



Discover & Explore
Tuscany

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Departing October 30, 2012

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Ponte Vecchio, Florence

Highlights:

- Round trip scheduled airfare
- Round trip transfers between airports and hotel
- Hotel luggage handling
- 7 nights first class Hotel
- Superb cuisine, daily breakfast, and four dinners
- City tour of Florence, see the Cathedral, Baptistery, and the famous Gates of Paradise.
- City tour of Pisa
- Visit San Gimignano
- Chianti Wine Festival
- Discovery Program guide

Preferred Hotels:

- Grand Tettuccio or the Hotel Minerva Palace

DAY 1: USA - ITALY

Today depart the U.S. on an international flight to Italy.

DAY 2: MONTECATINI

Upon arrival, proceed to baggage claim and after clearing customs you will be met by your English-speaking Discovery Program Guide who will assist you onto your deluxe motorcoach. You will arrive at the nearby spa resort town of Montecatini, your home for the next seven nights. Montecatini is situated in the northern part of Tuscany, just outside of Florence, in the heart of the Italian art cradle. One of the many highlights of this tour is that there is no "packing and unpacking" . . . a relaxed way to experience this wonderful region of Italy. Have a Welcome Cocktail and briefing this evening at the hotel. Then enjoy your first real Italian meal this evening in the dining room. Dinner is at the hotel. (D)

DAY 3: FLORENCE

After breakfast, you'll travel to the heart of the Tuscan region and the city of Florence, which has produced famous artists such as Leonardo da Vinci, Dante and Michelangelo. Your tour of Florence will include a visit to the Piazza del Duomo to see its massive bronze "Gates of Paradise," Signoria Square, the 13th century Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, the Giotto Tower, the Church of Santa Croce where Michelangelo is buried. **[Chamber Experience]** The Italian

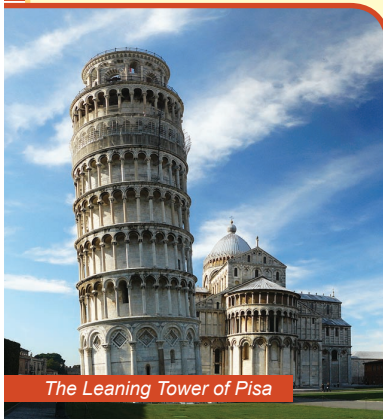
leather industry produced over 3 billion Euros in goods last year. High quality leather, craftsmanship and machinery have led to names like Gucci and Fendi's world presence. Our group will visit an Italian leather workshop for first-hand views of the process. The afternoon will be free to sightsee or shop in Florence. (B)

DAY 4: PISA

In the morning, you will visit Pisa, just a few minutes away. The square of Mirades contains some breathtaking monuments: the Leaning Tower, the Cathedral, the Baptistry, the monumental cemetery and the Opa Museum. Exploring is made simple, as everything is located within a few hundred yards. Maybe taste a local cappuccino at one of the cafes on the square. (B,D)

DAY 5: MONTECATINI (CARRARA / PORTOFINO)

Day at Leisure or take an optional drive this morning brings you to the town of Carrara, home to the most



The Leaning Tower of Pisa



. . . Flight, — = Motorcoach, ⑦ = # of nights

Journeys of Discovery

San Gimignano, Italy

famous marble quarries in the world. As you continue north, you arrive in the most picturesque cove on the Italian Riviera, Portofino. With its colorful houses and cobblestone streets, it will provide an unforgettable Mediterranean experience. You will have time to enjoy meandering through this classic Italian village before returning to your hotel. (B) (Approx: 85 Euros)

DAY 6: MONTECATINI (SAN GIMIGNANO - CHIANTI)

After breakfast we travel into the heart of Tuscany. As we travel south you will recognize many of the landscapes from the movie "Under the Tuscan Sun," filmed in this area. Visiting the walled city of San Gimignano, you will admire the many towers, once the skyscrapers of the 13th and 14th centuries, the best-preserved medieval village in Italy. We will stroll around the tiny streets leading to the top of the village, maybe stop in one of the many cafes and small trattorias for a sandwich and a "gelato"... Italian ice cream. **[Chamber Experience]** As you drive south through the Italian wine country of Chianti this afternoon, your stop will include a winery to taste the local superb wine. Enjoy local wines and an educational program as brought to you by the leaders of the local wine industry. (B,D)

DAY 7: MONTECATINI (VENICE)

Day at Leisure or take an optional full day tour to Venice. Enjoy a city tour of Venice where you will visit St. Marks Cathedral and Doge's palace. This afternoon we will visit a glassware

factory where you will witness the Venetian art of glass blowing. This amazing technique used to be dominated by an elite group of craftsmen in the Venetian Republic. (B)

DAY 8: MONTECATINI (SIENA)

Day at Leisure or take an optional tour to Siena: Tour Siena, in the heart of Tuscany. Your escort will lead you to the Piazza del Campo, the ancient Tuscan capitol, a fascinating art town. This is the site of the most famous "palio" in all of Italy. This race of men on horseback, held twice a year, is charged with electricity as the competitors race around the town square at a furious pace. Take the time to explore the museums and churches of Siena and the glamorous shops of the Via dei Banchi de Sopra. This evening enjoy a delicious Tuscan Feast with your fellow travelers as a tribute to your new fond memories in Italy. (B,D) (Approx: 70 Euros)

DAY 9: MONTECATINI - USA

After breakfast transfer to the airport for your return flight to the U.S. (B) **On some dates tours and cities visited operate in a different order.*

ROME EXTENSION - \$599 Approx

- Includes:
 - Transportation to Rome
 - 2 nights hotel in Rome
 - Spanish steps
 - Colosseum of Rome
 - Piazza Venezia
 - Return flight to U.S.

(Based on 20 or more guests)

Day by Day:

Day 1: Transatlantic flight

Day 2: Arrive in Italy and transfer to your hotel for the next 7 nights

- Dinner at your hotel

Day 3: Breakfast at your hotel

- City tour of Florence
- Chamber Experience

Day 4: Breakfast at your hotel

- Tour of Pisa
- Dinner at your hotel

Day 5: Breakfast at your hotel

- Full day at leisure in Montecatini
- Optional trip to Carrara & Portofino

Day 6: Breakfast at your hotel

- Tour into the Heart of Tuscany & San Gimignano
- Chamber Experience
- Dinner at your hotel

Day 7: Breakfast at your hotel

- Full day at leisure in Montecatini
- Optional trip to Venice

Day 8: Breakfast at your hotel

- Full day at leisure in Montecatini
- Optional Full day tour of Siena
- Tuscan Feast Dinner

Day 9: Breakfast at your hotel

- Transfer to the airport fly home



The Colosseum of Rome

