sunday, October 21, 2012 • Rome



After breakfast, we continue sightseeing in the Eternal City of Rome and see the glories of the Caesars. We become acquainted with the city that was the birthplace for much of our civilization as we

visit the **Capitoline Hill** area, from which we view the **Roman Forum**. We also see the **Colosseum**, the **Trevi Fountain**, and more. Tonight will be a very special farewell dinner at a Rome restaurant. **B/D**

Monday, October 22, 2012 • Return

Unfortunately, it's time to transfer to Rome's Leonardo da Vinci Airport for our return flight to the United States. We return with memories of rustic towns, walled cities, the grandeur of Rome, (as well as wonderful ice cream and pasta), and a wealth of new friends! Welcome home!

Abbreviations for Meals

B=Breakfast **D**=Dinner

We offer optional insurance for cancellation, life, health, and baggage. We strongly recommend purchase of this insurance.

TOUR COST: \$2,995* per person, land only

**Based on 25 participants and double occupancy accommodations*

Single supplement = \$550

Triples are available but not advised

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES:

- **Land transportation** via private, deluxe air conditioned motor coach
- **Accommodations** (double-occupancy) in superior, tourist and moderate first class hotels
- **Meals** as indicated in itinerary
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- **Local step-on guides** for city tours and major attractions
- **Admission** to all activities listed on itinerary
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- **Beverages** except with breakfast
- **End of tour gratuity** for coach driver and tour guide
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Registration Form

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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: _____

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First Name: _____

Middle Name(s) _____

Last Name(s) _____

(Nickname): _____ Gender _____

Passport #: _____

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Date of Birth: _____

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Address: _____

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

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Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

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Enclosed is my check made payable to
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Deposit Payment Information (please fill out 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 (\$550): _____ 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: _____