

Day 1 Arrival in Rome, Italy

Check into your hotel. The rest of the day is free for you to explore this ancient capital. This evening, meet your Tour Director and fellow travelers.

Day 2 Rome

The "Eternal City" is steeped in history, vibrantly alive, exciting, and absolutely unique! Included sightseeing with a Local Guide starts in ST. PETER'S SQUARE, followed by a visit to the ROMAN FORUM and the mighty COLOSSEUM. Time, too, for your own exploring, shopping, or just relaxing at a sidewalk café. (B)

Day 3 Rome-Greve-Pisa-Montecatini

Today, leave Rome, heading north through the famous Chianti vineyards. Stop in the village of Greve to visit the VICCHIOMAGGIO WINE CELLARS, where a renowned Chianti wine is made. Indulge in an included typical Tuscan LUNCH before heading to Pisa to visit the famous SQUARE OF MIRACLES with the Leaning Tower. Continue to Montecatini, an idyllic spa town conveniently located to explore the best of Tuscany. (B.L.D)

Day 4 Montecatini. Excursion to Siena & San Gimignano

A day of leisure or an opportunity to join an included excursion to visit Siena and San Gimignano. Siena, without a doubt, is Tuscany's most beloved and inviting city. A walk through its narrow streets lined with medieval palaces into the PIAZZA DEL CAMPO, which is shaped like a fan, is truly a memorable experience. San Gimignano, a hilltop town with more towers than churches, is uniquely situated among vineyards, olive groves, and the delightful Tuscan countryside. (B)

Day 5 Montecatini. Excursion to Florence

Enjoy a full-day excursion to the city known as the "Cradle of the Renaissance." Traffic is banned in part of the historic center, so visitors can wander at leisure and admire Florence's timeless beauty. The included walking tour with a Local Guide will introduce you to the city's highlights. (B)

Day 6 Montecatini

A day to do as you please or to join an optional half-day excursion to two of Tuscany's best-known cities. First to Lucca, renowned for its narrow streets, quaint shops, and magnificent palaces and churches. Next, to Vinci, the birthplace of that true Renaissance genius, Leonardo. (B,D)

Day 7 Montecatini-Assisi-Rome

Travel south today for a first stop in the walled city of Assisi, home of the mystical St. Francis. Marvel at the remarkable treasures of the magnificent BASILICA, then leave this peaceful old town to head across the Apennines to Rome. Celebrate your last evening in Rome by joining the optional farewell dinner. (B)

Day 8 Rome

Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning. (B)