



**TUSCANY & UMBRIA
DAILY ITINERARY
APRIL 27-MAY 7, 2017**

DAY 1/APRIL 27 - ATLANTA~PARIS~FLORENCE, ITALY: We depart Atlanta's Hartsfield International Airport on our transatlantic flight to Florence, Italy (*via Paris*)

DAY 2/APRIL 28 - ITALY~MONTECATINI: Upon arrival in **Florence, Italy**, we will be met by our Escort and transfer to our hotel in Montecatini and check-in for **5 nights**. We will enjoy an afternoon at leisure prior to our orientation meeting this evening, followed by **dinner**. Overnight.

*PLEASE REFER TO THE ENCLOSED HOTEL SHEET FOR DETAILS ON THE HOTELS.
ALL LUNCHESS ARE ON OUR OWN, EXCEPT FOR THE ONES AT CINQUE TERRE AND SIENA.*

PLEASE NOTE: WINE & MINERAL WATER ARE INCLUDED WITH DINNER NIGHTLY

DAY 3/APRIL 29 - FLORENCE: After **breakfast**, we will depart by private motorcoach with an English-speaking escort for Florence. On our tour, we will walk around the stirring sights of Florence including: Giotto's Bell Tower, Ghiberti's Gates of Paradise, and Brunelleschi's Dome. We'll have admission included to the world-famous Academia, home of Michelangelo's *The David*. The tour ends in Signoria Square. The afternoon is at leisure to explore. Florence has some of the greatest museums in the world, including the Academia and the Uffizzi Gallery. Check out the famed Ponte Vecchio or the Medici Palace. We will return to Montecatini for **dinner** at our hotel. Overnight.

DAY 4/APRIL 30 - LUCCA~ PISA: After **breakfast**, we will take the half-hour ride to Lucca, home of the great composer, Giacomo Puccini, and one of the wealthiest towns in Tuscany. We'll enjoy a nice tour and then have some leisure time in this graceful city. While being an enjoyable, tourist-friendly city, Lucca is remarkably relaxing and quiet, due to an unusually high number of residents who ride bicycles instead of driving cars. This afternoon, we are off to Pisa. Upon arrival, we will explore the Square of Miracles with the famous Leaning Tower and view Pisa's Duomo, Baptistery, and Camposanto Monumente. We will return to our hotel with time to freshen up and relax prior to **dinner**. Overnight.

DAY 5/MAY 1 - CINQUE TERRE: After **breakfast**, our motorcoach will take us to board the train for a delightful ride to the picturesque Cinque Terre. Today, we will visit Manarola, Corniglia, and Riomaggiore. We will also get the chance to walk along the Via dell'Amore. We will enjoy a **seafood lunch with white wine at a local restaurant**. After a full day, we will return by train to our hotel in Montecatini for **dinner** and overnight.

DAY 6/MAY 2 - SIENA~ SAN GIMIGNANO: After **breakfast**, we will drive southwest through the heart of Italian wine country, over the rolling hills of Chianti to Siena. Once in Siena, our escort will lead us to Piazza del

Campo, through the narrow streets, past Medieval towers and walls. One of the notable highlights of Siena is San Domenico, which holds relics of St. Catherine. We will enjoy a **Vintner's lunch**. On the way back to Montecatini, we visit San Gimignano, often described as "The most famous small town in Italy." This charming medieval hilltop town is noted for its many towers and its breathtaking views of the Tuscan landscape. Sample some "vernaccia," the town's famous wine. We will return to Montecatini for **dinner** and overnight.

DAY 7/MAY 3 - CORTONA ~ RELAIS IL CANALICCHIO: After **breakfast**, please check out, paying any incidentals you may have incurred. We will depart for the Umbria region. Along the way we'll stop in historic Cortona, where it is said Noah settled after the Great Flood. Our Georgia travelers may be interested to know that Cortona is the sister city of Athens, GA. Finishing up in Cortona, we will continue on to our lovely hotel, where we will check in for the **remainder of the trip. Dinner** and overnight at the hotel.

DAY 8/MAY 4- ASSISI & SPELLO: After **breakfast**, we are off for a guided sightseeing tour of Assisi, including the Basilica of St. Francis, the Basilica of St. Clare, the Duomo, and many of the other most notable sites. Finishing up in Assisi, we will continue on to the ancient walled town of Spello. Spello is a very Medieval town packed with churches and palazzos. Among the interesting sites is the Porta di Venere, a towered gate from 1 BC. We will return to our hotel for **dinner** and overnight.

DAY 9/MAY 5 - SPOLETO & BEVAGNA: After **breakfast**, we will visit Umbria's most compelling town - Spoleto. We will see many examples of the historic Romanesque architecture of this medieval city, highlighted by the paleo-Christian San Salvatore, with time to shop. We will continue on to Bevagna for an afternoon guided tour. For a small town, Bevagna is known for its Romanesque style and several notable Roman ruins. We will return to our hotel for **dinner** and overnight.

DAY 10/MAY 6 - PIENZA & MONTEPULCIANO: After **breakfast**, we will tour Pienza, which was established as a Utopian "New Town" by Pope Pius II in 1462. In the afternoon, we have a guided sightseeing tour in the picturesque Tuscan hilltop town of Montepulciano, which is particularly renowned for its exquisite red wine. We will return to our hotel for **dinner** and overnight.

DAY 11/MAY 7 - ROME~ATLANTA: After **breakfast**, please check out, paying any incidentals you may have incurred. We will transfer to the **Fiumicino Airport in Rome** to board our **non-stop** return flight to Atlanta.

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