

## 2008 Taste of Tuscany, Italy

**May 2-10**

**June 13-21**

**June 27-July 5-(Famous Palio Festival in Siena)**

**July 25-Aug 2**

**September 5-13**

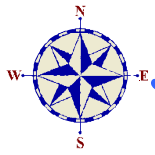
Want to get an in-depth look at one of the most gorgeous regions in Italy? Picture rolling hills covered in vineyards, medieval towns perched high on hilltops and unbelievable sunsets on the horizon. Bike, walk, swim, ride a funicular, shop, sightsee, eat, drink and be merry! This trip is for the age 35 and younger person who doesn't need first class hotels to have a good time!

The Taste of Tuscany tour is special....it not only shows you all of its beauty and culture, but it makes you a part of it. This tour is all about exploring one of the most beautiful regions of Europe from the comfort of your base hotel where you'll spend 4 nights in the heart of the Tuscany region, as well as 2 nights in fascinating Rome. On this trip you'll be visiting Rome, Pisa, Florence, Siena, Orvieto, and Bagnoregio! This is a fantastic trip to a fantastic region of the world! Come join us and meet a lot of new friends while exploring beautiful Tuscany.

*Quote from a European traveler on an age 35 and younger trip:  
"I knew it would be fun, but I didn't know it would be that much fun!!"*

### **Price Includes:**

- 7 Nights accommodations in superior tourist class hotels with private facilities.
  - 2 Nights Rome
  - 1 night Florence
  - 4 Nights Siena
- 12 Meals
  - 7 continental breakfasts (B)
  - 1 lunch (L)
  - 4 three course dinners (B)
- Hotel tips, local taxes and service charges.
- An experienced, professional Tour Manager and Italian Driver
- Modern air-conditioned coach transportation
- Included Highlights as follows:
- **Rome:**
  - See the Pantheon, Trevi Fountain, Piazza Navona, Piazza Venezia, Colosseum & Roman Forum
  - Evening walking tour
  - Vatican City-see St. Peter's Basilica
- **Orvieto:** Funicular ride and visit the medieval town
- **Bagnoregio:** Visit the medieval town of Bagnoregio-visit Civita, the Dying City
- **Siena:** See Piazza del Campo (home of the Palio horse race), Palazzo Pubblico and Cathedral
- **Pisa:** See the Leaning Tower
- **Volterra:** Alabaster demonstration
- **Tuscan Coast:** visit a beach to enjoy the Mediterranean Sea
- **Mugello:**
  - Cooking demonstration with fresh produce
  - Visit 14<sup>th</sup> Century Cafaggiolo Castle
- **Chianti:**
  - Taste the famous Chianti Classic wines
  - Bike ride & lunch in the Chianti countryside
- **Florence**
  - Walking tour of with a local guide
  - See the Duomo, Basilica Santa Croce, Giotto's Bell Tower, The Baptistry and Piazza della Signoria
  - See a Florentine Leather craft demonstration



## **Trip Itinerary**

### **Day 1**                      **Depart USA**

Your Tuscany adventure begins as you fly an overnight flight to Rome, Italy!

### **Day 2**                      **Arrive Rome**

Make your way to the hotel in Rome where check-in is after 2pm. Start your souvenir shopping or try an Italian gelato. Tonight, enjoy dinner and meeting with your Tour Manager and fellow travelers. **(D)**

### **Day 3**                      **Rome to Siena**

We start the day with a visit, by funicular, to the magnificent town of Orvieto perched on the cliff tops with breathtaking views over the surrounding vineyards. As you approach Orvieto you'll see from a distance that it rises on a plateau of volcanic tuff, surrounded by a landscape of fields and vineyards. The walls appear to encircle the city rather than elevate it, as though it were a fortress rising on the flat valley floor of the river Paglia. Orvieto is one of Italy's most unique and interesting cities because of its location, charming medieval character, and its celebrated Cathedral which is a gem of Gothic architecture. There are 10,000 people who live in the city itself and another 15,000 in the valley and in the surrounding hills.

Later we head for the deserted town of Bagnoregio, once a thriving medieval town but now boasting just 15 residents! Early evening we arrive at our hotel for 4 nights set in the heart of the Tuscany region. **(B,D)**



### **Day 4**                      **Tuscany Sightseeing**

Today we experience essential Tuscany. We spend the morning exploring the Chianti region by bike, ending at the beautiful Castello Meleto where we will taste the famous Chianti classic wines and enjoy a light lunch. This afternoon we return to Siena, home to Tuscany's most celebrated festival the Palio with its famous bareback horse race. Siena is a medieval city of brick and from a vantage point such as the Palazzo Pubblico's tower, its sea of roof tiles blends into a landscape of steep, twisting stone alleys. Time for you to visit the Cathedral, Palazzo Pubblico & Piazza del Campo, one of Italy's most picturesque piazza. Tonight maybe a sunset dinner overlooking the rolling Tuscan hills..... **(B, L)**

### **Day 5**                      **Tuscany Sightseeing**

We leave Siena this morning for Pisa and its famous leaning tower. We continue to Volterra. Volterra, is a jewel of Etruscan, Roman, Medieval and Renaissance art and it dominates the whole valley of the river Cecina. Besides the cultural aspect, Volterra's charm is due to the uncontaminated landscape, a way of life still moulded on a human scale, and an artistic handicraft unique in the world: the manufacture of Alabaster.

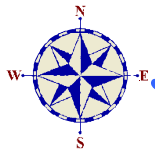
Later this afternoon we stop at one of the most beautiful beaches on the Tuscan coast on the Mediterranean. Some time to swim in the Mediterranean Sea, soak up the sun and relax. **(B, D)**

### **Day 6**                      **Tuscany Sightseeing**

Today we visit Cafaggiolo castle built in the 14th century and considered one of the finest examples of Renaissance architecture. We arrive into Florence for our guided tour including Basilica of Santa Croce, Giotto's belltower, Piazza della Signoria and the Duomo. See a demonstration of Florentine leathercraft. Why not join us for a traditional Tuscan meal on our last night in Siena? **(B)**

### **Day 7**                      **Siena to Florence**

A full day for you to explore Renaissance Florence. Maybe visit the Uffizi or Accademia museums, cross the Ponte Vecchio Bridge, shop for Italian fashions or wander the streets and take in the atmosphere. Tonight a chance to learn more about Tuscan cuisine at a cooking class. **(B,D)**



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## Day 8 Depart for Rome

More free time this morning to explore Florence, before traveling south to Rome. On arrival in Rome enjoy a sightseeing tour before checking-in to our hotel. Our last night in Italy.....have fun! **(B)**

## Day 9 Depart Rome

Unfortunately all good things must come to an end. Your tour ends after breakfast with time to swap addresses and say goodbye to new friends. **(B)**

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### Price

Land only, per person, based on double occupancy (remember we can put you with a roommate!)

**\$1299.00** **May departure**

**\$1359.00** **June, Sept departures**

**\$1429.00** **July departure**

**\$329.00** Single supplement: add to above price if you want a room to yourself. **Very limited availability!**

**Transfers: \$27.00** each way-(\$54 roundtrip) please reserve with your booking. We will need your flight itinerary.

**Airfare** and airfare taxes are additional. You may purchase your own air flights online or call for a quote.

**Travel Insurance- \$109.00** Pay for your travel insurance with your deposit and you receive "Any-Reason" insurance (in the form of travel certificates to be used within a year) allowing you to cancel for any reason up to 48 hours prior to your trip. Double your medical coverage and gain terrorism coverage for only **\$35.00** additional per person. Travel Insurance is highly recommended. Insurance is not refundable. Does not include air arrangements not made by our tour operator.

--**Price does not include** items of a personal nature-i.e. phone calls, laundry, meals not included, alcoholic & other beverages not offered with included meals, **tips to guides & drivers**, travel insurance, and airfare.

**Fine Print—Tuscany, Italy 2008** Your payment for a reservation on this trip constitutes consent and acknowledgement of all the provisions in this Fine Print listed below and in the Singles Travel Company General Terms and Conditions. Please make sure you read both of these important pieces of information and call us with any questions.

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**Final payment** is due 60 days prior to departure date. Credit cards (Visa or Mastercard) or checks (made payable to Travel Advisors of Los Gatos) are accepted.

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More than 45 days prior to commencement of services  
45-22 days prior to commencement of services  
21-8 days prior to commencement of services  
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On day of departure and later

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