

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

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Day 1: ARRIVE ROME - MONTERIGGIONI
 Tour departs: Rome's Fiumicino Airport one hour after the arrival of our selected flight(s). Drive along scenic country roads lined with sunflowers, towering cypress and rolling hills, stopping for lunch in Pienza in the heart of Tuscany. Continue to your hotel, which is set in the foothills of the medieval fortress of Monteriggioni; join us tonight for a welcome reception and dinner.

Day 2: MONTALCINO - SAN GIMIGNANO
 Two choices await this morning. One takes you on a scenic pilgrimage to the hilltop town of Montalcino where one of Italy's finest red wines is produced; enjoy a walking tour along streets boasting well-preserved 14th- and 15th-century architecture, stopping at a local restaurant for a wine tasting lunch. Or, you can travel to the hilltop town of San Gimignano; medieval towers, built in the 12th century, are visible from afar. Stroll along the quaint streets and visit Piazza della Cisterna; enjoy lunch with a wine tasting. Return to Monteriggioni for a bicycle trip through the Tuscan countryside; the evening is spent at your leisure in this delightful town.

Day 3: SIENA
 Travel to the captivating city of Florence via Siena, where you select between two guided walking tours. Discover "Artistic Siena," so beautifully displayed within the medieval state rooms at Palazzo Pubblico and at the Museo dell'Opera del Duomo. "Historic Siena" comes alive on a walking tour that takes you to the home of Italy's patron saint, Casa di Santa Caterina; the Palazzo Piccolomini, which houses a pictorial history of Siena; and the Torre del Mangia, adjacent to the Gothic Town Hall. Both walks visit Siena's Duomo, one of the most spectacular early Gothic cathedrals in Italy, and the Piazza del Campo – paved in red brick and marble, it is the site of a festive bi-annual horse race dating back to the Middle Ages. Arrive in Florence for a three-night stay; a dine-around tonight offers you a selection of three Tuscan restaurants that are true culinary delights!

Day 4: FLORENCE
 A lecture by an art historian precedes a tour of the Uffizi Gallery, featuring some of the greatest works by great Renaissance artists such as Botticelli, Michelangelo, Tintoretto, Bellini and Titian. Explore the museums or landmark sites of Florence as you wish this afternoon and evening.

Price per person	DbI	Sgl	TrI
Land Only	\$2,990	\$3,422	\$2,838

April 11
 May 1, 9, 15, 23, 29
 June 6, 15, 26,
 July 10, 18
 August 7, 24
 September 4, 12, 18, 26
 October 2, 5, 10, 19
 Special departures on request with supplement

Day 5: FLORENCE
 Two choices await this morning; visit Palazzo Pitti, housing the great art treasures of the Medicis, and the magnificent Boboli Gardens, a masterpiece of Italian landscaped gardens. Alternatively, visit the central food market in Florence accompanied by a local chef; you'll glean a remarkable view of one of the great pleasures of day-to-day life in Florence. The remainder of the day is free.

Day 6: TUSCANY
 Travel into the heart of Italy for a three-night stay in Bettona. Your journey into the Tuscan countryside begins in the Etruscan city of Cortona, featured in Under the Tuscan Sun. A walking tour includes a visit to the Museo Diocesano, housing Fra Angelico's famous painting Annunciation. Enjoy a Tuscan cooking demonstration and lunch at a gastronomic school in a 15th-century house.

Day 7: SPOLETO - ASSISI
 Travel to Spoleto for a guided walk through its historic streets; admire the 15th-century frescoes in the spectacular Cathedral of Santa Maria Assunta before exploring the picturesque town at your leisure. Visit the beautiful medieval town of Assisi, dramatically built into the side of the hill; Basilica di San Francesco will be a memorable sight. Return to Bettona for an evening to be spent as you please.

Day 8: PERUGIA Capital of Umbria
 Discover the "Green Heart of Italy" on a visit to the medieval town of Perugia, its capital. A guided walking tour reveals within its city walls architectural treasures such as the duomo and Oratorio di San Bernardino. Visit the Lungarotti wine museum and vineyards in Torgiano this afternoon, and enjoy a wine tasting. We invite you to join us this evening for a farewell reception and dinner.

Day 9: ARRIVEDERCI
 Tour ends: Rome's Fiumicino Airport 2 1/2 hours before the departure of our selected flight(s). For your convenience, there will be two transfers to Rome today – a very early morning transfer to Rome's Fiumicino Airport for those guests returning on selected TauckAir flights, and a mid-morning transfer to the city of Rome, which will make stops at three centrally-located hotels.

Additional Information :
 Price includes all sightseeing in the itinerary plus choices as specified; choices are not transferable to other days unless indicated.

Transatlantic air is additional.

Selected Hotels

MONTERIGGIONI (ROME)	Hotel Il Piccolo Castello (Night 1,2)
FLORENCE	Hotel Bernini Palace (Night 3,4,5)
BETTONA (UMBRIA)	Relais La Corte di Bettona (Night 6,7,8)