



# Toast to Tuscany

## SCHEDULED DEPARTURES

October 13 - 24, 2016

October 12 - 23, 2017



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### Day 1 • Departure

Our tour begins today with our departure to Venice, Italy.

### Day 2 • 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. Our destination is fabulous Venice—La Serenissima, the “Serene One.” Built upon 117 islands, Venice is a mosaic of canals, plazas, fascinating markets, and chaos! **D**

### Day 3 - Venice

We begin our day in Venice with an excursion to St. Mark’s Square, including a cruise along the serpentine Canale Grande. Here a local guide shows us 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. Dinner is on our own in Venice tonight. **B**

### Day 4 • Montecatini

Departing Venice, we now journey southward into the region of Tuscany, often described as the “heart of Italy.” Our home for the next five nights is Montecatini Terme. Situated between Florence and Pisa, the city is one of the world’s most



famous health spas. Our sightseeing 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**

### Day 5 • Montecatini and Cinque Terre

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**

### Day 6 • Montecatini

Today 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. Next, 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**





### Day 7 • Montecatini/Florence

Our entire day is devoted to Florence, the Cradle of the Renaissance. Florence is home to the Duomo with its famed Baptistery, 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**

### Day 8 • Montecatini (Free day)

In this beautiful, relaxing city, we take time to soak it all in, so today is free to use one of the many spas, explore the area of Montecatini Alto, or participate in an optional cooking class. **B**

### Day 9 • 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**

### Day 10 • 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 Museums and the Sistine Chapel. We have free time to visit the city center in the afternoon. **B,D**

### Day 11 • Rome

We begin our 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 will see the Colosseum, Constantine's Arch, and more. Tonight we have our farewell dinner. **B,D**

### Day 12 • Return

This morning our driver transfers us to the Rome airport, where we say "Ciao", and board our flight for our return to the USA. **B**

## Tour Prices:

**TTT16: October 13 - 24, 2016 • \$3,099**

Single supplement: \$625

**TTT17: October 12 - 23, 2017 • \$3,199**

Single supplement: \$650

Prices are *per person, land only, double occupancy* with a minimum of 20 participants

### Your Tour Includes:

- **Land Transportation** via private deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- **Accommodations** (double occupancy) in 3 and 4 star hotels
- **Meals** per the itinerary
- **Admission** to all activities indicated in the itinerary except those listed as optional
- Services of **professional tour manager**
- Local **step-on guides** for city tours and major attractions
- **Luggage handling** of one piece per person
- **All taxes and tips** for provided services on land tour, including tour manager and driver

### Your Tour Does Not Include:

- **Roundtrip Airfare** and related taxes, fees and fuel charges
- Meals other than indicated above
- **Beverages**, except with breakfast
- End of tour gratuity for coach driver and tour guide
- Items of a personal nature such as passport fees. (*Passport must be valid for 6 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 100 days prior to departure date. Invoice will be sent out prior to final payment. Passengers may add after this date subject to air and land availability. Generally airlines do not increase the price of a ticket after it has been contracted. However, prior to the issuance of a ticket, airlines may (and regularly do) impose fuel, tax, or security surcharges. In the event a surcharge is imposed after Ed-Ventures has received a final payment, Ed-Ventures will send an additional invoice for the surcharge amount. Early registration is encouraged.

### Currency:

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

### Refund/Cancellation Policy:

All cancellations must be in writing. The date of postmark will determine the amount of refund due. Refunds are based on the number of days prior to departure date. From the time of deposit to 99 days before departure a \$100 administrative fee plus any airfare penalties will be assessed. From 99-14 days, a \$300 cancellation penalty plus lost airfare deposits and any unrecoverable deposits to ground suppliers will be assessed. Airline tickets once purchased are nonrefundable. Anyone canceling less than 14 days prior to departure will receive **no refund**.

*Purchase of health, baggage, and trip cancellation/interruption insurance is strongly recommended.*

### Abbreviations for Meals

**B=Breakfast D=Dinner**

## Terms and Conditions

We reserve the right to cancel this trip due to lack of subscription. In the event of cancellation of the trip in its entirety, a full refund of all deposits will be made to passengers enrolled at the time of cancellation. Tour price is based on the value of the dollar and the cost of airfare and is subject to change without notice. Extensions are usually available, but must be requested when booking the tour. Any changes in airfare booking may result in a processing fee. It may be possible, that due to unforeseen events, conditions, or changes in airline schedules, the land portion of the trip may be extended or shortened. Any savings realized by such occurrences will be refunded, however any extra expenses incurred must be borne by the client. Trip cancellation insurance is available. This low-cost protection can save you money if you are forced to cancel or alter your trip for a medical reason only. You will be mailed trip cancellation insurance information with the brochure or upon receipt of your deposit.

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## Passenger Information (1<sup>st</sup> Traveler)

Please record information exactly as it appears on your passport. Passport information may be sent later if you have yet to obtain a passport.

**Legal Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Name for name badge): \_\_\_\_\_

**Passport #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Passport Exp. Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Passport Authority:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Place of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dietary Needs:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Passenger Information (2<sup>nd</sup> Traveler)

Please record information exactly as it appears on your passport. Passport information may be sent later if you have yet to obtain a passport.

**Legal Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Name for name badge): \_\_\_\_\_

**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:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sleeping Preference** (circle one): Double bed    Twin Beds

**Roommate name:** \_\_\_\_\_ OR **Single supplement:** \_\_\_\_ Yes    \_\_\_\_ No

## Travel Insurance (please check one)

I wish to purchase Travel Guard insurance and have included the premium with my deposit.

I wish to decline the travel insurance offered through Travel Guard.

## **Deposit Payment Information** (please check one)

Enclosed is my \$ \_\_\_\_\_ deposit and insurance premium (if applicable). **Make checks payable to Ed-Ventures, Inc.**

Please charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ deposit and insurance premium (if applicable) to my Discover/MasterCard/Visa

**Credit Card Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Exp. Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Card ID Code:\*** \_\_\_\_\_ \*last 3 digits in signature box on the back of the card

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**Signature of 1<sup>st</sup> traveler:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of 2<sup>nd</sup> traveler:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_



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