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# Treasures of Italy

September 18 – 27, 2025



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**10 Days • 14 Meals:** 8 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 4 Dinners

Tasting, Italian Riviera, Cinque Terre, Tuscan Countryside, Italian Cooking Class, San Gimignano, Florence

#### ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	Zacchera Hotels, Stresa
Days 4, 5	Excelsior Palace, Rapallo
Days 6 – 9	Grand Hotel Croce di Malta, Montecatini Terme

**Day 1: Thursday, September 18, 2025 Overnight Flight**  
Travel along breathtaking landscapes and venture into metropolitan meccas ripe with culture and history. Discover Italy on an unforgettable journey that delves into its most cherished treasures.

**Day 2: Friday, September 19, 2025 Stresa, Italy - Tour Begins**

Begin on the arresting shores of Lake Maggiore, surrounded by the peaceful beauty of the Alpine lakes region. This evening, cruise to Isola dei Pescatori,\* the most picturesque of the Borromean Islands, where you'll engage with new friends at a dinner welcoming you to Italy. (D)

**Day 3: Saturday, September 20, 2025 Stresa**

This morning, enjoy your breathtaking surroundings during a cruise to Isola Bella, known as the "beautiful island." Here an expert will guide you into the Borromeo Palace, a lakeside Baroque beauty adorned with an exotic garden. Enjoy the rest of your day at leisure. Today breakfast will be included. (B)

**Day 4: Sunday, September 21, 2025 Stresa - Italian Riviera**

Journey to the Italian Riviera and discover its immeasurable grandeur along the Liguria coast. For lunch, savor flavors of the Italian Riviera at a local restaurant renowned for its cheese-filled focaccia and homemade walnut sauce. After lunch, head to your Riviera Hotel for a two-night stay. Today breakfast, lunch and dinner will be included. (B, L, D)

**Day 5: Monday, September 22, 2025 Italian Riviera**

Get your camera ready for fantastic photo opportunities. Today, it's your choice! Board a boat to glamorous Portofino, one of the most famous spots on the Riviera, arriving in the harbor dotted with fishing boats and yachts set against a backdrop of pastel-colored buildings -OR- take the train to the Cinque Terre and spend the day independently exploring its rugged coastline dotted with terraced vineyards. Whichever way you go, soak in the scenery there and back, glimpsing the Riviera's remote villages and stunning coastline along the way. Today breakfast will be included. (B)

**Day 6: Tuesday, September 23, 2025 Italian Riviera - Montecatini Terme**

Today, head through Tuscany, with its landscape of vineyards and olive groves. Make your way to a Tuscan winery and learn about the art of winemaking as you taste local varieties. Continue on through the rolling hills of Tuscany, ending the day in Montecatini Terme for a 4-night stay. Today breakfast and lunch will be included. (B, L)

**Day 7: Wednesday, September 24, 2025 Montecatini Terme - Florence - Montecatini Terme**

Welcome to Florence – the birthplace of the Renaissance and the beloved home of the Medici family, Galileo, Botticelli and da Vinci. Set out on a walking tour of Florence's treasures and monuments, highlighting the Piazza del Duomo and the famous Gates of Paradise on the Baptistery. You'll also wander past the Palazzo Vecchio, the Signoria and Santa Croce squares. Enjoy time exploring Florence independently before returning to your hotel. Today breakfast will be included. (B)



## Per Person Rates\*:

**Double \$5,899; Single \$6,399**

**Included in Price:** Round Trip Air from Lexington or Cincinnati, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges, Hotel Transfers

**Not included in price:** Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$549 per person

\* All Rates are Per Person and are subject to change, based on air inclusive package from Lexington or Cincinnati

\*\*Rates are based on a minimum of 38 travelers in your group

**IMPORTANT CONDITIONS:** Your price is subject to increase prior to the time you make full payment. Your price is not subject to increase after you make full payment, 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.)

### **Day 8: Thursday, September 25, 2025 Montecatini Terme – Tuscan Cooking Class - Montecatini Terme**

This morning, enjoy some time at leisure in Montecatini Terme. Later this evening, 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. Today breakfast and dinner will be included. (B, D)

### **Day 9: Friday 26, 2025, Montecatini Terme – Lucca - Montecatini Terme**

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 and discover the piazza built on top of a Roman amphitheater. Head back to Montecatini Terme and enjoy the afternoon at leisure, before joining your travel companions for a farewell dinner. Today breakfast and dinner will be included. (B, D)

### **Day 10: Saturday 27, 2025 Montecatini Terme-Florence**

Your journey through Tuscany comes to a close today. Today breakfast will be included (B)

*"The sculpture is already complete within the marble block, before I start my work. It is already there, I just have to chisel away the superfluous material."*

- Michelangelo

## PLEASE NOTE:

### 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](http://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/>*

**The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3.** This means you're an on-the-go traveler. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal. A moderately paced two-and-a-half-hour walking tour, covering several miles, hills, and uneven surfaces, is no problem for you. Walking four miles over the course of a day is very doable, as is climbing into and out of various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.). You can climb three flights of stairs easily and handle altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 feet. Expect some longer days with early mornings or late nights balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. This level is not a fit for travelers who require mobility assistance devices.

For the Cinque Terre excursion, agility is required to board trains by having the ability to climb 3 one-foot-tall steps and hold on to railings. Agility is also required for boarding local ferry boats, when available.

Some of the most unique sightseeing can mean accessing locations that restrict motor coaches, especially in historic areas such as the Cinque Terre villages, Lucca, and Florence. This requires a minimum of 2.5 miles of walking over flat but cobblestoned streets with narrow sidewalks. For your comfort, we recommend bringing comfortable walking shoes.

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention. 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.

You should expect large crowds in Cinque Terre, Portofino, Lucca, and Florence. Most shops and businesses in Italy are closed on Sundays and on national/religious holidays.

Days of features are interchangeable.

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.

\*In the event of adverse weather conditions, the dinner at Isola dei Pescatori may be held at your hotel instead.

\*\*The boat rides to Portofino and Isola di San Giulio operate on a weather permitting basis. When the weather is uncooperative, you will still visit Portofino, but you will travel there by public transport bus service.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis. Single rate subject to change based on availability. When reserving single accommodations, be advised that single rooms in Italy are often smaller in size.



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

Smaller buses, which may not be lavatory equipped, may be used on this program. In this case, frequent stops are made during travel periods.

**Our air guests will arrive into Milan airport and depart from Florence airport.**

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.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

**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 January 18, 2025 are based upon availability. Final payment due by June 20, 2025. Deposits are refundable up until January 18, 2025.**

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