









**ITALY** 

# **CLASSIC TUSCANY TOUR** (TOUR CODE: 14402)

STARTS AND ENDS	TRAVEL PERIODS	EXPERIENCE	TRAVEL STYLE
Florence to Montecatini	02 Apr 25 - 08 Oct 25	Escorted City Stays	Escorted Group Tour

Discover the charm of Tuscany with a delightful blend of relaxation, guided tours, and iconic landmarks. From Montecatini's tranquillity to Florence's Renaissance splendour, experience Italy's cultural treasures and scenic beauty in unforgettable style.

#### Highlights

- Guaranteed Departures
- Discover Florence's rich history and iconic landmarks, including the Duomo, Piazza della Signoria, and Ponte Vecchio, on a
  guided walking tour.
- Explore the medieval beauty of Siena's Piazza del Campo and the charming hilltop town of San Gimignano, known for its iconic towers and stunning views.
- · Savour leisure time in Montecatini's tranquil parks and piazzas, or treat yourself to its renowned thermal spa experiences.
- Stroll along Lucca's historic walls and visit Pisa's Piazza dei Miracoli, home to the famous Leaning Tower and magnificent
   Cathedral.

Unpack Once, Explore More. Enjoy the best of both relaxation and exploration with this escorted group tour, where you'll stay in one hotel for the entire duration and take daily excursions to uncover the region's highlights. Skip the hassle of constant travel and immerse yourself in local culture and landscapes on guided day trips, returning each evening to the comfort of your "home away from home." Perfect for travellers who value a balance between adventure and relaxation, this tour combines the ease of settling in with the thrill of discovering new places every day.



- ENTIRE Cooling-Off Period
- ENTIRE Change of Mind
- ENTIRE On Ground Support
- ENTIRE AUD Prices
- ENTIRE Industry Accredited
- ENTIRE Australian Owned

# **INCLUSIONS**

- 7 nights in Montecatini at Grand Hotel Plaza & Locanda Maggiore- 4\* or similar
- · Daily Buffet Breakfast
- Daily Hotel Dinner
- · Guided Walking Tour in Florence
- · Guided Tour of Siena and San Gimignano
- · Guided Tour of Lucca and Pisa
- · Professional English speaking Tour Director for the entire duration of the tour

# **ITINERARY**

#### § 1 Montecatini

Arrival on your own at hotel.

After check in, the rest of the day is at leisure. This evening, let's get together with our fellow travellers for a welcome dinner at the hotel.

Overnight stay in Montecatini at Grand Hotel Plaza & Locanda Maggiore or similar.

Dinner

### § 2 Montecatini

Today, there will be a full day to relax and enjoy the charms of Montecatini. Take a stroll around this welcoming spa town, treat yourself to a coffee in one of the many cafes, or take the cable car to hilltop Montecatini Alto. Our guide will be happy to offer suggestions for activities and places to see. Dinner and overnight at hotel.

Overnight stay in Montecatini at Grand Hotel Plaza & Locanda Maggiore or similar.

Breakfast, Dinner

#### §3 Montecatini Florence Montecatini

Join us for a full day excursion exploring Florence, the birthplace of the Renaissance!

This morning our guide will take us on a walking tour, exploring this fascinating city. We will witness the famous Duomo (cathedral) with its elaborate green and pink façade before moving on to the Piazza della Signoria, which was the centre of the Florentine Republic and remains the political hub of the city. We will discover more as we walk towards the Arno River to see the Ponte Vecchio (Old Bridge) which has shops built along the length of it. We will have our afternoon free for lunch,

sightseeing or perhaps do some shopping at the famous Leather Market.

Overnight stay in Montecatini at Grand Hotel Plaza & Locanda Maggiore or similar.

Breakfast, Dinner



#### Montecatini

A further opportunity to relax and get to know the lovely town of Montecatini! Enjoy a leisurely stroll through its piazzas and leafy parks and check out the shops and cafes.

Our guide will be happy to make sightseeing suggestions for Montecatini and places beyond.

Overnight stay in Montecatini at Grand Hotel Plaza & Locanda Maggiore or similar.

Breakfast, Dinner

#### § 5 Montecatini Siena & San Gimignano Montecatini

Let's see more, as we continue to explore and uncover the beauty of Tuscany! Our day begins with a guided tour of Siena, a city famous for its art, cuisine, museums and medieval landscape. Here, we will visit the Piazza del Campo, home of the famous Palio horse race held twice a year.

In the afternoon we continue to the hilltop town of San Gimignano, known as the "Town of Fine Towers". A UNESCO World Heritage Site, it is encircled by walls and is famous for its medieval architecture and impressive skyline. We will have free time to explore the history and narrow streets – perhaps take this opportunity to try the local white wine, Vernaccia di San Gimignano, made from grapes grown on the sandstone hillsides of the area.

Overnight stay in Montecatini at Grand Hotel Plaza & Locanda Maggiore or similar.

Breakfast, Dinner



#### § 6 Montecatini

Enjoy a final day in Montecatini at your own pace.

Take an Optional excursion to the Cinque Terre, or treat yourself in one of the nine thermal centres, where you can enjoy everything from massages to mud baths, saunas to beauty treatments.

Overnight stay in Montecatini at Grand Hotel Plaza & Locanda Maggiore or similar.

Breakfast, Dinner

#### §7 Montecatini Lucca & Pisa Montecatini

This morning let's join our guide for a full day excursion, discovering more of this delightful region of Italy.

We start with a visit to Lucca, birthplace of the renowned composer Puccini and the only town in Italy surrounded by walls. Our expert local guide will take us on a walk through the streets of this prosperous city, crammed with beautiful Romanesque churches.

After the tour, we can enjoy free time to refuel with some lunch or explore the city further before our afternoon visit to Pisa. We travel to Pisa where we will visit the Piazza dei Miracoli, home to perhaps the most iconic building in Italy – the Leaning Tower. The famous lean was caused by poor foundations, which could not support the structure's weight. The tilt continued to increase before the tower was completed and was corrected in the 20th and 21st centuries. During our tour we will also discover Pisa Cathedral and the many baroque buildings which make up the Square of Miracles.

Overnight stay in Montecatini at Grand Hotel Plaza & Locanda Maggiore or similar.

Breakfast, Dinner



# 8 Montecatini

The time has come to say 'arrivederci' to wonderful magical Tuscany.

After breakfast, check out.

End of services.

Breakfast

## **ACCOMMODATION**

#### Grand Hotel Plaza & Locanda Maggiore

#### Montecatini

The Grand Hotel Plaza invites you to Montecatini Terme, where the charm of Tuscan tradition meets elegance and style. This four-star hotel, situated in the main square just 100 metres from the train station and close to Florence and other major Tuscan cities of art, offers quality service and warm hospitality. Whether for a wellness retreat, a weekend getaway, an event, a meeting, or a ceremony, the Grand Hotel Plaza ensures a memorable experience.



## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE
LOCAL CURRENCY
EURO

- · Please note that the order of some of the tours and experiences may vary in order without affecting the tour or experience.
- Guaranteed Departures with a minimum of 2 participants booked.

#### Excluded

- · International airfares and taxes
- · Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- · Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.),
- Tips or gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff, etc.
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package