

Little Elm Senior Center *presents...*

# Explore Tuscany

Departing March 7 – 15, 2020



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**\$100**  
Per Person

## Highlights...

Montecatini Terme • Florence • Lucca • Gothic Line •  
Pisa • Cooking Class • Siena • Choice on Tour •  
Winery Tour • Cheese Farm • San Gimignano

**9 Days • 10 Meals: 7 Breakfasts • 3 Dinners**

## SPECIAL TRAVEL PRESENTATION

**TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2019 AT 11:30 AM**

Little Elm Senior Center • 301 Main St. Little Elm, TX 75068

**Please RSVP (972) 731-1464**

**BOOK NOW: Double \$2,949; Single \$3,249; Triple \$2,919**

Regular rates: Double \$3,049; Single \$3,349; Triple \$3,019

*\* All Rates are Per Person and are subject to change*

**Included in Price:** Round Trip Air from Dallas Ft Worth Intl, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges, Hotel Transfers

**Not included in price:** Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$315 per person

**Upgrade your in-flight experience with Elite Airfare**

Additional rate of: Business Class \$4,990 † Refer to the reservation form to choose your upgrade option

**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 1: Overnight Flight

Rolling landscapes, savory wines, delicious food and stunning architecture...this can only be Tuscany. Unpack once on this journey among Italy's most charming towns.

### Day 2: 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. *Today dinner will be included.*

### Day 3: Florence

A cultural tour in the "Cradle of the Italian Renaissance" showcases the beautiful city of Florence. Join a local Florentine guide who highlights many of the city's priceless treasures including a visit to the Academy Gallery\* – housing Michelangelo's

monumental statue of *David*. At the Piazza del Duomo, the center of religious life in medieval Florence, 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 day to explore this unparalleled city as you choose. En route to the hotel, visit a family-owned leather shop and learn the traditional Italian techniques of leather making. *Today breakfast will be included.*

### Day 4: Lucca - Borgo a Mozzano - Gothic Line

Set out on a guided visit to Lucca, Tuscany's best-kept secret. Renaissance walls, Romanesque churches, medieval streets flanked by towers, and delightful squares are just some of Lucca's charms. Visit the medieval Basilica di San Frediano. Its otherwise simple façade is adorned with a colorful 13th-century mosaic. Enjoy some time to explore at your own pace. Then set off for Borgo a Mozzano to see the remarkable Ponte

del Diavolo (Devil's Bridge). Continue on to the Gothic Line. Built by the Germans, it was one of their last lines of defense during WWII. We will visit the Museum of Liberation and see the actual fortifications and bunkers. *Today breakfast will be included.*

#### Day 5: Pisa

Explore the many historic sites in the ancient maritime Republic of Pisa including the Piazza dei Miracoli, or "Field of Miracles" (UNESCO). Keep your camera handy during our stop at the famous Leaning Tower of Pisa. You probably won't be able to resist taking a picture that makes it appear as if you are holding this iconic structure up. Visit the Baptistery, the largest in all of Italy. This impressive building of Romanesque and Gothic architecture is known for its perfect acoustics. This evening we travel to the quiet countryside to learn the secrets of traditional Tuscan cuisine. Partake in a cooking class featuring a bounty of local ingredients and culinary techniques that have been passed down for generations. Then sit down and enjoy the fruits of your labor during dinner. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

#### Day 6: Siena

Welcome to Siena. Discover this charming town with a local guide. Embark on a walking tour through its narrow Gothic streets. Take in stunning palaces, mansions and the historic Piazza del Campo along the way. Then, **it's your choice!** Explore Siena's beautiful Gothic cathedral at your own pace **-OR-** join your guide to get to know local life in a contrada (neighborhood). Next we make our way to a Tuscan winery and meet the people behind some of Chianti's finest wines. Learn

from experts as you savor a selection of the local varieties. You'll also learn about the art of winemaking and the process of making olive oil. *Today breakfast will be included.*

#### Day 7: 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 its string of fishing villages nestled between the mountains and the Mediterranean. *Today breakfast will be included.*

#### Day 8: San Gimignano - Cheese Farm Visit

Begin the day traveling to the hilltop village of San Gimignano, one of the most picturesque places in Tuscany. Explore this enchanting medieval town, from its famous 14 towers to its magnificent vistas overlooking the vineyards of Tuscany. Enjoy free time and perhaps indulge in some gelato. Later, enjoy breathtaking views of the Tuscan hills as we make our way to a cheese farm. Learn how the famous pecorino cheese is made before sampling it for yourself. A delightful experience awaits this evening when you attend a Tuscan feast featuring traditional cuisine and savory wines in the magical Tuscan countryside. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

#### Day 9: Montecatini Terme - Tour Ends

Your journey comes to a close today. Depart with many fond memories of Tuscany. *Today breakfast will be included.*

### Experience It \_\_\_\_\_ Gothic Line

In the waning days of World War II (and after the fall of Rome), German forces made preparations to defend northern Italy. Along the Apennine Mountains, they created a formidable line of defense in an effort to hold back Allied forces. The site of some of the hardest fighting of the Italian campaign, the battles along the Gothic Line helped tie down two German armies. Join us and see the array of bunkers and fortifications along the line and visit the Museum of Liberation. Learn of the heroic deed of Allied forces and Italian partisans. Come away with a new appreciation for those who gave so much in the name of freedom.

#### YOUR ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Day 2 - 8	Hotel Ercolini and Savi, Montecatini

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

**"Single Hotel Stay"**: tours feature every night at the same hotel, so you only unpack once! Accommodations are carefully chosen, allowing you the flexibility to access and explore nearby cities and attractions.

#### Please Note:

Book Now rates valid until Sep 09, 2019, valid on air inclusive packages only. Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates. 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. 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 Academy Gallery is closed Mondays, as are other state museums. If the Academy Gallery is closed the itinerary will be rearranged to accommodate it. 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. 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](http://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. To truly experience the program and destination, you need to be able to participate in physical activities such as longer walking tours, walking over uneven terrain, climbing stairs and periods of standing. Some of the touring days may be longer, with select included activities occurring later in the evening. Some of the most unique sightseeing can mean accessing locations that restrict motorcoaches, especially in historic areas. For your comfort, we recommend bringing walking shoes. CST#2006766-20 UBN#601220855 Nevada Sellers of Travel Registration No. 2003-0279

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