



8 Days in Tuscany

Oct 5-12, 2020

Travel to Tuscany with the Carlos Creek Wine Club, and walk in the footsteps of history.

No other province has had more impact on Italian—and European—culture than Tuscany.

Birthplace of the Renaissance, Tuscany's wine-soaked villages, art-rich cities, swathes of olive groves, and modern-fashion powerhouses (Gucci and Ferragamo, to name a few), epitomizes la vera Italia.

Join us on this amazing journey!



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Itinerary



FLORENCE

ARRIVAL IN FLORENCE, ITALY (Oct 5)

Upon arrival in Florence, pass through customs and meet our Tour Director for a group transfer to your hotel. Enjoy some time to relax in this city that has been named a UNESCO site. Later join your Tour Director for a special welcome dinner at a local restaurant. (D)

FLORENCE (Oct 6)

Look forward to a full day in Florence, "Cradle of the Renaissance" and visit the ACADEMY OF FINE ARTS with Michelangelo's celebrated David. Continue your walking tour through the historic center and stand in awe in front of the magnificent cathedral, admire Giotto's Bell Tower, the Baptistry's heavy bronze "Gates of Paradise," and sculpture-studded SIGNORIA SQUARE. Afterwards, you may wish to shop for Florentine leather goods and gold jewelry, sold by the ounce. (B)

FLORENCE (Oct 7)

Today we venture to Impruneta, a town famous for its olive oil and for the production of terra cotta. We will visit a terra cotta artison and continue on to one of the main producers of olive oil.. Included lunch in an osteria featuring local specialties. Following lunch, we tour TENUTA IL CORNO, with an extensive terra-cotta jar collection and taste more olive oil. Visit a traditional OIL MILL in one of the best areas of production of extra virgin olive oil in Tuscany. Continue to VERAZZANO CASTLE to hear about blending four types of grapes to make Chianti. Enjoy a WINE TASTING with local specialties. (B L)

(Oct 8) FLORENCE - CHIANTI HILLS - SIENA

Immerse yourself in the world of Italy's most celebrated wine as we tour the lush, rolling hills of the Chianti wine region. Here, you will visit the acclaimed MARCHESI ANTINORI WINE CELLAR. The Antinori family has been makine wine since 1180. Our tour concludes with a TASTING of Antinori wines. We continue to Siena, whose historic center is a UNESCO site with time on your own to walk through the ancient narrow lanes to beautiful PIAZZA DEL CAMPO, theater of the biannual Palio, Siena's spectacular medieval-style horse race. The evening ends with an elegant, included dinner. Siena is our home for the next 2 nights. (B D)

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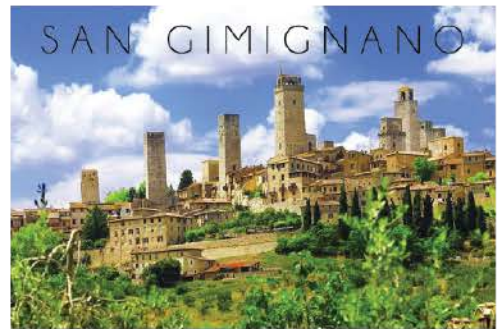
SIENNA



SIENA (Oct 9)

Today we tour Tuscany's loveliest towns starting with Volterra, a walled mountaintop town whose history dates from before the 7th century BC with substantial structures from the Etruscan, Roman, and Medieval periods. On to an OIL MILL to learn about the techniques of olive collection and pressing and enjoy a TASTING. Next it's the village of San Gimignano, a UNESCO World Heritage site. In the 12th century, rival families of San Gimignano began a tower-building competition to display their power and wealth and 72 towers were built. Today, 14 towers remain, earning the town its modern designation as the "Medieval Manhattan". We end with a traditional Tuscan meal, featuring regional specialties and prepared using the finest local ingredients. Return to Siena. (B D)

SAN GIMIGNANO



SIENA - MONTERIGGIONI- PISA - LUCCA (Oct 10)

Travel to Monteriggioni, one of the most well preserved and best known medieval walled towns in Europe. It's 1870 feet of circular walls, were built between 1213 and 1219 and include 14 watch towers and two gates. We continue to Pisa with its Square of Miracles, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The square is dominated by four impressive religious structures: the Pisa Cathedral, the Pisa Baptistry, the Camposanto (old cemetery), and the famed 12th century leaning tower. Learn how soft ground and inadequate foundation resulted in the immediate tilt that placed the structure 12 feet, 10 inches out of perpendicular—and how modern steps have been taken to stabilize it. Continue to Lucca where you will be spoiled by a delicious 4-course Tuscan Dinner, including unlimited drinks, at a traditional family owned Agriturismo. (B D)

PISA



LUCCA TO FLORENCE (Oct 11)

After a leisurely morning, you will return to Florence. This evening you will enjoy your farewell feast as the sun dips past the horizon, get to know Florence's very best wine bars and eateries on this unforgettable foodie tour! Begin at the Basilica di Santo Spirito as you enjoy the perfect cocktail at aperitivo o'clock. Next, savor artisan-crafted truffle cheese and cured local meats paired with the perfect vino. Finally, watch a live demonstration of how to cook the ultimate Steak Florentine, then taste it! Our evening concludes with a farewell dinner featuring the best part of Florentine life—the food! (B D)

LUCCA



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DEPART FLORENCE, ITALY (Oct 12)

After breakfast this morning a transfer is provided to the airport for your flight home. (B)



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TOUR INCLUSIONS

- ◇ Meals: Meals as indicated in the itinerary.
- ◇ Ground Transportation: Motorcoaches are fully air-conditioned everywhere while touring. No use of the motorcoach other than as specified in the itinerary.
- ◇ Airport Transfers: One group airport transfer on arrival and departure. If passengers will be arriving at multiple different times throughout the day, additional transfer costs may apply.
- ◇ Sightseeing: Sightseeing as outlined in the itinerary with inside visits (including admission charges) and special features shown in UPPER CASE in the tour description. Sightseeing with local guides where applicable.
- ◇ Other: Free Wi-Fi on motorcoach



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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

TOUR PRICE:

Price per person \$2089.00 Land Only based on double occupancy. Price is based on 30 minimum group paid passengers. **Tour prices surcharge of \$200.00 per person applies if group is 20-29 paid passengers** Tour will cancel if 19 or less paid passengers. If tour must cancel you will receive a full refund of your deposit.

RESERVATION AND DEPOSIT:

Early registration is recommended. A deposit of \$500.00 per person, along with the completed reservation form, is required to confirm your trip. The balance will be July 1st, 2020. A 3.5% service fee will be added to all credit card payments.

CANCELLATION:

Cancellations must be received in writing. For cancellations made from time of deposit until May 27, 2020.

DOCUMENTATION:

A valid passport is required for the trip. Passports can take up to 2 months. Please allow ample time for processing.

TRAVEL PROTECTION INSURANCE:

Optional travel protection insurance is highly recommended. Estimated cost is \$199.00 per person. Purchase insurance at the time of deposit to be eligible for waiver of pre-existing conditions.

NOT INCLUDED:

Roundtrip airfare from departure city. Items of personal nature, such as long-distance phone calls, room service, laundry, meals except as noted in itinerary, and tips.

OTHER:

This tour price is based on prices in effect on December 1st, 2018 and subject to change without notice. We reserve the right to make changes in the itinerary should it be deemed necessary. If a price adjustment becomes necessary due to foreign currency exchange and/or additional fuel/security taxes, you will be notified immediately.

RESPONSIBILITY:

All reservations are accepted with the specific condition that Bursch Travel Inc., operator of this tour, acts only as an agent of the hotels, sightseeing contractors, bus operators, airlines and others who provide the actual arrangements, and is not liable for any act, omission, delay, injury, loss or damage, or nonperformance occurring in connection with these arrangements.



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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail Address _____

Phone #1 _____ Phone #2 _____

Hotel Preference: 2 Beds 1 Bed Dietary Concerns: _____

YES, I wish to purchase optional travel & cancellation insurance. NO, I decline

Payment: Deposit of **\$500.00** per person is required.

Check *(please make check payable to Bursch Travel)*

Credit Card # _____

Amount \$ _____ Expiration: _____

Signature _____



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