

Greater San Fernando Valley Chamber *presents..* Discover Tuscany



Highlights...

Rome • Assisi • Basilica of St. Francis • Montecatini Terme
Florence • Tuscan Feast • San Gimignano • Winery Tour
Siena

Departing
March 4, 2010

10 Days • 13 Meals: 8 Breakfasts • 5 Dinners

Per Person Rates: **Double \$2,799; Single \$3,199; Triple \$2,769**

Included in Price:

Round Trip Air from Los Angeles Intl Airport airport, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges of \$380 (subject to increase until paid in full)

COLLETTE EXPERIENCES

- ★ Experience the benefits of Whisper Headsets, designed for better communication between you and your guides throughout your tour.
- ★ Visit the Academy Gallery and Michelangelo's famous statue of "David".
- ★ Sample delectable wines during an included wine tasting in the heart of the Chianti region.
- ★ Visit the breathtaking historic city of Siena.
- ★ Enjoy a guided tour of historic Assisi and visit the Basilica of St. Francis, a World Heritage Site containing famous frescos by world-renowned artists.
- ★ Enjoy a relaxing 6-night stay in Tuscany, the birthplace of the Italian Renaissance.

Day 1: Overnight Flight

Your adventure begins with an overnight flight to Italy. Rolling landscapes, savory wines, delicious food, and stunning architecture... this can only be Tuscany. On this special journey you will enjoy walking tours in Italy's most charming towns, visit magnificent historic monuments and sample mouth-watering cuisine and wines.

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Day 3: Arrive Rome, Italy - Tour Begins

Your tour begins in Rome. This evening, get acquainted with your fellow travelers during a festive welcome dinner at a local restaurant where regional foods, traditional opera music and fine Italian wines kick off your Tuscan adventure. *Today dinner will be included.*

Day 4: Rome - Assisi - Montecatini Terme

★**LANGUAGE DISCOVERY:** Today, your Tour Manager will help you discover the origin and history of the language(s) you will experience on your tour along with key words and phrases that will help you communicate with the locals.★ Travel north from Rome to the medieval walled city of Assisi, the birthplace of the patron saint of Italy, St. Francis. A local expert guides you on a tour of the magnificent Basilica of St. Francis and the historic old city. Continue on through beautiful Tuscany, ending in the famous spa resort town of Montecatini Terme, your home for the next six nights. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 5: Florence

A cultural tour in the "Cradle of the Italian Renaissance" showcases the beautiful city of Florence. A local Florentine guide highlights many of the city's priceless treasures, including the Academy Gallery* which houses Michelangelo's monumental statue of David. At the Piazza del Duomo, which is the center of religious life in medieval Florence, you will see the impressive Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore. You will also view the Church of Santa Croce and the burial places of Michelangelo, Galileo and Machiavelli. The remainder of your day is at leisure to explore this unparalleled city. ★**A delightful experience awaits you this evening when you attend a Tuscan feast featuring traditional cuisine, savory wines and your favorite Italian melodies.**★ *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 6: San Gimignano

Discover the hilltop village of San Gimignano, one of the most picturesque places in Tuscany. Explore this enchanting medieval town, from its famous 14 towers to its magnificent vistas overlooking the vineyards of Tuscany. Enjoy free time for lunch and perhaps some famous Italian gelato before hitting some of the town's great shops. Your day continues with a special visit to a Tuscan winery for the opportunity to sample a selection of the local wines that have made Tuscany so well-known. During your visit, learn about the art of winemaking and the process of making Italian olive oil.

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Day 8: Montecatini Terme

Enjoy a day of leisure to relax and experience the local flavor. Take this opportunity to shop at the local boutiques and dine at one of the many fine local restaurants. Or perhaps you will choose an optional excursion to Pisa and Lucca. The ancient maritime Republic of Pisa is where you will find the Piazza dei Miracoli, the Cathedral or "Duomo", its historic Baptistery and the world-famous Leaning Tower of Pisa! Together they make up your Italian piazza. Your option continues with a journey to historic Lucca, one of the most charming old towns in Tuscany, to explore its gothic palaces, quaint shops, and bustling streets. *Today breakfast will be included.*

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Day 10: Siena

Begin the day learning the traditional Italian techniques of leather making during a visit to the family-owned Pierotucci Leather Shop. Continue your journey through Tuscany's low-lying hills and olive groves to Siena, one of Italy's most beautiful cities. **★Embark on a lovely walking tour through Siena's narrow, Gothic streets and behold stunning palaces, mansions and the historic Piazza del Campo.★** Enjoy free time to soak up Siena's captivating ambiance and perhaps have lunch in one of the city's cafes. Or, you may climb to the top of the Torre Del Mangia for a breathtaking view of Siena and the Tuscan countryside. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

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Day 12: Florence

★Today you return to Florence and enjoy a guided tour of the amazing Pitti Palace*.★ See master works by artists such as Raphael, Rubens and Caravaggio in this impressive collection, and also tour the staterooms of this former royal palace. The remainder of the day is at leisure for you to independently explore the many treasures of this great city. Return to Montecatini for an evening at leisure. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 13: Montecatini - Rome

Depart Montecatini this morning for the cosmopolitan capital of Italy, Rome! Upon arrival you will have an opportunity to enjoy an optional tour of Classical Rome featuring the Colosseum, Arch of Constantine, Roman Forum and Piazza Venezia. This evening, join your fellow travelers and friends for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of a memorable trip to the unforgettable and ever-beautiful region of Tuscany. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 14: Rome - Tour Ends

Your tour ends today. *Today breakfast will be included.*

YOUR ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Day 2	Crowne Plaza St. Peter's, Rome
Day 3 - 8	Hotel Ercolini & Savi, Montecatini Terme or Hotel Minerva, Montecatini Terme
Day 9	Crowne Plaza St. Peter's, Rome

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Please Note:

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.

To complete your vacation, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing Collette airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of purchasing these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

Days of features are interchangeable.

"Value Stay": tours provide all the primary experiences a standard Collette Tour offers. These vacations have fewer inclusions and meals, and may stay at 3-4 star hotels, or hotels not as centrally located.

*The Pitti Palace and Academy Gallery are closed Mondays.

To truly experience the program and destination, you need to be able to participate in physical activities such as longer walking tours, walking over uneven terrain, climbing stairs and periods of standing. Some of the touring days may be longer, with select included activities occurring later in the evening. Some of the most unique sightseeing can mean accessing locations that restrict motorcoaches, especially in historic areas. For your comfort, we recommend bringing walking shoes.

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