

San Gimignano

Tour code: PKI17



# Bee-cation

*In TUSCANY*

SCHEDULED DEPARTURE

Sept. 6 - 13, 2017

Florence Extension:  
Sept. 13 - 16, 2017

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*Tuscan Street*



*Villa San Lucchese*

**Day 1: Wednesday, September 6, 2017 • Departure**

Our journey begins as we board our international flight bound for Florence, Italy.

**Day 2: Thursday, September 7, 2017 • Poggibonsi**

Upon arrival at the Florence airport, we transfer to our Tuscan Italian Villa and home for the next seven nights. **D**

**Day 3: Friday, September 8, 2017 • Poggibonsi**

We spend the morning at a farm that features production of a number of Tuscan products, including honey, olive oil, grappa, and their specialty saffron. After we tour the farm and inspect the hives, we have a cooking demonstration and lunch. We proceed to another agriturismo farm/inn for more varieties of honey. Tonight we dine in the lovely town of Siena. **B/L/D**

**Day 4: Saturday, September 9, 2017 • Poggibonsi**

This morning, we tour the lovely area of Arezzo, including a visit and discussion with Miele Sant'Agata, as producer of Organic honey, served exclusively at fine restaurants like Maxims de Paris. The 14<sup>th</sup> century city of Montalcino hosts an annual celebration of honey that consists of an exhibition and booths, conferences, and tasting. We will visit the city, and attend the festival activities. **B/D**

**Day 5: Sunday, September 10, 2017 • Poggibonsi**

After a leisurely breakfast, we tour some of the countryside near our hotel. We look for bees and other pollinators as we tour the nooks and crannies of the Villa Castello de Medici Garden. Our Sunday lunch will be in one of the relaxing pizzerias in the area. This afternoon, we attend the 47<sup>th</sup> Expo of the Chianti Classico Wine in the main piazza of Greve. The festival features about 40 of the major wineries in the area, as well as a few olive oil producers, music, and other entertainment. An official glass gets you a set number of samples as you wander from booth to booth. **B/L**

**Day 6: Monday, September 11, 2017 • Poggibonsi**

The Chianti region's dew kissed vineyards await us this morning. We start the morning with a farm tour and discussion of the wine and vinegar of Sant Agnese Farm, where we will use some of these products in our cooking class. We learn about the history of the Chianti region while

in the area. Then, we will proceed to the Villa Felecto for a session on olive oil. Our second Chianti wine festival this week is a little smaller, and the food offerings a little more varied. **B/L**

**Day 7: Tuesday, September 12, 2017 • Poggibonsi**

This morning, we start our day with a visit to some of the most impressive monasteries, castles and churches that are clustered near San Gimignano. For lunch, we visit la Bottega di Stigliano, a proponent of the slow food movement and "zero" kilometer meals. During lunch we learn about some of the local farmers, and the products they produce. The afternoon will be free to either rest up back at the hotel or you can explore the many options that the hotel has to offer. Tonight we enjoy a farewell dinner. Tomorrow some of us will fly home and others extend to Florence. **B/L/D**

**Day 8: Wednesday, September 13, 2017 • Return**

Unfortunately, all good things must come to an end. We bid arrivederci to Tuscany and return to Florence for our flights back to the USA. **B**

## *Optional* **Florence Extension**

**Day 8: Wednesday, September 13, 2017 • Florence**

Florence has been the capital of this region for hundreds of years. We spend the day touring the infamous buildings, the Uffizi Art Museum, the Duomo and the marketplace. Dinner will be on your own tonight. We overnight in Florence the next three nights. **B**

**Day 9: Thursday, September 14, 2017 • Florence**

Mid-morning, we take a half day food tour of Florence beginning in one of its charming local bars where we kick start the day with an authentic Italian Coffee tasting experience. Then we venture into Florence's main fashion district and start sampling the city morsel by morsel. From mouthwatering truffle sandwiches to artisan breads, cheeses, salami, wine, and a variety of seasonal specialties, our Florence food tours are designed to dazzle the senses and introduce non-residents to the cities unique flavors and aromas. We will stop in the San Lorenzo Market, Florence's



oldest, where our guide will help you select and taste as wide as possible a variety of local dishes including local Tuscan savory masterpieces.

We will also visit an authentic wine shop, where local sommeliers will explain the secret behind local wine colors, perfumes and the local art of basic viticulture and wine making itself. As part of our Florence food walking tour grand finale, we will finish with a desert of authentic Florentine gelato. It is a sweet sensation dating back to Roman times when snow would be brought down from local mountains, local legend has it that Florence itself first gave rise to modern ice cream. **B**

**Day 10: Friday, September 15, 2017 • Florence**  
Today is a free day to explore Florence on our own. **B**

**Day 11: Saturday, September 16, 2017 • Return**  
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**Abbreviations for Meals**  
**B**=Breakfast **L**= Lunch **D**=Dinner

### ***Our Hotels:***

*Villa San Lucchese Hotel in Poggibonsi, is a romantic Historic Villa from XV century near Siena. It overlooks the green hills of the Chianti valley planted with olive trees and vineyards. The hotel offers a swimming pool, tennis courts, bowling green and Italian garden dotted with antiques. It is an excellent starting point for holidays in Tuscany for Gourmet Wine and Food tours in Chianti area.*

*The five-star Hotel Savoy offers luxury and style in the heart of Florence. Located on the Piazza Repubblica, close to Florence's renowned landmark the Duomo, the hotel is just a short walk from the Uffizi Gallery and the Ponte Vecchio. Just steps away from the main Florence fashion houses, the Hotel Savoy is the ideal base from which to visit the key attractions of this beautiful beautiful and historic city. Styled by Olga Polizzi, the hotel's elegant decor is contemporary Italian in style.*

**Tour Price: \$3,080**

Prices are *land only*, per person, double occupancy with a minimum of 10 participants

**Single occupancy: \$3,569**

**Roundtrip airfare from Ashville is estimated at \$1,400**

#### **Your Tour Includes:**

- **Land Transportation** via private deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- **Accommodations** (double occupancy) in moderate four star hotels  
Poggibonsi—Villa San Lucchese  
Florence Extension—Hotel Savoy
- **Meals** per the itinerary
- **Admission** to all activities indicated in the itinerary except those listed as optional
- Services of **professional tour manager** throughout the main tour (service will end after 1st day of extension)
- Local **step-on guides** for city tours and major attractions
- Extension—Step-on guide service will be used for airport transfers and transfers on Sept. 14
- **Luggage handling** of one piece per person
- **All taxes and tips** for provided services on land tour (except coach driver and tour manager)

#### **Your Tour Does Not Include:**

- Roundtrip **International Airfare**
- Meals other than indicated
- **Beverages**, except with breakfast
- End of tour gratuity for coach driver and tour manager
- 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 120 days before departure a \$100 administrative fee plus any airfare penalties will be assessed. From 119-14 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.***

## 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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- Main Tour only \$3,080 Land (per person, dbl occupancy)
- Main Tour only \$3,569 Land (per person, single occupancy)
- I need air quote from \_\_\_\_\_
- Travel Insurance (land only) • \$201pp / \$232pp single
- with Extension \$5,172 Land (per person, dbl occupancy)
- with Extension \$6,352 Land (per person, single occupancy)

## 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 (land only)

- I wish to purchase Travel Guard insurance and have included the premium with my deposit.
- Contact me regarding "cancel for any reason" insurance.     I wish to decline the travel insurance offered.

## Deposit Payment Information (Note: payments made by credit card will incur a 3% surcharge)

- 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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