

# **EXPLORE** TUSCANY



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**9 DAY TOUR** 

TORONTO | FLORENCE | MONTECATINI TERME | LUCCA | BORGO A MOZZANO | GOTNIC LINE | FLORENCE | PISA | CHEESE FARM VISIT | SAN GIMIGNANO | FLORENCE | TORONTO

**Departure Date** May - 06 - 2024

**TORONTO** 

C\$ 4450 | C\$ 599

SINGLE SUPP.





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TOUR LODGING INFO: 07 Nights' Accommodation +

01 Night Onboard Flight

Accommodation will be provided on a twin sharing basis in hotel listed below or similar

| CITIES            | NIGHTS    | SUPERIOR HOTELS   |
|-------------------|-----------|-------------------|
| Montecatini Terme | 07 Nights | Hotel Tuscany Inn |

#### **TOUR PACKAGE INCLUDES:**

- International round trip flights from Toronto
- 07 nights of accommodation on a twin sharing basis
- Daily international breakfast buffet
- Travel Assistant throughout the tour
- Private coach transfer from Florence airport to your hotel in Montecatini
- Welcome 3-course dinner at the hotel, ½ water and ¼ wine included (Day 2)
- FD private coach hire for Lucca and Borgo a Mozzano
- 2-hours private walking tour in Lucca with local licensed guide
- Visit to a winery with wine tasting
- Return train ride to Florence
- 3-hours private walking tour in Florence and Accademia with local licensed guide
- Admission to the Accademia Gallery
- GUIDED TOUR in Montecatini
- FD private coach hire for Pisa
- 2-hours private walking tour in Pisa with local licensed guide
- Admission to the Dome and Baptistery in Pisa
- Visit to a farmhouse and cooking lesson with typical Tuscan recipes following with dinner including wine
- FD private coach hire for San Gimignano
- 2-hours private walking tour in San Gimignano with local licensed guide
- Visit to a cheese producer with Pecorino and local products tasting
- Typical dinner at a farmhouse with Tuscan products and wine
- Private coach transfer to Florence airport
- Headsets throughout your trip
- All Air taxes and fuel surcharges

#### **TOUR ITINERARY:**

DAY 01: TORONTO - FLORENCE

Make your own way to Toronto airport for your international flight. Enjoy inflight meals and extra services.

Overnight onboard

DAY 02: FLORENCE ARRIVAL - MONTECATINI TERME

Your tour opens in the famous spa resort town of Montecatini Terme, nestled in the heart of the rolling hills of Tuscany. This evening, get to know your fellow travelers during a welcome dinner where regional foods and Italian wines kick off your adventure.

Overnight in Montecatini Terme

DAY 03: LUCCA - BORGO A MOZZANO - GOTNIC LINE (B/-/-)

Enjoy a guided tour of Lucca, Tuscany's best-kept secret. Discover Renaissance walls, Romanesque churches, and medieval streets flanked by towers. Explore on your own before setting off for Borgo a Mozzano. See the Ponte del Diavolo (Devil's Bridge) and the nearby remains of the Gothic Line — the Germans' last defense during WWII. Visit the Museum of Liberation and see authentic fortifications and bunkers. Make your way to a Tuscan winery and learn about the art of winemaking as you taste local varieties.

Overnight in Montecatini Terme

#### DAY 04: FLORENCE (BY TRAIN) (B/-/-

A cultural tour in Florence showcases the beautiful "Cradle of the Renaissance." Start with a visit to the Academy Gallery\* to see Michelangelo's sculpture of David. Join a local Florentine guide on foot and make your way through the city. At the Piazza del Duomo, see the impressive Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore and the gilded bronze doors of the Baptistery dedicated to St. John. Take the remainder of your time in Florence to explore this unparalleled city as you choose.

Overnight in Montecatini Terme

#### DAY 05: MONTECATINI TERME (B/-/-)

Today, after breakfast, learn more about Montecatini's curative waters during a guided walking tour and visit to the historic Tettuccio Spa, known for the health benefits in its mineral waters. Afternoon at leisure or journey to Siena and embarkon a walking tour through its narrow Gothic streets (optional), getting to know the local lifestyle in a contrada (neighborhood) whose community is centered around the colorful Palio horse race. Overnight in Montecatini Terme

## Optional tour: EXCURSION TO SIENA (min 15 guests): C\$125per person

FD private coach hire for Siena

3-hours private walking tour in Siena with local licensed guide

DAY 06: PISA (B/-/D)

Explore historic sites in the ancient maritime Republic of Pisa, including the Piazza dei Miracoli, or "Field of Miracles" (UNESCO). Keep your camera handy at the famous Leaning Tower of Pisa. Visit the Baptistery, the largest in Italy. This evening, travel to the quiet countryside to learn the secrets of traditional Tuscan cuisine. Partake in a cooking class, using local ingredients and culinary techniques that have been passed down for generations. Enjoy your freshly-prepared meal for dinner.

Overnight in Montecatini Terme

#### DAY 07: MONTECATINI TERME (B/-/-)

The day is yours to relax and experience the local flavor. Take this opportunity to shop at the local boutiques and dine at one of the many fine local restaurants. Or, perhaps you will choose an optional excursion to Cinque Terre with its rugged coastline dotted with terraced vineyards; explore this string of fishing villages nestled between the mountains and the Mediterranean.

Overnight in Montecatini Terme

## Optional tour: Excursion to the Cinque Terre (min 15 guests): CA\$195 per person

FD private coach hire for 5 Terre excursion
FD local English speaking guide for the 5 Terre excursion
Boat ride from La Spezia to Portovenere
Boat ride from Portovenere to Vernazza
Boat ride from Vernazza to Monterosso
Train ride from Monterosso to La Spezia

### DAY 08: CHEESE FARM VISIT - SAN GIMIGNANO (R/-/D)

At a nearby cheese farm, learn how the famous pecorino cheese is made before sampling it for yourself. Soak in breathtaking views as you travel to the hilltop village of San Gimignano, one of Tuscany's most picturesque places. Explore this enchanting medieval town, from its famous 14 towers to its magnificent vistas overlooking vineyards. Enjoy free time and perhaps indulge in some gelato. Later, attend a Tuscan feast of traditional cuisine and wines set in the countryside.

Overnight in Montecatini Terme

#### DAY 09: FLORENCE - TORONTO (B/-/-)

Your journey comes to a close today. Depart with many fond memories of Tuscany. After breakfast, you will be transferred to Florence International Airport to prepare for your flight back home.

#### **END OF OUR SERVICES**

#### TOUR PACKAGE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Items of a personal nature, tips, and gratuities
- Baggage fees may apply and vary by the carrier
- Visa fees if applicable
- Travel insurance
- Items not mentioned as included

