

# THE BEST OF TUSCANY

*Tour the Heart & Soul of Italy*

September 6-14, 2017 | 8 Days/7 Nights  
\$2,499\* Land Only | \$4,999\* Air & Land

*\*Per person, based on double occupancy. Add \$800 for single.*



## LET CENTRAL ITALY'S SPLENDORS SEDUCE YOU.

*Cappuccino, rich with cream rouses you every morning, Renaissance art and medieval architecture dazzle your eyes and wine so fine it melts your taste buds and begs for cheese...*

SIP, TASTE AND STROLL AROUND ROMANTIC TUSCANY as you travel back in time on a 8-day adventure, where preserved hilltop castles and old vines whisper historic tales in your ears. Opt to soak in luxurious spas or tackle adventures in Pisa and lovely Lucca. Stay refreshed and savor the flavors of fine wines from Italy's famous vineyards and watch traditional Italian cheese made in the beautiful hill town San Gimignano. Plus, PBS star chef Lidia Bastianich gives Vegas PBS viewers exclusive tips on achieving the perfect taste of Tuscany.



### Your 8-Day Trip in Italian Heaven Includes:

- Guided walking tour around Florence
- Private tour of Gallerie dell'Accademia to see Leonardo Da Vinci's masterpieces
- Self-guided tour of Cortona, town made famous by the film *Under the Tuscan Sun*
- Guided walking tour of Siena
- Wine tasting in San Gimignano
- Guided tour of Monteriggioni castle with wine, cheese and meat tastings
- Cooking class where you'll make pizza and gelato
- Sumptuous Italian meals
- Opera in Siena\*
- Luxury spa day at 5-star resort in Bango Vignoni\*
- Guided tours of hilltop towns of Pisa and Lucca\*

*\*Optional tour activities*

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## Trip Itinerary

- 4-Star Hotel Accommodations
- 7 Breakfasts and 3 Dinners
- Air-Conditioned Coach Transportation
- Entrance Fees to Tour Activities & Daily Walking Guide
- Transportation Assistance\*
- PBS chef Lidia Bastianich's Italian Cookbook

\*Provided where available for those with mobility restrictions

**ARRIVAL DAY** Depart from your local city. Ponder *vino* and *biscotti* and *pasta* and *arte* in flight.

**DAY 1** Arrive in Florence and enjoy mild walking along the Arno River while you transition to Tuscany's time zone and timelessness. Greet fellow travelers and hosts at a hearty welcome dinner right at your stylish hotel.

**DAY 2** Florentine breakfast is your first delight. Stroll around Renaissance Florence on an afternoon guided (moderate pace) walking tour of Tuscany's capital and learn about Da Vinci's secret painting. Privately tour the Gallerie dell'Accademia, where Michelangelo's sculptural masterpiece the "David" resides.

**DAY 3** Start with a classic breakfast and creamy cappuccino. Head toward Siena and enjoy easy walking in hilltop Cortona, 2000 feet above sea level. Soak in Tuscan views and imagine living in the film *Under the Tuscan Sun*. A sunset (moderate) walking tour in Siena winds through the mazed and cobblestone fortress town. Opt for an evening opera in Siena's city center.

**DAY 4** Breakfast in quaint Siena sets the tone for your day. Take a day trip to the medieval, stony, picturesque town of San Gimignano surrounded by rolling hills dotted with cypress trees, villas and vineyards. Wine taste Tuscany's world-famous varietals at Villa Antinori and soak the grape nectar up with a savory lunch. Take an easy to moderate stroll around San Gimignano and check out boutiques, arts, crafts and sights.

**DAY 5** Breakfast kicks off your day of choice. Want active adventure or pampering relaxation? You decide between Pisa and Lucca or Bango Vignoni. *Option 1:* Tour Pisa, lean with the tower in snapshots, walk to the tiptop of that famous tower, then take a guided tour of a quaint and romantic-feeling hilltop town of Lucca. *Option 2:* Rest and rejuvenate at a luxurious Tuscan spa, soak in a Dead Sea-salted lagoon at a 5-star resort in Bagno Vignoni (and choose from a menu of spa treatments). Moderate walking in Pisa and Lucca. Easy walking in Bango Vignoni.

**DAY 6** Breakfast alla Siena. Then road trip a short jaunt to medieval Monteriggioni, a perfectly preserved tiny town fortified by a solid surrounding wall and 14 towers. Tour an ancient castle, then sip locally crafted Chianti wine and taste local meats (*carne*) and cheeses (*formaggi*) while you ponder the good life. Easily walk the streets, cruise the town square (*piazza*) and duck into shops for Tuscan treasures to tote home. Return to Siena for a sumptuous dinner with a countryside vista. Nibble on sweet treats (*dolci*) before bed.

**DAY 7** After a leisurely breakfast, return to Florence for easy walking all day. A cooking class will teach you how to prepare pizza and gelato, then you can savor your culinary creations. Enjoy afternoon free time to shop, visit the Uffizi art museum, marvel at architecturally charming churches, explore Boboli Gardens, rent a Vespa or simply stroll cobblestone streets, bridges and meandering walkways. Top off your Tuscany trip with a delectable group dinner.

**DAY 8** Return to Las Vegas refreshed and ready to share envy-inducing photos.

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