Classic Journeys Inc. presents...

Spotlight on Tuscany

with Optional 3-Night Rome Pre Tour Extension

September 21 – 29, 2027



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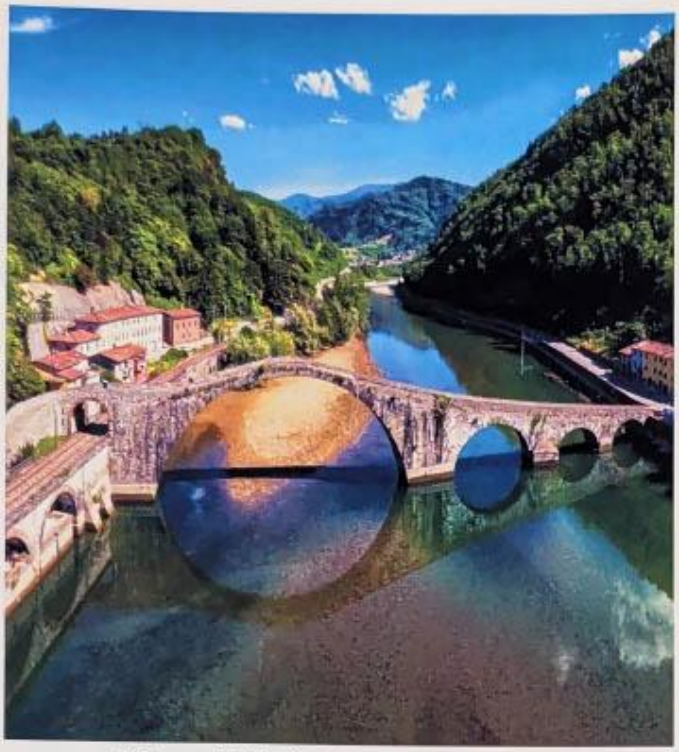

9 Days • 10 Meals: 7 Breakfasts, 3 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS... Montecatini Terme, Lucca, Family-Owned Winery Experience, Florence, Pisa, Cooking Class, Cheese Farm, San Gimignano

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2 – 8	Grand Hotel Francia and Quirinale, Montecatini Terme

On some dates *alternate hotels may be used.*

Day 1: Tuesday, September 21, 2027 Overnight Flight Rolling landscapes, savory wines, authentic food and stunning architecture – find all of this and more in Tuscany. Unpack once on this journey among Italy's most charming towns.

Day 2: Wednesday, September 22, 2027 Montecatini Terme, Italy Your tour opens in the famous spa resort town of Montecatini Terme, nestled in the heart of the rolling hills of Tuscany. As travelers' arrival times will vary, we have not included any sightseeing today. Spend the day as you wish, exploring the town independently. This evening, get to know your fellow travelers during an orientation briefing followed by a welcome drink.

Day 3: Thursday, September 23, 2027 Montecatini Terme Today, acquaint yourself with your new hometown during a half-day guided walking tour. Learn more about Montecatini's history and visit the historic Tettuccio Spa,* known for the health benefits in its mineral drinking waters. This afternoon, make your way to a Tuscan winery and learn about the art of winemaking as you taste local varieties paired with regional foods. *(B, D)*

Day 4: Friday, September 24, 2027 Lucca - Borgo a Mozzano Enjoy a guided tour of Lucca, Tuscany's best-kept secret. Discover Renaissance walls, Romanesque churches, and medieval streets flanked by towers. Explore the lively city center on your own before setting off for Borgo a Mozzano. View the *Ponte del Diavolo* (Devil's Bridge) and the nearby remains of the Gothic Line – the Germans' last defense during WWII. Visit the Museum of Liberation and see authentic fortifications and bunkers before returning to Montecatini for an evening at leisure. *(B)*

Day 5: Saturday, September 25, 2027 Florence Welcome to Florence, the "Cradle of the Renaissance." Join a local Florentine guide and embark on an extensive walking tour exploring the city's vast historical center. At the Piazza del Duomo, marvel at the ornate façade of the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore and the gilded bronze doors of the Baptistery. Take in views of the Piazza della Signoria, the center of Medici power, and Santa Croce Square before enjoying the remainder of your time in Florence to explore this unparalleled open-air museum at your leisure.** *(B)*

Day 6: Sunday, September 26, 2027 Pisa Journey to the ancient maritime Republic of Pisa for a visit of its famous *Piazza dei Miracoli* (Field of Miracles). The moniker was coined to describe the magnificence and wonder of the architectural masterpieces within the square, which is uniquely paved in grass. Keep your camera handy to capture the gravity-defying inclination of the iconic Leaning Tower. This evening, travel to the quiet countryside to learn the secrets of traditional Tuscan cuisine. Partake in a cooking class, using local ingredients and culinary techniques that have been passed down for generations. Enjoy your freshly-prepared meal for dinner. *(B, D)*

Day 7: Monday, September 27, 2027 Montecatini Terme Enjoy a day at leisure or embark on an optional truffle hunt, led by a local expert and their specially trained dogs. As you wander along unpaved trails, learn about the fascinating world of truffles and the techniques used to forage them. Indulge in a truffle-themed buffet lunch before returning to Montecatini mid-afternoon. *(B)*

Day 8: Tuesday, September 28, 2027 San Gimignano Take in the rural atmosphere of a family-owned farm among the goats, cows, and organic gardens and sample their local products. Soak in the views, as you travel to hilltop San Gimignano, one of Tuscany's most picturesque villages. Explore this enchanting medieval center, from its famous 14 towers to its magnificent vistas overlooking vineyards. And perhaps indulge in some gelato, before returning to Montecatini in the late afternoon. This evening, join your travel companions for a farewell dinner. *(B, D)*

Day 9: Wednesday, September 29, 2027 Montecatini Terme - Tour Ends Your journey comes to a close today. Depart with many fond memories of Tuscany. *(B)*