

Discover Tuscany

October 15 - 24, 2009

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Highlights... Rome • Assisi • Basilica of St. Francis • Montecatini Terme • Florence • Tuscan Feast • San Gimignano • Winery Tour • Siena

Per Person Rates: **Double \$3,769**; Single \$4,249; Triple \$3,739

Included in Price:

Round Trip Air from Winnipeg, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges of \$460 (subject to increase until paid in full), Hotel Transfers

Not included in price:

Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$300 per person

Day 1: Thursday, October 15, 2009

Overnight Flight

Your adventure begins with an overnight flight to Italy. Rolling landscapes, savoury 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, October 16, 2009

Arrive Rome, Italy - Tour Begins

Your tour begins in Rome. This evening, get acquainted with your fellow travellers 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, October 17, 2009

Rome - Assisi - Montecatini Terme

★**LANGUAGE DISCOVERY:** Today, your Tour Manager will help you discover the origin and history of the language(s) you will experience on your tour along with key words and phrases that will help you communicate with the locals.★ 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, October 18, 2009

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 centre of religious life in medieval Florence, you will see the impressive Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore. You will also view the Church of Santa Croce and the burial places of Michelangelo, Galileo and Machiavelli. The remainder of your day is at leisure to explore this unparalleled city. ★**A delightful experience awaits you this evening when you attend a Tuscan feast featuring traditional cuisine, savoury wines and your favourite Italian melodies.**★ *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 5: Monday, October 19, 2009

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, October 20, 2009
Montecatini Terme**

Enjoy a day of leisure to relax and experience the local flavour. 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 7: Wednesday, October 21, 2009
Siena**

Begin the day learning the traditional Italian techniques of leather making during a visit to the family-owned Pierotucci Leather Shop. Continue your 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 8: Thursday, October 22, 2009
Florence**

★Today you return to Florence and enjoy a guided tour of the amazing Pitti Palace*.★ See master works by artists such as Raphael, Rubens and Caravaggio in this impressive collection, and also tour the staterooms of this former royal palace. The remainder of the day is at leisure for you to independently explore the many treasures of this great city. Return to Montecatini for an

evening at leisure. *Today breakfast will be included.*

**Day 9: Friday, October 23, 2009
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 of Classical Rome featuring the Colosseum, Arch of Constantine, Roman Forum and Piazza Venezia. This evening, join your fellow travellers 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, October 24, 2009
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	Crowne Plaza St. Peter's, Rome
On some dates alternate hotels may be used.		

"Value Stay": tours provide all the primary experiences a standard Collette Tour offers. These holidays have fewer inclusions and meals, and may stay at 3-4 star hotels, or hotels not as centrally located.

Please Note:

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.

To complete your holiday, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing Collette airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of purchasing these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

Days of features are interchangeable.

*The Pitti Palace and Academy Gallery are closed Mondays.

To truly experience the program and destination, you need to be able to participate in physical activities such as longer walking tours, walking over uneven terrain, climbing stairs and periods of standing. Some of the touring days may be longer, with select included activities occurring later in the evening. Some of the most unique sightseeing can mean accessing locations that restrict motorcoaches, especially in historic areas. For your comfort, we recommend bringing walking shoes.

10 Days • 13 Meals: 8 Breakfasts • 5 Dinners

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