



Tuscany, Cinque Terre & Roman Holiday

Picturesque fishing village of Cinque Terre

Departs: **May 25, 2013**

Duration: 11 Days

Twin Share: \$3,659

Single Room Supplement: \$899

SPECIAL INCLUSIONS

- Small groups designed especially for women travelers
- Professional female Gutsy Women Travel Director
- 'Gutsy Encounters' Dinner in Montecarlo
- Welcome Reception with Gutsy Women Travel Director and fellow travelers
- A glass of wine with every included dinner

SIGHTSEEING HIGHLIGHTS

- **Siena** Visit the Duomo. • **San Gimignano** Walk through the narrow streets and enjoy a taste of local wine. • **Cinque Terre** Visit a few of the villages that are suspended between sea and earth, nestled in the cliffs.
- **Florence** Enjoy a guided walking tour of the famous sites including the Duomo, Ghiberti's famous "Gates of Paradise" at the Baptistery, the open-air museum on Piazza della Signoria, then visit the Accademia to marvel at the Statue of David by Michelangelo. • **Lucca** Get your hands dirty and learn some traditional Tuscan recipes in a cooking class. • **Pisa** View one of the most famous sites, the Leaning Tower of Pisa. • **Montecarlo** Visit a local farm specializing in the production of wine and olive oil for a Highlight Dinner. • **Modena** Tour the town, then visit a villa to see how balsamic vinegar is produced. Then enjoy a tasting of the vinegar, cheese and wine.
- **Orvieto** Take a funicular up to the old town and enjoy stunning views over the countryside. • **Rome** Join a Local Guide and visit Vatican City, St. Peter's Square, see Michelangelo's Pieta and the Sistine Chapel.

TRAVEL HIGHLIGHTS

- Airport transfers on arrival at Fiumicino airport at 09:30, 12:30 and 15:30 (guests may purchase individual transfers if arriving outside of these times.)
- Airport transfers on departure, arriving at Fiumicino airport at 07:30, 09:30 and 11:30 (guests may purchase individual transfers if departing outside of these times.)
- First Class hotels as noted in the itinerary (or similar); hotel taxes, service charges and baggage handling included
- Private luxury motor coach with air-conditioning, reclining seats and restroom
- Sightseeing, special features and scenic highlights as indicated in the itinerary, including admission charges where applicable
- Gratuities to Local Guides and Driver

DINING

- 9 Breakfasts
- 1 Welcome Reception
- 2 Lunches
- 4 Dinners
- 1 Gutsy Encounter Dinner
- 1 Farewell Dinner



DAY 1 ARRIVE ROME ✈️

Welcome to Rome! After check-in, there's time for you to wander the cobblestoned streets of this ancient city. This evening meet your fellow Gutsy Women travelers and Travel Director at a Welcome Reception.

Meal: Welcome Reception

Hotel: Grand Beverly Hills

DAY 2 ROME – SIENA – SAN GIMIGNANO – MONTECATINI (7 NIGHTS)

After breakfast, board your luxury private coach to travel to Montecatini, which will be the hub of your stay in Tuscany. Stop in Siena, a town that dates back to the time of the Roman Emperors, where you'll visit the Duomo which has some of the most interesting church architecture in Italy. Next stop is medieval San Gimignano where you'll walk through the narrow streets that were once walked upon by peasants carrying food to sell in the market square and nobility from their villas. Enjoy a taste of the local wine, before departing for your hotel in Montecatini.

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

Hotel: Grand Hotel Tamerici and Principe

DAY 3 MONTECATINI – CINQUE TERRE

Depart this morning for Porto Venere, a Mediterranean coastal town east of Montecatini. Travel by boat to Cinque Terre, one of the most beautiful areas of the Liguria region and a designated World Heritage Site. Here, visit a few of the villages that are suspended between sea and earth, nestled in the cliffs overlooking the hills where the land's finest wines are grown and enjoy lunch in one of the villages. In your free time sample the local wines and visit the local shops, before returning to Montecatini.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner



DAY 4 MONTECATINI – FLORENCE

Travel south to Florence for a guided walking tour of famous sites including the Duomo, Ghiberti's famous "Gates of Paradise" at the Baptistery, the open-air museum on Piazza della Signoria, and then visit the Accademia to marvel at the Statue of David by Michelangelo. The rest of the day is free so you can shop in the boutique shops and on the famed Ponte Vecchio over the Arno river.

Meal: Breakfast

DAY 5 MONTECATINI – LUCCA – PISA

First stop today is the medieval walled town of Lucca where you can wander the streets around the San Michele church, before getting your hands dirty and learning some traditional Tuscan recipes in a cooking class, after which you are able to eat the delicious food you have prepared. In the afternoon, visit Pisa to view one of the most famous sights the whole world—the Leaning Tower. It sits in the Piazza dei Miracoli beside the grand Cathedral and Baptistery and is truly amazing when you see it for the first time.

Meals: Breakfast and Lunch

DAY 6 MONTECATINI – FREE DAY & HIGHLIGHT DINNER 🍷

A full free day for you to enjoy the surroundings of this ancient spa city. Perhaps you may want to take a funicular ride to Montecatini Alto, the original site of the town, and have a leisurely lunch at a local café. This evening travel to nearby Montecarlo where you'll visit a local farm that specializes in the production of wine and olive oil and then enjoy a delicious Highlight Dinner of local specialties.

Meals: Breakfast and Gutsy Encounter Dinner

DAY 7 MONTECATINI – MODENA

After breakfast, depart for Modena, "the capital of engines" and the "home of Balsamic Vinegar." After a tour of the town, visit Villa San Donnino, where you will tour the villa to see how Modena's famed balsamic vinegar is produced. After the tour, you will enjoy a tasting featuring the vinegar, cheese and wine produced by the villa.

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner



DAY 8 MONTECATINI

This day is yours to spend as you most. As every woman is in need of a little pampering, perhaps a visit to the most celebrated of the city's spa facilities, the Terme Tettuccio, is in order. For centuries, Montecatini has been heralded as an exclusive health resort and spa, patronized by the crowned heads of 19th Century Europe and the modern jet set, and famed for its spring waters, thermal baths and treatments. Perhaps you'd enjoy indulging in one of the many therapies offered by the Terme, including cures, thermal baths, general massages, sub-water massages, respiratory treatments, and facials using the area's delicate mud. Alternatively, make your way on the train to Florence and spend more time visiting museums or shopping. Meet for dinner after your day of indulgence to celebrate your amazing stay in Montecatini.

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

DAY 9 MONTECATINI – ROME (2 NIGHTS)

After breakfast depart for Rome and make a stop at Orvieto, a hill-top town just north of Rome where you'll catch the funicular up to the old town and enjoy stunning views out over the countryside. Explore the city and dine at your leisure this night.

Meal: Breakfast

Hotel: Grand Beverly Hills

DAY 10 ROME 🗺️ 🧑

This morning, join a Local Guide and visit Vatican City, St Peter's Square, see Michelangelo's Pieta and the Sistine Chapel. Your afternoon is free—stroll along the Via del Corso and shop for Italian fashion and shoes, or mix with the locals enjoying the buzz around the Spanish Steps. Tonight, celebrate your fantastic trip at a Farewell Dinner.

Meals: Breakfast and Farewell Dinner

DAY 11 DEPART ROME ✈️

This morning after breakfast, bid farewell to Italy as you return home with wonderful and lasting memories. Airport transfers are available to Fiumicino, conditions apply.

Meal: Breakfast

🍷 Welcome Reception | 🧑 Local Guide | 🗺️ Highlight Meal/Farewell Dinner

