



A Tuscan Getaway

April 5-April 13, 2025

From \$3,799 Air & Land 9 Days, 8 Nights Including Hotels, Meals, Day Trips, & Airfare From Atlanta



Tuscany is the perfect destination to escape everyday life & immerse yourself in Italian culture, art, & cuisine. Your extended stay home here is Montecatini Terme, a charming Roman spa town with a long & fascinating history. Tuscany is widely regarded as the birthplace of the Italian Renaissance & has been home to some of the most influential people in the history of art & science. In Florence, you explore the ancient architecture, beautiful art, & fascinating culture that make this city special. See the iconic Duomo, learn about the Medici family, & visit the Ponte Vecchio. Explore the fascinating history of three Tuscan gems – Lucca, Siena, & San Gimignano! From Roman ruins to medieval towers & Renaissance churches, you'll be amazed by these three towns' rich culture & heritage. Visit Lucca to explore its ancient walls, Siena to stroll its picturesque streets, & San Gimignano to admire its iconic towers. Experience the centuries-old history of the Chianti Classico wine region, visit a local vineyard, & sample locally made wine. Chianti Classico has been recognized as a distinct wine region since the 13th century & is renowned for producing some of the finest red wines in the world. Join Quest Voyager to visit Tuscany for many reasons. Many come searching for fine art, others to explore the wonderful countryside with charming medieval hill towns & sweeping hillsides full of vineyards. Join us as we explore the endless opportunities that Tuscany has to offer.

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Included Features:

- **ROUND TRIP AIR** Air transportation from Atlanta (ATL)
- FIRST-CLASS ACCOMMODATIONS 7 nights first class hotels
- MEALS 10 included meals consisting of 7 buffet breakfasts
 & 3 dinners
- THE PROGRAM Sightseeing, including local guide & all entrance fees as follows: Full day tour of Florence, Full day tour of Pisa & Lucca, including the Leaning Tower, Duomo & the Baptistery, Full day tour of Siena, Full day tour of San Gimignano & the Chianti region including wine tasting.
- JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY SERIES Our program encompasses cultural connections, in-depth learning on the local economy & social systems, & interaction with locals such as a visit to the artisans' leather workshops in Florence, wine tasting in the Chianti region, & an authentic local dinner at a countryside estate
- QUEST VOYAGER PROFESSIONAL TOUR DIRECTOR -Assistance of a professional Tour Director for the entire length of the tour upon arrival in Italy
- FIRST-CLASS MOTORCOACHES Touring by private first-class airconditioned motorcoach
- BAGGAGE HANDLING & TRANSFERS Baggage handling for one piece of checked luggage outside of the airport

Optional Extension to Rome:

- FIRST-CLASS ACCOMMODATIONS 2 nights first class hotels
- MEALS 2 included meals consisting of 2 buffet breakfasts
- THE PROGRAM Sightseeing, including local guide & all entrance fees as follows: City tour of Ancient Rome. Optional tours available
- QUEST VOYAGER PROFESSIONAL TOUR DIRECTOR -Assistance of a professional Tour Director for the entire length of the tour
- FIRST-CLASS MOTORCOACHES Touring by private first-class air-conditioned motorcoach
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Destination Highlights: Extended stay for 7 nights in one location • Explore medieval town of Montecatini Terme • Enjoy scenic drives through gentle rolling hills of Tuscany • Admire Renaissance art & architecture of Florence • Marvel at legendary Leaning Tower of Pisa • Visit Piazza dei Miracoli, a World Heritage Site, including Pisa Baptistery of St. John & Duomo • Visit medieval towns of Lucca, Siena & San Gimignano • Experience magic & spectacular scenery of Cinque Terre, a UNESCO World Heritage Site • Discover Chianti Classico wine region • Enjoy wine tasting • Tour eternal city of Rome • Discover amazing Vatican City, including Vatican Museum & Sistine Chapel & much more..

The Tour Price: is \$3,799 per person, double occupancy. For single occupancy, add \$799 (limited availability). Fuel surcharges of \$350 & land taxes & other fees are currently \$150 per person are included. Fuel surcharges & taxes are valid at the time of printing but are subject to change. The price of \$3,799 is an early bird special if the program is reserved with a deposit by October 11, 2024. The price increases by \$100 per person (\$3,899) after this date.

Optional Rome Extension: \$799 double occupancy, add \$299 single supplement.

Please note: Though rare, it may be necessary to substitute hotels & adjust itineraries/tours at guide's discretion due to local conditions. For full pricing details and to reserve click the red link on the front page of this brochure. **Day 1 Depart the USA** Fly to Italy for an unforgettable adventure & Tuscan experience! Enjoy meals & drinks served onboard the plane during your flight from the US.

Day 2 Arrive Italy - Montecatini Terme Welcome to Italy, a land of art, culture, history, food, fashion, & the beautiful rolling hills of Tuscany. After clearing customs, you will be met by our professional tour director & transferred to your hotel in Montecatini Terme, your home, for the next seven nights. Montecatini Terme is a fantastic Italian city renowned for its healing waters, spas, & beautiful scenery. During your stay,



immerse yourself in its rich history & culture & experience the healing powers of the natural springs. Montecatini Terme is the perfect gateway for your Tuscan Adventure. Tonight, a welcome dinner will be served at the hotel. (D)

Day 3 Montecatini Terme - Siena Tour After breakfast, transfer to Siena for your full-day tour. Set in the most beautiful Tuscan countryside of rolling hills, lush vines, & gray-green olive trees. Siena offers much to see, from fine palaces that line the narrow-cobbled streets to the superb Duomo. The iconic Duomo is the most impressive Gothic cathedral in Italy. The exterior is built with white & green stripes, while the interior is home to some of the most remarkable works of Italian Renaissance art. Later you see the Piazza del Campo, the hub of Sienna & one of the most famous public squares in the world. Its unique shell-like shape sets it apart from other squares & is the site of the twice-a-year Palio di Siena, a horse race that has been held here since the Middle Ages. After the tour, take time to explore the sights of Siena independently & possibly visit the charming shops of the Via dei Banchi di Sopra. Today, along the way, you will visit the American Military Cemetery & Memorial. See the burial area where 4,392 headstones are curved in symmetrical rows upon the hillside. They represent 39% of the U.S. Fifth Army burials originally made between Rome & the Alps. Most died in the fighting after Rome's capture in June 1944. Among them are casualties of the heavy fighting in the Apennines Mountains shortly before the war's end. (B)

Day 4 Montecatini Terme - Florence Tour On today's tour, you will discover Florence, a magical & magnificent city known for its art, history, & culture. See the iconic Duomo & its "cupola," the Baptistery (from outside) with the Gates of Paradise, & Piazza della Signoria. On our walking tour, you will explore streets & piazzas lined with Renaissance-style buildings, marble sculptures, & leather & jewelry stores. Later participate in a visit to an artisan leather outlet to observe centuries-old techniques in action. Then enjoy free time to shop, savor the famous Tuscan cuisine in local restaurants, or visit the numerous museums & art galleries. (B)

Day 5 Montecatini Terme - San Gimignano & Chianti Region Tour Today, enjoy a tour of San Gimignano, the

Manhattan of Italy, due to the towers that line the ramparts that look like medieval skyscrapers. As we drive through the picturesque Chianti region, see its rolling hills, vineyards, & medieval villages. This afternoon, you will stop at a local winery for a wine-tasting experience! Enjoy samplings of delicious Chianti wines & learn about the unique flavors of the Chianti varieties. This afternoon you will return to Montecatini Terme after an unbelievable Tuscan experience & possibly a few great wines in your backpack! (B)



Day 6 Montecatini Terme Today enjoy a late breakfast, shop in Montecatini Terme, or join your fellow travelers on an optional full -day excursion to Cinque Terre. Discover Italy's renowned Cinque Terre region (Five Lands). Take in stunning coastal views while visiting three of the five villages nestled on the cliffs. Start in Manarola, the smallest village, & continue to Vernazza before ending your tour in Monterosso, the largest village. Enjoy some time to have a coffee in Manarola & grab lunch in Monterosso. After your tour, transfer back to Montecatini Terme. Depending on local conditions, the towns visited may change. (B)



Day 7 Montecatini Terme - Lucca & Pisa Tour Today, enjoy a tour

to experience the stunning Tuscan towns of Lucca & Pisa. You will start by exploring the romantic city of Lucca with a specialized guide to experience its spectacular 16th & 17th-century ramparts that encircle the narrow streets of medieval buildings. From here, head to Pisa & marvel at the Leaning Tower, 14 feet off center at the top due to settling after its construction in 1173. While there, you will take a guided tour of the Campo dei Miracoli, or Field of Miracles, to see the Baptistery & Duomo (entrance included), all fine examples of the Pisan-Romanesque architectural style. End the day enjoy music & a delicious dinner at a Tuscan farmhouse & meet the family members to learn about their farming on the guided tour of the estate. (B,D)

Day 8 Montecatini Terme Spend the day at leisure exploring Montecatini Terme on your own, enjoy a spa treatment, or relax or journey to Montecatini Alto. This town, perched on the hill above Montecatini Terme, boasts spectacular views of the valley below. Montecatini Alto dates to medieval times, long before Montecatini Terme existed. Tonight, we will enjoy dinner at the hotel. (B, D)

Day 9 Montecatini Terme to the USA or extend your stay with an optional Rome extension After breakfast, you will be transferred to the airport for your return flight to the USA. (B)

Optional Rome Extension

Day 9 Montecatini Terme – Rome Say goodbye to Montecatini Terme & hop on our first-class motor coach to Rome! Upon arrival, you will check into your hotel & relax. Later explore the city & experience the vibrant nightlife & terrific restaurants the city has to offer. (B)

Day 10 Rome, City Tour This morning you will have an informative half-day guided tour of Ancient Rome with a visit to the Coliseum (entrance not included), Roman Forum, Piazza Venezia, & the Pantheon. Afterward, the day is yours to explore Rome. You might want to consider an optional guided tour of the Vatican Museum & the Sistine Chapel. This tour will allow you to see the incredible works of art from the Renaissance & Baroque periods, including masterpieces from Raphael, Caravaggio, & Michelangelo. In the Sistine Chapel, you can see the world-famous frescoes painted by

Michelangelo, including The Creation of Adam, The Last Judgment, & The Sibyls & Prophets. The day is yours to decide. (B)

Day 11 Rome to the USA After breakfast, you will be transferred to the airport for your return flight to the USA, with memories of the eternal city of Rome & the Tuscan landscape. (B)

(B) – Breakfast, (L) – Lunch, (D) – Dinner.

This tour is classified as a level 2 program - A light activity

tour. There is easy walking throughout the day. Plan to get on and off the coach/boat, with light walking tours, some stairs and uneven surfaces, through cities and sights such as museums.

