



## *Under the Tuscan Sun*

### Detailed Itinerary

#### **DAY 1, Monday, November 2, 2020 - Depart for Italy**

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#### **DAY 2, Tuesday, November 3, 2020 - Arrive in Florence, Transfer to Montecatini**

Arrive in Florence and transfer to your hotel in Montecatini, one of the most famous resort areas in Europe, known for its world-famous thermal baths, elegant shops and quaint cafes. The rest of the day is at leisure to familiarize yourself with the beautiful surroundings. Tonight enjoy a welcome dinner with wine at the hotel where you will have a chance to get acquainted with your fellow travelers, review the upcoming itinerary and discuss some helpful travel tips to make your journey more enjoyable.

**Overnight:** Montecatini Grand Hotel Plaza

**Meals:** Dinner

#### **DAY 3, Wednesday, November 4, 2020 – Montecatini**

Today we spend the entire day in Montecatini. Relax at an included thermal bath at Termi di Montecatini, the most beautiful thermal park of Europe. 700 years of history envelop the tranquility of this timeless location. Perhaps pamper yourself further with a thermal massage or beauty treatment. (must book in advance on your own). Spend the remainder of the day with a stroll through the streets, parks and gardens of this stunning village. Evening is at leisure.

**Overnight:** Montecatini Grand Hotel Plaza

**Meals:** Breakfast

#### **DAY 3, Thursday, November 5, 2020 – Cinque Terra National Park**

After breakfast, depart by rail for Cinque Terre National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site in the Liguria region of Italy. Cinque Terra is comprised of five small colorful villages nestled in the cliffs overlooking the Mediterranean Sea. The villages are: Monterosso, Vernazza, Corniglia, Manarola and Riomaggiore. You'll have the chance to explore each of the picturesque villages on foot under the guidance of a knowledgeable local guide before moving on to the next one by train. In the evening, travel by rail back to Montecatini for your overnight stay.

**Overnight:** Montecatini Grand Hotel Plaza

**Meals:** Breakfast

#### **DAY 4, Friday, November 6, 2020 - Pisa and Lucca**

After breakfast, depart by rail to Pisa to view the famous Piazza dei Miracoli (Square of Miracles) with its infamous Leaning Tower, one of the most instantly recognizable structures on earth. The monuments on the extraordinary Piazza dei Miracoli are stunning examples of the beautiful architecture and talented marble craftsmen found only in Tuscany. (Note: The tower admission tickets not included). Then travel by rail to Lucca, a walled medieval city rich in history and fine architecture known for its Piazza Anfiteatro, Via San Paolino, and the Cathedral of San Martino. You'll have free time for lunch and to stroll the cobblestone streets, shop for traditional Italian souvenirs and marvel at the historic 17<sup>th</sup> century buildings before departing by rail back to Montecatini.

**Overnight:** Montecatini Grand Hotel Plaza

**Meals:** Breakfast

### **DAY 5, Saturday, November 7, 2020 - San Gimignano, Visit to a Tuscan Farm, and Siena**

Today you'll discover by coach some of the most beautiful parts of Tuscany in one memorable day. You'll explore the World Heritage Site of San Gimignano, known as the *Town of Fine Towers*. San Gimignano is famous for its rolling hills and Romanesque and Gothic architecture. The town is unique in the preservation of about a dozen of its tower houses, which, with its hilltop setting and encircling walls, form "an unforgettable skyline". Then we visit a local Tuscan farm in the Chianti region. Marvel at the stunning views of the Tuscan countryside while savoring a lunch of home-grown specialties and sipping on some of Italy's most favorite wines. Next we visit Siena, another magical medieval village and UNESCO World Heritage Site. It is famous for its cuisine, art, museums, magnificent cathedral – the Duomo di Siena, and Piazza del Campo where the Palio horse race is held twice a year. Return by coach to Montecatini in the early evening.

**Overnight:** Montecatini Grand Hotel Plaza

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch

### **DAY 6, Sunday, November 8, 2020 - Florence**

After breakfast, we depart Montecatini by rail for Florence, birthplace of the Italian Renaissance. Upon arrival, visit the San Lorenzo Market. The indoor market is filled with delicious local food specialties. The outdoor market that lines the surrounding streets is filled with leather goods, clothing and Italian souvenirs. Evening at leisure.

**Overnight:** Hotel Palazzo Vecchio

**Meals:** Breakfast

### **DAY 7, Monday, November 9, 2020 - Florence**

After breakfast, experience the best of Florence on a walking tour. Visit the Duomo, the famed Baptistery doors, Piazza della Signoria, Ponte Vecchio, Dante's district and Accademia Gallery where you will stand in awe viewing Michelangelo's Statue of David. Spend the remainder of the day strolling the cobblestone streets, visiting museums, or shopping for quality leather, gold or other popular Italian keepsakes. In the evening, enjoy a delicious farewell dinner with wine at one of the favorite local restaurants.

**Overnight:** Hotel Palazzo Vecchio

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

### **DAY 8, Tuesday, November 10, 2020 – Depart for the USA**

After breakfast, depart Florence for our international flight back to USA with lasting memories of your journey through Tuscany.

**Meals:** Breakfast

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