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with Optional 3-Night Rome Pre Tour Extension

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July 5 – 13, 2023



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Visit the timeless cradle of the Renaissance to a fabled region in Italy, where landscapes of rolling hills are dotted with tiled roofed villages, half millennium old farmhouses, and walled medieval towns. The rhythms of life continue to revolve around harvesting olive groves and vineyards planted by Etruscans some 3,000 years ago around the artistic heritage by Dante, Michelangelo, and da Vinci.

We invite you to join us on this tour to experience the treasures of the Tuscan cities of art and the essence of the rich countryside. See Michelangelo's famous statue, *David*; visit the Gothic Line, one of the Germans' last lines of defense during WWII, and retrace the steps of ancient pilgrims as they crossed the Devils' Bridge in the Serchio Valley. This excellent travel value includes all accommodations, 7 breakfasts, and 3 dinners. Other highlights include a winery tour, the Leaning Tower of Pisa, a cooking class and visiting a cheese farm.

Experience a truly unique journey and itinerary. I encourage you to reserve now to make sure there is space available for you.

Arrivederci!

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9 Days ● 10 Meals: 7 Breakfasts, 3 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS... Montecatini Terme, Lucca, Gothic Line, Winery Tour, Florence, Choice on Tour, Pisa, Cooking Class, Cheese Farm, San Gimignano

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1 Overnight Flight
Days 2 – 8 Grand Hotel Francina and Quirinale, Montecatini Terme
On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Day 1: Wednesday, July 5, 2023 Overnight Flight Rolling landscapes, savory wines, delicious 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: Thursday, July 6, 2023 Montecatini Terme, Italy - Tour Begins Your tour opens in the famous spa resort town of Montecatini Terme, nestled in the heart of the rolling hills of Tuscany. This evening, get to know your fellow travelers during a welcome dinner where regional foods and Italian wines kick off your adventure. (D)

Day 3: Friday, July 7, 2023 Lucca - Borgo a Mozzano - Gothic Line Enjoy a guided tour of Lucca, Tuscany's best-kept secret. Discover Renaissance walls, Romanesque churches, and medieval streets flanked by towers. Explore on your own before setting off for Borgo a Mozzano. See 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. Make your way to a Tuscan winery and learn about the art of winemaking as you taste local varieties. (B)

Day 4: Saturday, July 8, 2023 Florence A cultural tour in Florence showcases the beautiful "Cradle of the Renaissance." Start with a visit to the Academy Gallery* to see Michelangelo's sculpture of *David*. Join a local Florentine guide on foot and make your way through the city. At the Piazza del Duomo, see the impressive Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore and the gilded bronze doors of the Baptistery dedicated to St. John. Take the remainder of your time in Florence to explore this unparalleled city as you choose. (B)

Day 5: Sunday, July 9, 2023 Montecatini Terme Today, it's your choice! Learn more about Montecatini's history during a guided walking tour and visit to the historic Tettuccio Spa,** known for the health benefits in its mineral waters -OR- journey to Siena and embark on a walking tour through its narrow Gothic streets, getting to know the local lifestyle in a *contrada* (neighborhood) whose community is centered around the colorful *Palio* horse race. (B)

Day 6: Monday, July 10, 2023 Pisa Explore historic sites in the ancient maritime Republic of Pisa, including the *Piazza dei Miracoli*, or "Field of Miracles" (UNESCO). Keep your camera handy at the famous Leaning Tower of Pisa. Visit the Baptistery, the largest in Italy. 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: Tuesday, July 11, 2023 Montecatini Terme The day is yours to relax and experience the local flavor. Take this opportunity to shop at the local boutiques and dine at one of the many fine local restaurants. Or, perhaps you will choose an optional excursion to Cinque Terre with its rugged coastline dotted with terraced vineyards; explore this string of fishing villages nestled between the mountains and the Mediterranean. (B)



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Day 8: Wednesday, July 12, 2023 Cheese Farm Visit - San Gimignano

At a nearby cheese farm, learn how the famous *pecorino* cheese is made before sampling it for yourself. Soak in breathtaking views as you travel to the hilltop village of San Gimignano, one of Tuscany's most picturesque places. Explore this enchanting medieval town, from its famous 14 towers to its magnificent vistas overlooking vineyards. Enjoy free time and perhaps indulge in some gelato. Later, attend a Tuscan feast of traditional cuisine and wines set in the countryside. (B, D)

Day 9: Thursday, July 13, 2023 Montecatini Terme - Tour Ends

Your journey comes to a close today. Depart with many fond memories of Tuscany. (B)

PLEASE NOTE:

Book Now rates valid until Jan 06, 2023, valid on air inclusive packages only.
IDENTIFICATION

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require a minimum of 6 months passport validity from date of return home. 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 our clients traveling abroad 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 after November 2023, all visitors who do not need a visa to enter Europe will be expected to apply for an ETIAS travel authorization, 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/>

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various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, Zodiac, etc.), and could possibly anticipate changes in elevation. You can expect some longer days balanced with free-time to recharge or set out on your own adventure.

Some of the most unique sightseeing can mean accessing locations that restrict motor coaches, especially in historic areas such as Lucca, Siena, San Gimignano and Florence, which requires minimum 2.5 miles of walking over flat but cobblestoned

Days of features are interchangeable.

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.

*The Academy Gallery is closed Mondays, as are other state museums. Additionally, the day and time of the visit to the Academy is subject to change based on availability of reservations. In either case, the itinerary will be rearranged to accommodate it.

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.

**The interior of Tettuccio Spa is closed to visits during the months of November and December.

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 (1-2 hours) isn't a big deal. You can navigate hills and uneven ground, climb into streets with narrow sidewalks. For your comfort, we recommend bringing walking shoes. If you require a walker or wheelchair, or have difficulty walking, you may not be able to access some of these areas and may want to consider an alternate program with us. Our Client Care Agents can provide additional information or assistance to help you determine the perfect trip for you.

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.

Air passengers will arrive and depart from Florence or Pisa airports.

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 December 30, 2022 are based upon availability. Final payment due by May 06, 2023. Deposits are refundable up until January 06, 2023.

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You can also find this information on your tour documents.



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CREDIT CARD AUTHORIZATION FORM

BOOKING NUMBER: 1129938
DEPARTURE DATE: July 5, 2023

TOUR: Explore Tuscany
GROUP NAME: LSU Alumni Association

Name of Passenger:

Salutation: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____ Last Name: _____ Suffix: _____
(Mr., Mrs., Rev.) (Please print as it appears on Passport) (Jr., Sr.)

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(Please print as it appears on your Credit Card)

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Available Options

Personalize your tour by adding an optional activity below. Our recommended options have been carefully chosen to help enhance your individual experience. Complete the provided Prepaid Options Form to reserve your options.

Availability is limited and reservations are on a first come, first serve basis. Payment must be received no later than 15 days prior to departure. Prices are subject to change.

Children under the age of 18 **MUST** be accompanied by an adult.

Cinque Terre

Day Trip to Cinque Terre

\$140 USD

Spend a glorious day exploring the unique Cinque Terre. You'll discover a magical land nestled between the mountains and the Mediterranean that is nearly inaccessible. Travel by rail and boat,* past terraced vineyards and stunning panoramas on your way to a string of colorful fishing villages that sit along the area's breathtaking, rugged coastline. Savor the charms of this special place with a local guide who will help you explore some of the delightful towns of the area. Hear tales of the region's past and present as you come to know why the Cinque Terre National Park has been named a UNESCO World Heritage site. This is the perfect way to spend your day – feeling like you have stepped into a postcard. Your day comes to a close tasting the flavors of the area at a local shop as you sip wine made in the region and try some local treats. *Boat trip is seasonal. When a boat is not available, travel will be by rail only. *Duration: Approximately 8 hours.* Please note a minimum of 10 passengers is required. Transportation is included.

PASSENGERS NAME: (Please submit a separate form for each passenger)

Salutation: _____ First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____ Suffix: _____ Nickname: _____
(Mr., Mrs., Rev.) (Please print **EXACTLY** as it appears on Passport) (Jr., Sr.)

✓	Option	Price Per Person (USD)
	Day Trip to Cinque Terre <i>*Boat trip is seasonal. When a boat is not available, travel will be by rail only.</i>	140.00

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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.

Please reserve an upgrade to Elite Airfare for an additional rate of: ☐ Business Class \$3,590

Service is limited and not available on all flights or carriers. Other restrictions may apply. Please note: if you purchase an upgrade we cannot guarantee the same flight schedule as the group. If Business class service has been purchased, it is for the international portion of the journey only.

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

"Federal law forbids carriage of hazardous materials such as aerosols, fireworks, lithium batteries & flammable liquids aboard the aircraft in your checked or carry-on baggage. A violation can result in 5 years' imprisonment and penalties of \$250,000 or more. Details on prohibited items may be found on TSA's "prohibited items" web page: <http://www.tsa.gov/traveler-information/prohibited-items>."

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 \$1,000 for certain covered reasons. See Part B for details.)

EXTENSION: I wish to purchase "2-Night Gourmet Bologna" () Yes () No; "3-Night Rome" () Yes () No

ON TOUR ACTIVITIES: Please choose one of the following on tour activities

Please Choose One:

() Montecatini Walking Tour

() Siena Walking Tour

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Collette () Check () Credit Card

Waiver/Insurance Amount: \$ _____ Deposit Amount: \$ _____ Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

Cardholder Name (if paying by Credit Card): _____

Cardholder Billing Address: ☐ Check if address is the same as above _____

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I agree to pay according to the card issuer agreement. I understand and accept the cancellation policy, terms and conditions. See <http://www.gocollette.com/about-collette/terms-and-conditions> for full terms and conditions of your purchase.

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4 Meals: 3 Breakfasts, 1 Dinner

Day 1: Overnight Flight

You are on your way to the eternal city of Rome.

Day 2: Rome, Italy - Tour Begins

Get settled into Rome for your 3-night stay. Take time to get acquainted with the area on your own. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner featuring regional delicacies. *Today dinner will be included.*

Day 3: Rome - Optional Excursion

Start your morning with a ride on *La Metro* – Rome's underground system. First stop – a locally guided tour of Classical Rome. During an in-depth visit to the Colosseum, your guide recounts its rich history. Then wander along the Roman Forum and the Via Sacra, traversed by the likes of Julius Caesar and Marc Anthony. The remainder of the day is yours. Perhaps you will join an optional dinner in a popular restaurant, where you'll indulge in a hearty meal accompanied by wine and local entertainment. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 4: Rome - Optional Excursion

Make the most of a free day in Italy's capital city. Perhaps you will join an optional tour* in the morning to the Vatican Museums and St. Peter's Basilica, taking in world-renowned wonders such as the Sistine Chapel and Michelangelo's mural of the Last Judgment. In the afternoon, consider strolling through the Borghese Gardens for views of the city's skyline or meander through Rome's bohemian *Trastevere* district. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 5: Rome - Montecatini Terme

Your Roman sojourn comes to a close today. Say *Arrivederci Roma* as you transfer to Montecatini Terme to begin your tour of Tuscany. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Please Note:

*The optional tour to the Vatican Museums may operate on a different day on select departures due to availability of reservations and closure on Sundays and holidays.

The space on this extension is limited and will be available on a first come, first served basis. Applicable charges may apply at time of request.

Fully-guided extensions are a great way to explore a new destination. Enjoy sightseeing and local experiences led by a Tour Manager or local expert.

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

**The transfer to Montecatini will be by driver-only. The transfer is 200 miles (325 kms) and will take approximately 4 hours depending on traffic. A restroom stop at a rest area along the highway will be made mid-journey. Your Tour Manager will meet you upon arrival in Montecatini.

We reserve the right to cancel this extension if a minimum of 4 passengers is not met to operate.

The overall activity level of this extension is a level 3. This means walking and standing for longer periods of time (1-2 hours) isn't a big deal for you. You can navigate hills and uneven ground, climb into various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, Zodiac, etc.), and could possibly anticipate changes in elevation. You can expect some longer days balanced with free-time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. During your included city tour of Classical Rome, you will use the underground transportation system where seating cannot be guaranteed so you should be able to stand in a moving carriage where handrails are available for support. You must be able to climb a flight of stairs to enter the subway station.

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4 Meals: 2 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches

Day 9: Montecatini Terme - Food Valley Tour and Tastings - Bologna

This morning, traverse the Apennine Mountains and cross from Tuscany into the Emilia region, Italy's foodie haven. Visit a local farm producing *Parmigiano-Reggiano* cheese according to traditional codes dating back to the 1300s. Then pause for a light lunch at a nearby villa where the family still ages their Balsamic Vinegar production in the attic, as countless generations have done before them. Your exploration of Emilia's Food Valley concludes with a demonstration – and tasting – of authentic *gelato*, before arriving in Bologna, your home for the next 2 nights. *Today lunch will be included.*

Day 10: Bologna - Walking Tour - Food Tour

Spend the morning exploring Bologna in company of an expert guide. During your walking tour, discover the origin of Bologna's several nicknames – *la dotta* (the learned) and *la rossa* (the red, from the colors of its bricks) and *la grassa* (the fat). Perhaps the latter nickname is the most fitting. Food is a true passion here, as Bologna is the birthplace of some of Italy's most iconic foods: *tortellini*, *mortadella* - the progenitor of baloney - and *Bolognese* sauce. Visit the ancient seat of the University – the oldest continuously operating in the western world – before browsing Bologna's specialty food shops. Then, sample local delicacies such as Parma ham and lasagna during lunch at a local eatery. Spend the afternoon at leisure in this lively town. Indulge in some people-watching at a café in Piazza Maggiore, the expansive plaza at the heart of the city's social life, or search for Bologna's very own leaning towers: the *Garisenda* and *Asinelli*. Whatever your interest, Bologna guarantees the perfect stroll as it boasts over 23 miles of covered sidewalks lined by colonnades offering protection from rain and heat. *Today breakfast and lunch will be included.*

Day 11: Bologna - Extension Ends

Bid *arrivederci* to Bologna as your Italian sojourn comes to a close today. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Please Note:

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During this extension, you can expect to have a **hosted** experience or two, with a local representative revealing more of what this destination has to offer. Enjoy a mix of independent exploration and guided sightseeing and experiences.

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