



Under the Tuscan Sun Detailed Itinerary

DAY 1, Saturday, October 21, 2023 - Depart for Italy Depart for Italy.

DAY 2, Sunday, October 22, 2023 - Arrive in Florence, Transfer to Montecatini

After our morning arrival in Florence, 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, Monday October 23, 2023 – Montecatini

After breakfast, take the funicular from Montecatini Terme to Montecatini Alto for a tour of an olive farm where you learn the work and dedication necessary to produce the highest quality extra virgin olive oil with a truly sustainable organic farming method. Tour includes a Master Class on how olive oil is produced and how to determine if an oil is EVO. It also includes a tour through the olive groves. An in-depth tasting of the produced oils will follow paired with wine, pizza, cheese, focaccia, pinzimonio, roasted polenta and homemade olive oil ice cream. Remainder of the day is at leisure to explore the Montecatini Alto, relax in one of the many thermal pools, or take a stroll through the streets, parks and gardens of this stunning village.

Overnight: Montecatini Grand Hotel Plaza

Meals: Breakfast, Olive Oil Tasting with Accompaniments at Olive Farm

DAY 3, Tuesday, October 24, 2023 – 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, Wednesday, October 25, 2023 - 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 on your own and to stroll the

cobblestone streets, shop for traditional Italian souvenirs and marvel at the historic 17th century buildings before departing by rail back to Montecatini.

Overnight: Montecatini Grand Hotel Plaza

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 5, Thursday, October 26, 2023 - 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. 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, Friday, October 27, 2023 - Florence

After breakfast, we depart Montecatini by rail for Florence, birthplace of the Italian Renaissance. Experience the best of Florence on a professionally guided walking tour. Visit the Duomo, the famed Baptistry doors, Piazza della Signoria, Ponte Vecchio, the Accademia Gallery where you will stand in awe viewing Michelangelo's Statue of David and more. 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 our hotel.

Overnight: Montecatini Grand Hotel Plaza

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 7, Saturday, October 28, 2023 – 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

For bookings, flight itinerary or more info visit www.solotravelersintl.com or call 248-310-3747.

Gratuities collected in advance:

Driver: Airport transfer with luggage handling October 22 - \$3

Olive Farm Tour Guide – Partial Day \$3

Cinque Terre Guide – Full Day \$7

Pisa Guide – Partial day \$3

Lucca Guide - Partial day \$3

San Gimignano & Siena Guide – Full Day \$7

Florence Tour Guide – Partial day \$3

Driver: Airport transfer with luggage handling October 28 - \$3