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The Best of Tuscany & Ligure – 10 Days - Price on request

TOUR BY PRIVATE MOTORCOACH Escorted Tour: 10 Days/8 Nights, Buffet Breakfast and Dinner with wine daily, Wine Tasting and Lunch in beautiful Wineries, superior 4-star centrally located hotels, 4 Nights Montecatini & 4 Nights Santa Margherita Ligure, Extensive Sightseeing, All Taxes.

1 Free Air and Land with every 16 paying travelers.

PACKAGE INCLUSIONS:

- **Round-trip Airfare from JFK** (low-cost air add-ons available from other cities)
- Meeting and assistance upon arrival at Milan Airport.
- Round-Trip airport transfers.
- **4 Nights** at superior 4-star Air-Conditioned Hotel in Montecatini.
- **4 Nights** at superior 4-star Beachfront Air-Conditioned Best Western Regina Hotel in Santa Margherita.
- **16 Meals:** 8 Buffet Breakfasts, 1 Lunch and Wine Tasting in a local winery & 7 Dinners.
- **Sightseeing of Montecatini, Pistoia, Florence, Lucca, Pisa, Livorno, Genoa, Santa Margarita, Rapallo, Portofino, Massa Carrara, La Spezia, Cinque Terre, Manarola, Vernazza, and Monterosso..**
- **All hotel taxes and service charges**

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

Day 1- USA-FLORENCE, Italy

Overnight flight to Florence, Italy. Dinner, movie, and breakfast on board.

Day 2 – FLORENCE AIRPORT- MONTECATINI

Arrival at 1:45pm. Meeting and assistance at Florence airport and transfer to your hotel in Montecatini. After check-in, our guide will take us on a ½ day sightseeing city tour of Montecatini including a funicular ride. **Dinner** at the hotel. **Overnight in Montecatini**



Thermal Baths of Montecatini



Montecatini

Day 3 - MONTECATINI - PISTOIA - FLORENCE - 68miles

Buffet breakfast at hotel and excursion by bus through the suggestive Tuscany landscape with its green hills, fields of vineyard and olives, castles, churches, and rural homes. First we will visit the city of Pistoia, a very charming and well-preserved medieval town with great art, excellent restaurants and quality shops. It is probably one of the least visited places in Tuscany. This unjustified record offers you the chance to visit a typical Tuscan town relatively undisturbed by too many other fellow travelers.



Pistoia



Florence

Later, we will visit the Cathedral of Sta. Maria Del Fiore, the Baptistery with the Heaven's door, the bell tower of Giotto, Signoria square, the "Old Bridge" etc. Ending our visit at the Holy Cross. After the tour, continue to Castel Sonnino www.castelsonnino.it located Montespertoli. Visit and Wine Tasting of 4 types of wine plus **Lunch** consisting of Mix of bruschette, selection of cold cuts and cheese paired with honey and jams, main course with vegetables, Vinsanto, and cantucci

biscuits. We will also enjoy a wine tour with an expert guide in the cellar of the “vinsantaia” and “orciaia” of Castello Sonnino farm (duration 30 min. aprox). Return to the hotel.

Overnight in Montecatini.

Day 4 - MONTECATINI - LUCCA - PISA - 59miles

Buffet breakfast and departure for Lucca. The visit includes an introduction covering the city's history, past and present economy plus visits to the city wall, San Paolino Street, Puccini's birthplace, the dazzling church of San Michele with its wedding-cake façade, the imposing Piazza Napoleone and nearby Piazza del Giglio, the Romanesque cathedral housing the famous Volto Santo, a wooden crucifix supposedly made on the night when Jesus died. We walk along the busy Via Fillungo, the poshest shopping street in town flanked by stunning medieval buildings and towers, including the tree-topped Torre Guinigi. The city is the place of inspiration of Giacomo Puccini, who spent his childhood in Lucca before composing some of the world's most famous operas, including Tosca, Madame Butterfly, and La Bohème. Continue to Pisa where we'll visit the leaning tower in the Myracle square.

Dinner at the hotel. Overnight in Montecatini.



Lucca



Pisa

Day 5 - MONTECATINI - LIVORNO - 93miles

Buffet breakfast and departure to Livorno, home town of Mascagni, Modigliani, and the painters of the Macchiaioli school. This is basically a town founded on water. Its sea port, the second largest in Italy has made Livorno a crossroad of cultures. We will visit the historic district of Livorno's little Venice with its canals, its churches to reach the new fortress from which you can take pictures very scenic, we reach Piazza della Repubblica the largest square in Europe bridge, until you get to the historic covered market. And from here to the streets of downtown will see the Duomo, Piazza Cavour, the Goldoni Theatre, and Piazza Magenta with the great Church of Santa Maria del Soccorso. From the city center will go to the beautiful promenade of Livorno, with stops at Terrazza Mascagni. Free time in the city, located in front of the Tirreno Sea and the Elba island.

Dinner at the hotel. Overnight in Montecatini.



Florence

Day 6 – MONTECATINI- STA MARGHERITA LIGURE – 84miles

Buffet breakfast and departure for the resort town of Santa Margherita Ligure.

On arrival, we'll have a ½ day sightseeing tour of Santa Margherita, which is located about 22 miles southeast of Genoa and has its own port used for both tourism and fishing activities.

Dinner at the hotel. **Overnight in Sta. Margherita Ligure.**



Santa Margherita Ligure

Day 7 – MONTECATINI- STA MARGHERITA - RAPALLO –PORTOFINO-GENOA

Buffet breakfast and morning visit of Rapallo & Portofino, unique Italian towns known as the pearls of Paradise Gulf. In Rapallo, we'll explore a 16th century castle built to defend its citizens against pirate attacks. Board a motorboat for a scenic transfer to Portofino, where you'll notice dozens of luxurious yachts resting on its calm waters. In the afternoon we will visit the city of Genoa. For centuries, Genoa has been a major commercial seaport. Today, it is one of Italy's largest cities, which was once home to Christopher Columbus and world renowned violinist Niccolò Paganini. Within the city's medieval walls you can wander the caruggi (alleys) where the wealthy Genovese lived and guilds set up shop. The alleys are still home to speciality shops, baroque and Romanesque churches and 500-year-old apartment buildings.

Dinner at the hotel. **Overnight in Sta. Margherita.**



Genoa



Portofino

Day 8 - STA MARGHERITA - MASSA CARRARA - LA SPEZIA - 128miles

Buffet breakfast and departure to visit Massa Carrara, famous for the Marble quarry, the most important material used for the best Italian sculptures. In the afternoon, visit La Spezia. The visit of the town of La Spezia's historical center allows an interesting and involving journey across the architectures of 19th and 20th century: from the austere buildings built by the Italian Navy through the private residences in Liberty and Art Deco style to the public buildings of the fascist times.

Dinner at the hotel. **Overnight in Sta. Margherita Ligure**

Day 9 - STA MARGHERITA - CINQUE TERRE (PRIVATE CRUISE TOUR) - 59miles

Boarding our own private boat in Sta. Margherita (public boats dont run in October) we begin our journey of the five fishing villages perched high on the Italian Riviera (Liguria Region) which until recently were linked only by mule tracks and accessible only by rail or water. Delight in Cinque Terre's breathtaking coastal scenery and captivating culture as you visit three charming villages tucked in rugged cliffs. Stroll along beautiful Manarola. Continue via motorboat to Vernazza and explore the quaint fishing village on your own, complete with car-free streets and a seaside castle. In Monterosso al Mare, spend two hours freely strolling enchanting beaches or tasting local white wine. Optional Lunch at restaurant AL POZZO in Monterosso + wine tasting

Dinner at the hotel. **Overnight in Sta. Margherita Ligure**



Manarola, one of the 5 unique towns of beautiful Cinque Terre



Vernazza, one of the 5 towns of beautiful Cinque Terre

Day 10 – SANTA MARGHERITA-MILAN AIRPORT- USA

Buffet breakfast and transfer to Milan airport to board your return flight home, arriving later today.

INTERESTED IN THIS PACKAGE? Please email us at:
SuntoursUSA@gmail.com and give us desired dates and city of departure.
We'll get back to you within 3 business days. Thank you!