

Discover Tuscany Itinerary

RATES:

Double \$2,999 pp

Single \$3,299 pp

Triple \$2,969 pp

Includes...

Round Trip Air from Newark Intl Airport, Hotel Transfers, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges of \$150

Not included in Price...

Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$200 per person

Day 1: Thursday, September 13, 2012 Overnight Flight

Your adventure begins with an overnight flight to Italy. Rolling landscapes, savory wines, delicious food, and stunning architecture...this can only be Tuscany. On this special journey you will enjoy walking tours in Italy's most charming towns, visit magnificent historic monuments and sample mouth-watering cuisine and wines.

Day 2: Friday, September 14, 2012 Arrive Rome, Italy - Tour Begins

Your tour begins in Rome. Upon arrival, you may wish to sign up for an optional tour of Classical Rome or enjoy free time to explore on your own. This evening, get acquainted with your fellow travelers during a festive welcome dinner at a local restaurant where regional foods, traditional opera music and fine Italian wines kick off your Tuscan adventure. Today dinner will be included.

Day 3: Saturday, September 15, 2012 Rome - Assisi - Montecatini Terme

After a short lesson on the local language, travel north from Rome to the medieval walled city of Assisi, the birthplace of the patron saint of Italy, St. Francis. A local expert guides you on a tour of the magnificent Basilica of St. Francis and the historic old city. Continue on through beautiful Tuscany, ending in the famous spa resort town of Montecatini Terme, your home for the next six nights. Today breakfast and dinner will be included.

Day 4: Sunday, September 16, 2012 Siena

Journey through Tuscany's low-lying hills and olive groves to Siena, one of Italy's

most beautiful cities. Embark on a lovely walking tour through Siena's narrow, Gothic streets and behold stunning palaces, mansions and the historic Piazza del Campo. Enjoy free time to soak up Siena's captivating ambiance and perhaps have lunch in one of the city's cafes. Or, you may climb to the top of the Torre Del Mangia for a breathtaking view of Siena and the Tuscan countryside. Today breakfast and dinner will be included.

Day 5: Monday, September 17, 2012 San Gimignano

Discover the hilltop village of San Gimignano, one of the most picturesque places in Tuscany. Explore this enchanting medieval town, from its famous 14 towers to its magnificent vistas overlooking the vineyards of Tuscany. Enjoy free time for lunch and perhaps some famous Italian gelato before hitting some of the town's great shops. Your day continues with a special visit to a Tuscan winery for the opportunity to sample a selection of the local wines that have made Tuscany so well-known. During your visit, learn about the art of winemaking and the process of making Italian olive oil. Today breakfast will be included.

Day 6: Tuesday, September 18, 2012 Florence

A cultural tour in the "Cradle of the Italian Renaissance" showcases the beautiful city of Florence. A local Florentine guide highlights many of the city's priceless treasures, including the Academy Gallery* which houses Michelangelo's monumental statue of David. At the Piazza del Duomo, which is the center of religious life in medieval Florence, you will see the impressive Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore and the impressive gilded bronze doors of the Baptistery dedicated to St. John. The remainder of your day is at leisure to independently explore this unparalleled city. A delightful experience awaits you this evening when you attend a Tuscan feast featuring traditional cuisine and savory wines while overlooking the magical Tuscan countryside. Today breakfast and dinner will be included.

Day 7: Wed., September 19, 2012 Montecatini Terme

Enjoy a day of leisure 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 Pisa and Lucca. The ancient maritime Republic of Pisa is where you will find the Piazza dei Miracoli, the Cathedral or "Duomo," its historic Baptistery and the world-famous Leaning Tower of Pisa! Together they make up your Italian piazza. Your option continues with a journey to historic Lucca, one of the most charming old towns in Tuscany, to explore its gothic palaces, quaint shops, and bustling streets. Today breakfast will be included.

Day 8: Thursday, September 20, 2012 Florence

Today you return to Florence for a delightful day to explore the many treasures of this great city. Begin the day learning the traditional Italian techniques of leather making during a visit to the family-owned Pierotucci Leather Shop. Then partake in a special presentation on the history and workmanship of fine Florentine gold. You will have the remainder of the day to explore Florence your way: visit a museum, indulge in a Tuscan lunch, or shop for local crafts – the choice is yours! Return to Montecatini for an evening at leisure. Today breakfast will be included.

Day 9: Friday, September 21, 2012 Montecatini - Rome

Depart Montecatini this morning for the cosmopolitan capital of Italy, Rome! Upon arrival you will have an opportunity to enjoy an optional tour to Vatican City to visit the collections of the Vatican Museums and St. Peter's Basilica. This evening, join your fellow travelers and friends for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of a memorable trip to the unforgettable and ever-beautiful region of Tuscany. Today breakfast and dinner will be included.

Day 10: Saturday, September 22, 2012 Rome - Tour Ends

Your tour ends today. Today breakfast will be included.

Your Itinerary at a glance

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Day 2	Crowne Plaza St. Peter's, Rome
Day 3-8	Hotel Ercolini & Savi, Montecatini Terme or Hotel Minerva, Montecatini Terme
Day 9	Hotel Cardinal St. Peter's, Rome
