Briarwood Presbyterian Church presents...

Explore Tuscany
September 2 – 10, 2020

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9 Days • 10 Meals: 7 Breakfasts, 3 Dinners

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*Included in Price:* Round Trip Air from Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges, Hotel Transfers

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**Single-hotel Stays:** Unpack just once and explore the world’s most iconic cities during Spotlights’ single-hotel stays. The leisurely pace offers you the chance to get to know these destinations like a local. Must-see cultural highlights are always included, plus there’s plenty of time to explore independently, creating your own unique adventure.
Must-See Inclusions
- Stay in the famous spa resort town of Montecatini Terme for seven nights!
- Journey to Florence for a tour of the “Cradle of the Italian Renaissance.”
- Stop in the medieval city of Lucca, encircled by 16th-century walls.

Culinary Inclusions
- Sample delectable wines curing a wine tasting in the Chianti region.
- Spend time at a cheese farm to taste flavorful pecorino cheese.
- Learn about Tuscan cuisine during a cooking class.

Collette Experiences
- Step to the front of the line to see Michelangelo’s famous statue of David.
- See the Gothic Line, one of the Germans’ last lines of defense during WWII.
- Visit the Museum of Liberation and see WWII fortifications and bunkers.

Highlights: Montecatini Terme, Florence, Lucca, Pisa, Cooking Class, Siena, Cheese Farm
San Gimignano
Gothic Line
Choice on Tour

Day 1: Wednesday, September 2, 2020 Overnight Flight Rolling landscapes, savory wines, delicious food and stunning architecture...this can only be Tuscany. Unpack once on this journey among Italy’s most charming towns.

Day 2: Thursday, September 3, 2020 Montecatini Terme, Italy - Tour Begins Your tour opens in the famous spa resort town of Montecatini Terme, nestled in the heart of the rolling hills of Tuscany. This evening, get to know your fellow travelers during a welcome dinner where regional foods and Italian wines kick off your adventure. (D)

Day 3: Friday, September 4, 2020 Florence A cultural tour in the “Cradle of the Italian Renaissance” showcases the beautiful city of Florence. Start with a visit to the Academy Gallery* to see Michelangelo’s magnificent sculpture of David. Then, join a local Florentine guide who highlights many of the city’s priceless treasures. At the Piazza del Duomo, the center of religious life in medieval Florence, see the impressive Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore and the gilded bronze
doors of the Baptistery dedicated to St. John. Take the remainder of your time in Florence to explore this unparalleled city as you choose. Later, while en route to your hotel, visit a family-owned leather shop and learn about the traditional Italian techniques of leather making. \((B)\)

**Day 4: Saturday, September 5, 2020**

**Lucca - Borgo a Mozzano - Gothic Line**

Set out on a guided visit to Lucca, Tuscany’s best-kept secret. Renaissance walls, Romanesque churches, medieval streets flanked by towers, and delightful squares are just some of Lucca’s charms. Visit the medieval Basilica di San Frediano. Its otherwise simple façade is adorned with a colorful 13th-century mosaic. Enjoy some time to explore at your own pace. Then set off for Borgo a Mozzano to see the remarkable Ponte del Diavolo (Devil’s Bridge). Continue on to the Gothic Line. Built by the Germans, it was one of their last lines of defense during WWII. You’ll visit the Museum of Liberation and see the actual fortifications and bunkers. \((B)\)

**Day 5: Sunday, September 6, 2020**

**Pisa**

Explore the many historic sites in the ancient maritime Republic of Pisa including the Piazza dei Miracoli, or “Field of Miracles” (UNESCO). Keep your camera handy during our stop at the famous Leaning Tower of Pisa. You probably won’t be able to resist taking a picture that makes it appear as if you are holding this iconic structure up. Visit the Baptistery, the largest in all of Italy. This impressive building of Romanesque and Gothic architecture is known for its perfect acoustics. This evening, travel to the quiet countryside to learn the secrets of traditional Tuscan cuisine. Partake in a cooking class featuring a bounty of local ingredients and culinary techniques that have been passed down for generations. Then sit down and enjoy the fruits of your labor during dinner. \((B, D)\)

**Day 6: Monday, September 7, 2020**

**Siena**

Welcome to Siena. Discover this charming town with a local guide. Embark on a walking tour through its narrow Gothic streets. Take in stunning palaces, mansions and the historic Piazza del Campo along the way. Then, it’s your choice! Explore
Siena's beautiful Gothic cathedral at your own pace -OR- join your guide to get to know local life in a contrada (neighborhood). (B)

Day 7: Tuesday, September 8, 2020
Montecatini Terme The day is yours 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 Cinque Terre with its rugged coastline dotted with terraced vineyards; explore its string of fishing villages nestled between the mountains and the Mediterranean. (B)

Day 8: Wednesday, September 9, 2020
San Gimignano - Cheese Farm Visit This morning make your way to a cheese farm. Learn how the famous pecorino cheese is made before sampling it for yourself. Soak in breathtaking views of the Tuscan hills as you travel to 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 and perhaps indulge in some gelato. A delightful experience awaits this evening when you attend a Tuscan feast featuring traditional cuisine and savory wines in the magical Tuscan countryside. (B, D)

Day 9: Thursday, September 10, 2020
Montecatini Terme - Tour Ends Your journey comes to a close today. Depart with many fond memories of Tuscany. (B)

Itinerary at a glance
Day 1 Overnight Flight
Days 2 – 8 Grand Hotel Francia and Quirinale, Montecatini

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

For important reservation information visit https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1002159.
You can also find this information on your tour documents.
Experience It! Gothic Line
In the waning days of World War II (and after the fall of Rome), German forces made preparations to defend northern Italy. Along the Apennine Mountains, they created a formidable line of defense in an effort to hold back Allied forces. The site of some of the hardest fighting of the Italian campaign, the battles along the Gothic Line helped tie down two German armies. Join us and see the array of bunkers and fortifications along the line and visit the Museum of Liberation. Learn of the heroic deed of Allied forces and Italian partisans. Come away with a new appreciation for those who gave so much in the name of freedom.

Please Note:
IDENTIFICATION
Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require a minimum of 6 months passport validity from date of return home. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

IMPORTANT: We recommend that our clients traveling abroad take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

Effective for travel after January 2021, all visitors who do not need a visa to enter Europe will be expected to apply for an ETIAS travel authorization, for a fee, when visiting a Schengen Area Country. To identify Schengen Area Countries and to complete the ETIAS application, please visit https://www.etiasvisa.com/

Days of features are interchangeable.
Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.
Most shops and businesses in Italy are closed on Sundays and on national/religious holidays.
*The Academy Gallery is closed Mondays, as are other state museums. Additionally, the day and time of the visit to the Academy is subject to change based on availability of reservations. In either case, the itinerary will be rearranged to accommodate it.
To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our 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 prescheduled times.

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 motor coaches, especially in historic areas. For your comfort, we recommend bringing walking shoes.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline’s terms and conditions. Air passengers will arrive and depart from Florence or Pisa airports.

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

A deposit of $500 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the deposit due date of February 25, 2020 are based upon availability. Final payment due by July 04, 2020. Deposits are refundable up until March 03, 2020.

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