

ITALY: TUSCANY

October 31st - November 8th, 2012

Nine Days, Seven Nights Including Hotel, Meals, Day Trips and Airfare from San Francisco



Leave everyday life behind and escape to Tuscany! Known for its beautiful landscapes, its rich artistic legacy and vast influence on high culture, Tuscany is widely regarded as the true birthplace of the Italian Renaissance, and has been home to some of the most influential people in the history of art and science. Visitors to Tuscany come for many reasons. Many come in search of fine art, others to explore the extraordinary countryside. Join us as we explore the endless opportunities that Tuscany has to offer.

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INCLUDED FEATURES:

- Round-trip air transportation from San Francisco (SFO).
- First class hotel accommodations for seven nights at the centrally located Grand Hotel Vittoria (or similar) including hotel tax and service charges.
- Daily breakfasts and dinners.
- Deluxe air-conditioned motor coach and experienced drivers escort you for all transfers, tours and guided excursions.
- An experienced professional manager will assist you on the vacation, upon arrival in Italy.
- ABC Destinations handles your baggage outside of the airport for your arrival and departure. (Based on one bag per person).
- Full-day guided tour of Florence.
- Full-day guided tour of Siena and San Gimignano.

PRICE:

Tour price is \$2,599 per person, double occupancy (includes \$500 per person fuel surcharges). For single occupancy, add \$399. Air taxes are included at \$100 per person. Fuel surcharges and air taxes are valid at the time of printing and are subject to change.

Optional tours are available at an additional cost.

Optional Rome extension is \$595 per person double occupancy. For single occupancy add \$299.

THE HOTEL:

The Grand Hotel Vittoria is an elegant and well-established First Class hotel situated in an early 20th century Liberty style building. The hotel enjoys an excellent location in a residential area, ten minutes walk from the very heart of Montecatini. Facilities include a beauty center with aromatherapy and massage as well as a swimming pool. The rooms feature all modern comforts with bath or shower, television, minibar, hairdryer, telephone and safe. The Grand Hotel Vittoria's Restaurant, La Sala dei Cristalli, serves refined traditional Tuscan cuisine.



ITINERARY

Day 1 - Depart the USA: Depart San Francisco (SFO) for Italy.

Day 2 - Montecatini: Upon arrival proceed to baggage claim and after clearing customs, you will be met by your ABC Destinations representative and transfer to your hotel to spend the rest of the day at leisure. For centuries, Montecatini has been an exclusive world-renowned spa resort, famed for its spring waters, thermal baths and numerous spa treatments. Have a welcome cocktail and briefing at 7:00 pm at the hotel. Tonight dinner is at the hotel. (Dinner)

Day 3 - Montecatini/Florence/Montecatini: After breakfast, you will transfer to Florence for a walking tour. Its striking buildings, formidable galleries and treasure-crammed churches attest to the Florentine love of display. Its elegant appearance and the skyline, with its russet rooftops and lofty domes, contributed to give this city its role as an important center for culture and arts. See the Cathedral, whose gigantic "cupola" is the symbol of Florence's artistic achievements, the Baptistery (from outside) with its fine bronze doors adorned with the famous gates of Paradise and the Piazza della Signoria. Enjoy free time for shopping or visiting some of the numerous museums and art galleries. Tonight dinner is at the hotel. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 4 - Montecatini/Lucca and Pisa (Optional Tour)/Montecatini: Day at leisure or after breakfast, take an optional tour to Lucca and Pisa. Lucca is a peaceful place with narrow lanes that wind among the medieval buildings, opening suddenly to reveal churches, tiny piazzas and many other reminders of the city's long history, including a Roman amphitheater. This town is well known for its magnificent 16th and 17th century ramparts, which having remained intact, encircle its narrow streets which are lined with many medieval buildings. In the afternoon we continue to Pisa to see its incredible Leaning Tower, the bell tower of the 900 year old Cathedral of Pisa. It is 14 feet off center at the top because of settling after construction was started in 1173. Your visit of Pisa will also include a sightseeing tour of Pisa's Campo dei Miracoli, or Field of Miracles, to see the Baptistery and Duomo (entrance included); all fine examples of the Pisan-Romanesque architectural style. Tonight dinner is at the hotel. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 5 - Montecatini/Siena/San Gimignano/Montecatini: After breakfast, transfer to Siena & San Gimignano for your full-day tour. Set in the most beautiful Tuscan countryside of rolling hills, lush vines and gray-green olive trees, Siena offers much to see, from the fine palaces that line the narrow cobbled streets and the superb Duomo, to the celebrated Piazza del Campo where the famed Palio horserace is run yearly. Continue to San Gimignano, a town of Etruscan origin. Built by noble families, the fourteen remaining towers that lined the ramparts look like medieval skyscrapers. Tonight dinner is at the hotel. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 6 - Montecatini/Cinque Terre (Optional Tour)/Montecatini: Enjoy the day at leisure or take an optional tour to Cinque Terre. Early in the morning depart for La Spezia along the Mediterranean Sea. Take the train to the Cinque Terre, "The 5 lands", which are 5 medieval fishing ports, that developed isolated throughout the ages and remained architecturally intact, as they could only be reached by sea. They represent one of the best preserved natural areas of the Mediterranean, recognized by UNESCO as "Mankind's World Heritage", and today they are a National Park and Protected Marine Area with the aim of protecting not only environmental safety but also a great cultural heritage. (Full-day tour; includes deluxe motor coach, train, escort) (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 7 - Montecatini/Chianti (Optional Tour)/Montecatini: Day at leisure or after breakfast, take an optional tour of the Chianti Region. The beauty of this territory, known for its wineries, lies in the perfect equilibrium between the soft forms of slopes and their thousand nuances of color and the crowded woods populated by ancient castles, secular parishes and beautiful villas. You will visit Greve in Chianti and have a wine tasting and a country style lunch at a local winery. Tonight dinner is at the hotel. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 8 - Montecatini: Spend the day at leisure to explore Montecatini on your own, enjoy a spa treatment or just relax. Tonight dinner is at the hotel. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 9 - Montecatini/USA: After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your return flight home. (Breakfast)

TWO NIGHT OPTIONAL ROME EXTENSION:

Day 9 - Montecatini/Rome: After breakfast, meet your guide and driver and set off for Rome. Upon your arrival in Rome, transfer to your hotel for check-in where the rest of the afternoon is at leisure and yours to enjoy. Romans say that "Rome wasn't built in a day", nor can Rome be seen in a day. One could live in the Eternal City for years and still not see everything. It's hard to say what you'll find most breathtaking: Etruscan tombs, the Republican meeting rooms, imperial temples, early Christian churches, medieval bell towers, baroque basilicas or renaissance palaces. Tonight you are on your own for dinner. You will have no trouble finding local restaurants in this residential area of Rome. Just outside the hotel and around the corner are some lovely places where the locals meet to eat, have a glass of local wine and enjoy a dish of pasta. Ask your guide or the concierge at the hotel to make a recommendation, they are eager and pleased to help. Overnight at The Grand Hotel Beverly Hills. (Breakfast)

Day 10 - Rome: After breakfast we will start exploring the magnificence of the eternal city. In the morning enjoy a guided tour of Imperial Rome, the Rome of the Caesars. Visit the Roman Forum, the most important archaeological area in the city and once the center of the public life; visit the Colosseum, the most famous monument of ancient Rome and an impressive testament to her past greatness. We enjoy lunch in a local family run trattoria to taste the flavors of the "Cucina Romana". After lunch continue the tour of the Vatican Museums and the Sistine Chapel. The Vatican Museums and their immense wealth of art, resulting from centuries of papal collections, offer an extraordinary experience. Amongst others, see the great masterpieces of Michelangelo, "The Last Judgement" in the Sistine Chapel. End the tour visiting St. Peter's Basilica to admire the art treasures of the largest Roman Catholic Church in the world, including Michelangelo's Pietà (appropriate attire required no shorts or sleeveless tops). Your tour include entrance to the Roman Forum, Colosseum and Vatican Museum, we avoid lines with pre-assigned reservations. Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure, where you can do some shopping or take a stroll on the Via Veneto. Tonight dinner is on your own; enjoy your last night in Rome. (Breakfast, Lunch)

Day 11 - Rome/USA: After breakfast, say ciao to Rome, transfer to the airport for your return flight home. (Breakfast)

Please note: Though rare, it may be necessary to substitute hotels and adjust itineraries due to local conditions.

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PLEASE PRINT— NAMES MUST BE LISTED AS THEY APPEAR ON YOUR PASSPORT

Passenger 1: _____ Date of Birth: _____ M / F
 First Name Middle Name Last Name

Passport #: _____ Country of Issue: _____ Date issued: _____ Expiration date: _____

Passenger 2: _____ Date of Birth: _____ M / F
 First Name Middle Name Last Name

Passport #: _____ Country of Issue: _____ Date issued: _____ Expiration date: _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email Address: _____ Home Ph # _____ Business/Cell Ph# _____

Please reserve me in a single room at a \$399 supplement (limited availability)

I am rooming with: _____ I am traveling with: _____

Land Only Option (Deduct \$750 per person.) **Note:** Transfers not included.

Rome Extension - **\$595** Double Occupancy or **\$299** Single Supplement

PAYMENT METHOD

Credit Card: Amex Discover Visa MasterCard Check # _____

Credit Card # _____ Security code # _____ Exp. date: _____

Name that appears on the card: _____ Signature: _____

I authorize \$ _____ to be charged to my card (this equals the deposit plus insurance premium if applicable).

Deposit: \$500 per person to reserve your space of which \$325 per person is non-refundable. Reservations are based on a first come first served basis. Final payment is due 90 days before departure. Prices include \$500 fuel surcharges and \$100 air taxes, which are subject to change. Any increase in the fuel surcharge or taxes will be passed on to the participant by final payment due date.

I want Trip Cancellation & Interruption Insurance Yes No. The policy price is based on the total cost of the tour, including taxes. Insurance premium per person: \$159 for tour costs from \$2,501 to \$3,000 / \$215 for tour costs from \$3,001 to \$3,500/ \$239 for tour costs from \$3,501 to \$4,000 / \$275 for tour costs from \$4,001 to \$5,000. If no selection is made, insurance will be added to your booking and can be removed if advised to us in writing prior to final payment.

Make Checks payable to: ABC Destinations and send to: Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce, 777 Peters Avenue Pleasanton, CA 94566-6500. For additional information please contact Kate D'Or at Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce by telephone (925) 846-5858 x203 or email: kate@pleasanton.org.

I have read the schedule of activities for Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce Italy: Tuscany program on October 31-November 8th, 2012 and accept the general terms and conditions as outlined on our website.

Signature: _____ Notes: _____

Cancellation Policy:

Until 61 days prior to departure: 10% of total cost per person (or a minimum of \$325 per person)

From 60 days until 46 days prior to departure: 30% of total cost per person

From 45 days until 31 days prior to departure: 50% of total cost per person

From 30 days until 15 days prior to departure: 75% of total cost per person

From 14 days until day of departure, or no show: 100%

Note: A person becoming a single as a result in the roommate's cancellation must pay the single supplement.

*** For full Terms and Conditions, please visit <http://www.abccdestinations.com/terms.asp> ***