

8 Days / 7 Nights (Not including Air)

Land Price

per person in shared occupancy

Single Supplement \$499

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Monday June 24, 2024

FLORENCE MONTECATINI Please book early morning arrival flights to Florence to avoid transfer issues. Upon arrival in Florence, you will be transferred to Montecatini. Once you arrive and settle in you can enjoy free time to explore the excitement of Montecatini on your own. This Tuscan town is famous for its thermal waters, baths, and spas. However, that is not all, as it plays host to trendy restaurants, theatres, and nightclubs. There is plenty to see in Montecatini including the Medici family summer residence on Viale Verdi, Palazzina Regia, beautiful fountains including fountain Mazzoni and Guidotti Fountain. Dinner is on your own this evening so you can enjoy the diverse flavors in the local restaurants. Overnight in Montecatini.

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Tuesday June 25, 2024

MONTECATINI - CINQUE TERRE - MONTECATINI Wake up and enjoy breakfast at your hotel in Montecatini. Today you will enjoy an excursion to visit CINQUE TERRE. Cinque Terre is a string of old villages on the coast of Italy. You will embark on a CRUISE, departing from La Spezia to see Vernazza, Menarola, Portovenere, and Monerosso. You will see the colorful villages tucked away in the mountains, fishing boats, the waterfront promenades, the clifftops, and vineyards. After your cruise, you will board your motorcoach in La Spezlis and continue to Montecatini. There you will enjoy a welcome dinner together at a local restaurant, La Cascina di Carfelli G. and C. (or similar). Overnight in Montecatini. (B,D)

Day 3

Wednesday June 26, 2024

FLORENCE After breakfast at your hotel, you will enjoy a city tour of Florence with your local guides. You will see the marvels of architecture and history in this romantic city. One highlight will be the Florence Duomo, also known as Santa Maria del Fiore Cathedral, where construction began at the end of the 13th century. It is here you will find the famous Last Judgment fresco by Giorgio Vasari, and look up to marvel at the intriguing dome, built without scaffolding. You will visit the cupola. At the time of its construction, it was the largest in the world. View Giotto's Belltower, and the Baptistry with its impressive 'Gates of Paradise'. These buildings demonstrate the traditions of Florentine art and architecture from the Middle Ages to the Renaissance. The insightful walking tour features a stroll across the famous Ponte Vecchio Bridge lined with shops. There will be free time to explore Florence

on your own before returning to Montecatini. Upon your return, you will take the Montecatini Funicular, a characteristic red carriage, up to the medieval village, Montecatini Alto. In Montecatini Alto, find remnants of gates and the walls for entry into the castle area (now built into other town buildings), the remains of the ancient castle, and the Carmel Fortress. You will have dinner in Montecatini Alto, before returning on the Funicular to Montecatini Terme to your hotel. (B,D)

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Thursday June 27, 2024

PISA/LUCCA After breakfast at your hotel, you will travel to one of the most famous cities in Italy, Pisa. Here you will have time on your own to explore; perhaps you will stroll into the Piazza Del Miracoli to see their Duomo; or visit the historic Baptistry and the famous Leaning Tower of Pisa. The tower is 180 feet high and is leaning at close to 4 degrees making it one of the most iconic sights to see in Italy. After your visit to Pisa, you will travel to Lucca. Lucca's greatest era was in the Gothic time just before the Renaissance, and the city contains stunning architecture from that period. Upon arrival you will enjoy a guided tour of the Puccini Museum in the Maestro's restored house which displays manuscripts and music scores from his operas in addition to other memorabilia. After this tour, enjoy dinner on your own at one of the delightful local restaurants in Lucca before you return to Montecatini this evening. Overnight in Montecatini.(B)

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Friday June 28, 2024

SIENA/SAN GIMIGNANO This morning, after you enjoy breakfast at your hotel, you will travel to Siena in the heart of Tuscany. In Siena you will enjoy a walking tour with local guides as you stroll the medieval streets to the dramatic Piazza del Campo, the heart of Siena, and scene of the annual summer Palio horse race. You will see the town's famous black and white striped cathedral and enjoy time at leisure. Near Siena or San Gimignano, you will enjoy lunch and a wine tasting. After lunch, travel into the famous hilltop town of San Gimignano. This town is one of the most picturesque of Italy's perfectly preserved medieval towns with towers built in the 12th century. Join local guides on a stroll through the quaint streets and visit Piazza della Cisterna, one of Italy's most beautiful town squares. Enjoy the scenic return to Montecatini Terme for an evening at leisure. This evening, on your own you can enjoy the wonderful tastes of Tuscany at a local restaurant and perhaps stop for a gelato treat. (B,L)



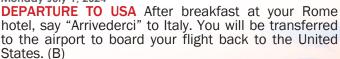
Saturday June 29, 2024

ASSISI/ROME After breakfast travel south and into the Umbrian countryside to the beautiful hilltop town of Assisi. Arrive in the birthplace of Italy's Catholic patron saint, St. Francis of Assisi. The town features an interesting medieval center, friendly shops, and Roman ruins. A local guide will join you for your tour of the Basilica of Saint Francis, including the Upper Church and Lower Church. The Basilica was constructed in 1228. It is built into the side of a hill and includes a crypt housing the remains of St. Francis. The churches are decorated with the works of late medieval painters, including Cimabue, Giotto, and Lorenzetti. The plan for the group is private access to the lesser-known areas of the Basilica, with their extraordinary history and musical relics. AS A SPECIAL FEATURE, ENJOY A PRIVATE RECITAL BY THE OTTETTO DELLA CAPPELLA MUSICALE DELTA BASILLICA PAPPALE OF SAINT FRANCESCO. After this special feature you will travel to Rome and check in for a 2-night stay. The "Eternal City' is the capital and largest city in Italy. Rome, as the center of power, culture, and religion, has exerted a huge influence over the world in its roughly 2800 years of existence. You will have a short orientation walking tour with your tour manager in the evening. Pass the Pantheon, the well-preserved former Roman Temple and stop at the Trevi Fountain to make a wish; the fountain is wonderful at night. Your tour manager will return to the hotel with anyone who would like and can also provide dinner recommendations around these sights. Dinner is on your own tonight. Rome has an array of charming restaurants for every taste. Overnight in Rome. (B)

Sunday June 30, 2024

ROME After breakfast at your hotel this morning, you will enjoy a Rome City Tour to experience some of the highlights of Ancient Rome. See the famous COLOSSEUM, ROMAN FORUM, and pass by the Arch of Constantine. Visit some of the many famous Piazzas including Piazza Venezia. After free time for lunch, YOU WILL HAVE AN EVENING CONCERT IN ROME AT EPISCOPAL CHURCH ST. PAUL'S WITHIN THE WALLS, OR SIMILAR. After your concert, this evening you will enjoy a Farewell Dinner featuring great Italian wine! (B,D)

Monday July 1, 2024





Tour Features

- 7 Nights' accommodation in shared double rooms
- 7 breakfasts at hotel daily
- Welcome dinner, drinks including (1/4 wine, 1/2 water per person)
- Dinner at local restaurant on June 26
- Wine Tasting and Lunch on June 28
- Farewell dinner on June 30
- All organized services include an English-Speaking Tour Manager
- Round Trip Transfers (Airport Hotel Airport) size of vehicle depends on number of participants on the same flights.
- Excursions, Guide Services, and Entrances as per
- Whisper Audio-System as per itinerary
- Porterage in/out at each hotel, 1 piece per person
- Impromptu Performances



Montecatini

5 nights - Hotel Tamerici & Principe (or similar), breakfast and city tax included.

Rome

2 nights - Hotel Romanico Palace (or similar), breakfast and city tax included.



Deposit Info

\$600 per person

Airfare Cost

International and local airfares for passengers are **NOT INCLUDED** - Pricing is based on passengers flying on their own into Florence and out of Rome.

Terms & Conditions

Note: Though rare, it may be necessary to substitute hotels and adjust itineraries at guide's discretion due to local conditions.

Conditions: Price is per person based on double occupancy. Pricing subject to change and based upon availability. Optional Travel Protection is highly recommended, prior to final payment.

