

*Discover & Explore*  
***Tuscany***



Florence, Italy

Preview Date: July 16 R.S.V.P. Requested

**One  
Hotel  
Holiday!**

***November 5-13, 2008***

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# Discover & Explore Tuscany

Ponte Vecchio, Florence

## Highlights:

- Round trip scheduled airfare
- Round trip transfers between airports and hotel
- Hotel luggage handling
- 7 nights first class Hotel
- 13 meals including 7 breakfasts and 6 dinners, featuring a Renaissance banquet
- A unique opportunity to meet with business leaders in Italy.
- City tour Florence, admission to the Gallery of Fine Arts to see Michaelangelo's "David," Piazza del Duomo
- The Leaning Tower of Pisa
- City tour of Sienna and Piazza del Campo
- Visit San Gimignano's mysterious towers
- Carrara marble quarries, and Portofino
- Discovery Program guide

## Preferred Hotels:

- Grand Panoramic or Hotel Tettucio

## DAY 1 & 2: USA - FLORENCE

Today, you board your Chamber delegation flight for Italy. Upon arrival, your English-speaking Discovery Program Guide 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. Enjoy your first real Italian meal this evening in the dining room. (In-flight meal), D

## DAY 3: PISA

This morning, you will visit Pisa, just an hour 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 4: SIENA

Today you'll 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. **(Chamber Exchange)** This evening, join your tour members at an event hosted by the local "Assoindustria" to exchange ideas in an informal setting. Learn first hand about business practices in Italy. B, D

## DAY 5: FLORENCE

Today, 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 Leaning Tower of Pisa



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



# Journeys of Discovery

San Gimignano, Italy

the 13th century Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, the Giotto Tower, Gallery of Fine Arts to see Michelangelo's famous "David", the Church of Santa Croce where Michelangelo is buried, and a visit to an Italian leather workshop. The afternoon will be free to sightsee or shop in Florence. Tonight, you will enjoy an authentic Renaissance Dinner complete with traditional menu, wines, music and costumes of the era. B, DB

### DAY 6: CARRARA - PORTOFINO

A leisurely drive this morning brings you to the town of Carrara, home to the most 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, D

### DAY 7: MONTECATINI

Today you are free to enjoy Montecatini, an upscale spa town. Perhaps you will want to join in an optional excursion to Venice. B

### DAY 8: UNDER THE TUSCAN SUN

Today, as you travel south into the heart of Tuscany, 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. Enjoy your lunch time strolling 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. As you drive south through the Italian wine country this afternoon, your stop will include a winery to taste the local superb wine. **(Chamber Exchange)** Enjoy local wines and educational program as brought to you by the leaders of the local wine industry. B, D

### DAY 9: FLORENCE - USA

Today you will be transferred to the airport where you will board your flight back to the USA, with fond memories of your Tuscany Delight. B, (In-flight meal)

**ROME EXTENSION - \$549**

- 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 and dinner

- City tour of Pisa

**Day 4:** Breakfast at your hotel

- Full day tour of Siena
- Dine with Italian business leaders

**Day 5:** Breakfast at your hotel

- Half day city tour of Beautiful Florence
- Renaissance Dinner with music

**Day 6:** Breakfast at your hotel

- Full day tour of Carrara & Portofino
- Dinner at your hotel

**Day 7:** Breakfast at your hotel

- Free day or optional trip to Venice

**Day 8:** Breakfast and Farewell dinner

- Full day tour into the Heart of Tuscany & San Gimignano
- Wine tasting in the Italian wine country

**Day 9:** Breakfast at your hotel

- Transfer to the airport fly home



The Colosseum of Rome

