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Tuscany & the Italian Riviera

August 23 – 31, 2024



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SPECIAL TRAVEL PRESENTATION

Date: Monday, January 8, 2024 Time: 5:00 PM

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9 Days • 12 Meals: 7 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 4 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS... Turin, Langhe Wine Country, Barolo Winery, Italian Riviera, Cinque Terre, Lucca, Tuscan Estate, Florence, Greve in Chianti

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	NH Santo Stefano, Turin
Days 4, 5	NH - La Spezia, La Spezia
Days 6 – 8	Villa Casa Grande, Tuscany

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Day 1: Friday, August 23, 2024 Overnight Flight Experience the romance of travel among the elegant palazzos of regal Turin, the rolling hills of Tuscany and along the colorful coast of the Italian Riviera.

Day 2: Saturday, August 24, 2024 Turin, Italy - Tour Begins Welcome to Italy. You'll make your way to Turin, Italy's first capital in the 1800s. Settle in for a 2-night stay, admiring the alpine peaks towering in the distance. Tonight, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner featuring regional specialties. (D)

Day 3: Sunday, August 25, 2024 Turin Walk through Turin with an expert guide, uncovering a blend of French and Italian heritage. Wrap up the tour by trying a *bicerin* – a mix of espresso and chocolate – in one of the city's cafés, reminiscent of Parisian coffee spots. After getting acquainted with the city, the rest of the day is yours to further explore Turin on your own. This evening, consider an optional excursion to a historic palace after hours, where you will enjoy an *aperitif* with a local guide. (B)

Day 4: Monday, August 26, 2024 Turin - La Spezia Head to Italy's picturesque Riviera, weaving through the Langhe wine country (UNESCO) along the way. Stop at the hilltop village of La Morra on your way to a local winery, where you will enjoy a tour and tasting. After a light lunch continue to La Spezia, the large port city gateway to the Italian Riviera. Get a bite of the local cuisine during dinner at your hotel. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Tuesday, August 27, 2024 La Spezia - Cinque Terre - La Spezia Spend the day exploring the colorful cliff-side villages of Cinque Terre* with a local guide. Take in the picturesque, rugged coastline dotted with terraced vineyards as you travel by rail. Make your way through this seemingly inaccessible string of fishing villages, nestled between the mountains and the Mediterranean Sea. (B)

Day 6: Wednesday, August 28, 2024 La Spezia - Lucca - Figline, Tuscany Discover the medieval city of Lucca, encircled by 16th-century Renaissance walls. Wander with a local guide, delving into the city's Roman heritage and storied past. Enjoy some free time to explore the Piazza Napoleone and the rest of the city on your own. Continue on through the rolling hills of Tuscany for a 3-night stay** in the village of Figline. This evening, try your hand at the local culture with an interactive pasta-making demonstration by your hotel's on-site chef. (B, D)

Day 7: Thursday, August 29, 2024 Figline - Florence - Figline Explore Florence (UNESCO), the "Cradle of the Renaissance" during a locally guided walking tour of the city's iconic sites. View the *Ponte Vecchio* (Old Bridge), the only Florentine bridge to survive WWII. Admire the Gates of Paradise and the imposing Dome of the cathedral. Wander past Piazza della Signoria and the ornate facade of Santa Croce. Enjoy time to explore more on your own before returning to your hotel in the evening. (B)

Day 8: Friday, August 30, 2024 Figline Journey through Tuscany's low-lying hills and dense olive groves to an award-winning *frantoio* (olive mill), where olives are pressed each November.*** After learning about the many varieties of trees and oil-making methods, join a tasting of the different varietals of EVOO produced at the mill. Your exploration of the Chianti countryside continues in the village of Greve, surrounded by vineyard-carpeted hills. Cap off an unforgettable journey at a farewell dinner with your fellow travelers. (B, D)

Day 9: Saturday, August 31, 2024 Figline - Tour Ends Say *arrivederci* to Italy as your journey comes to a close. (B)



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Included in Price: Round Trip Air from Minneapolis St Paul Intl, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges, Hotel Transfers

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* All Rates are Per Person and are subject to change, based on air inclusive package from MSP

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† Refer to the reservation form to choose your upgrade option

IMPORTANT CONDITIONS: Your price is guaranteed once deposit is received by Collette. Your price is not subject to increase after the deposit is received, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees. Once deposited, you have 7 days to send us written consumer consent or withdraw consent and receive a full refund. **(See registration form for consent.)**

PLEASE NOTE:

Book Now rates valid until Feb 24, 2024, valid on air inclusive packages only.

IDENTIFICATION

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require that your passport be valid at least 6 months beyond the dates of your travel. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

IMPORTANT: We recommend that travelers take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

Effective for travel in May 2025, all visitors who do not need a visa to enter Europe will be expected to apply for an ETIAS visa waiver, for a fee, when visiting a Schengen Area Country. To identify Schengen Area Countries and to complete the ETIAS application, please visit <https://www.etiasvisa.com/>

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.

Most shops and businesses in Italy are closed on Sundays and on national/religious holidays.

When reserving single accommodations, be advised that single rooms in Italy are often smaller in size.

In order to fully experience the destination, some of our hotels on these programs are located in smaller towns or on country roads where access is limited to large coaches. In these cases, you will be dropped off as close as possible and there will be a short walk to access the hotel from the drop-off area.

Days of features are interchangeable.

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

Hotel check-in on your day of arrival is 3:00 p.m. Rooms may not be available prior to that time.

Most museums in Florence are closed on Mondays, including the Academy Gallery and the Uffizi, as are other state museums. Most state museums in Florence require reservations to access. We suggest you book a ticket online if you plan to visit the Academy or the Uffizi during your free time in Florence.

*Travel to Cinque Terre is by rail and ferryboat. The ferry boats operate approximately between March 25 and November 1, yearly. Travelers prone to seasickness should take proper precautions. If you travel to the Cinque Terre between November 2 and March 24, or in case of adverse weather conditions, the visit will be operated entirely by train. Trains are subject to delays and to public transportation strikes.

Experience It! Lucca

Fall in love with charming Lucca, an ancient city frozen in time. Surrounded by perfectly preserved Renaissance-era walls, Lucca is one of the most enchanting cities you will encounter in Italy. The amazingly intact 16th-century walls are uniquely lined with green grass and trees, the perfect spot for a stroll. Lucca's maze of medieval streets is sure to bring you back in time... most of them are pedestrian only. Among the many historic buildings, be on the lookout for a peak at Lucca's unique, tree-crowned Guinigi Tower. Be sure to spend some time exploring the popular Piazza Napoleone for a true taste of Italian culture.

For more information visit <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1229173>



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BOOKING NUMBER: 1229173
 DEPARTURE DATE: August 23, 2024

TOUR: Tuscany & the Italian Riviera
 GROUP NAME: The Travel & Cruise Center

Name of Passenger:

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TRAVEL DATE: 8/23/2024 TERRITORY: M5
RES#: 1229173

Tuscany & the Italian Riviera

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A deposit of \$698 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the deposit due date of February 17, 2024 are based upon availability. Final payment due by June 24, 2024. Deposits are refundable up until February 24, 2024.

YOUR INFORMATION:

Clearly print your full name (first/middle/last) as it appears on your government issued travel documentation.

IMPORTANT: In order to avoid any unnecessary change fees, it is imperative that all guest names are entered correctly from the start. The information below must be the legal name and be 100% identical to the ID being used to travel <passport/driver's license> including middle names or suffixes <Jr, Sr>.

First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____ Suffix: _____

Nickname: _____ Gender: () Male () Female Date of Birth: month _____ day _____ year _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: () _____ Cell: () _____ Email Address: _____

Passport Number: _____ Expiration Date: (month/day/year) _____ Date of Issuance: (month/day/year) _____

City, State, Country of Issuance: _____ Citizenship: _____

Should you become ill or injured, whom should we contact (not traveling with you): _____ Phone: () _____

ROOMING WITH: Check if address is the same as Passenger #1

First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____ Suffix: _____

AIR GATEWAY: Departure airport for this tour: _____

Air Seat Request: () Aisle () Window () Next To Traveling Companion

Collette cannot guarantee your seat preference. If you have not purchased air through Collette and wish to purchase transfers, you must transfer at our pre-scheduled times. Please be advised, when travelling as part of a group, many airlines do not provide seat assignments. Preferred seating may be available for an additional charge.

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Are you willing to separate from the group air schedule to accommodate your upgrade request? () Yes () No

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TRAVEL PROTECTION: () Yes, I wish to purchase travel protection \$449 () No, I decline

If you choose not to purchase Collette's Waiver Insurance Plan, you will incur penalties for changes and cancellations. Travel Protection Payment is due with first deposit. The Waiver Fee does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's traveling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. The single supplement will be deducted from the refund of the person who cancels. (There is coverage under Part B which includes a single supplement benefit of \$1,500 for certain covered reasons. See Part B for details.)

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