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Durgan Travel Service *presents...* **THE CHIANTI REGION**

OF ITALY

**with visits to Cinque Terre, Castello Banfi, Lucca,
Florence and Carrara**

9 Days/7 Nights

DEPARTURES:

April, May & October

\$TBA for payment by credit card

\$TBA discount rate for payment by cash or check

**Deduct \$TBA per person for March Departures,
and \$TBA for November Departures!**



All rates are per person, twin occupancy,
and INCLUDE \$TBA in air taxes, fees,
and fuel surcharges (*subject to change*).

Join Durgan Travel Service on a wonderful 9-day/7-night tour to the beautiful Chianti Region of Italy, famed for its beauty and its wine. We will enjoy a 7-night stay in the a 1st-class hotel in Viareggio which includes an extensive daily sightseeing program with breakfast and dinner every day, plus three lunches! The area's mild climate permits visits to these places all year long and our itinerary features short daily excursions throughout the magnificent countryside and along the beautiful coastal region.

OUR 9-DAY/7-NIGHT CHIANTI REGION ITINERARY

DAY 1 – BOSTON~ROME~FLORENCE: Depart Boston's Logan International Airport aboard our transatlantic Alitalia flight to Florence (*via Rome*) with full meal and beverage service, as well as stereo headsets, available while in flight.

DAY 2 – FLORENCE~VIAREGGIO: Arrive at the airport in Florence where we will be met by our professional Tour Escort who will assist with our transfer. Board our private motorcoach for the drive to Viareggio and check-in at our 1st-class hotel. The remainder of the afternoon is at leisure. Dinner and overnight at our hotel. (D)

DAY 3 – CHIANTI: This morning, we will experience the Tuscan countryside! Visit the Badia, a Coltibuono winery, which is situated on 12-acres in the Monti in Chianti. See how they make use of highly advanced vinification technologies selected with the objective of producing wines of high quality in the simplest but most efficient way possible. Enjoy lunch, with wine, served at the winery restaurant. After lunch, we will enjoy a tour and wine tasting at the Castello di Brolio Winery, one of the oldest wine producers in the world, situated in the heart of the Chianti Classico region of Italy. Chianti wine, like other Tuscan wines, has been produced since Etruscan times. Chianti wine experienced a major decline at the end of the 18th century, but enjoyed a resurgence due largely to the effort of Bettino Ricasoli. The Brolio Vintage 1841 became the standard for today's best Chianti and the "Brolio Ricasoli" label is one of the most prestigious. Return to Viareggio for dinner and overnight. (BB, L, D)

DAY 4 – CINQUE TERRE: Excursion to Cinque Terre where we will first visit Manarola and its vineyards. Then, we will depart by ferry to Vernazza and Monterosso. Lunch and wine tasting in Monterosso. In the afternoon, again aboard the ferry, we will "cruise" to Portovenere for a visit. Then back to Viareggio for dinner and overnight at our hotel. (BB, L, D)

DAY 5 – CASTELLO BANFI: Tuscany is renowned for its food and wine. Spend a day enjoying the fruits of the vine and aromatic pasta! This morning, tour the Castello Banfi winery in Montalcino, where we will learn about the Mariani family, proprietors of Castello Banfi, and their award-winning Super Tuscan and Brunello wines. Enjoy a wine tasting and visit to their Balsameria. Then, it's on to a 3-course lunch of *chinghamale* with wine at Taverna Banfi in the Castle Poggio alle Mura. After lunch, there will be time to shop at their *enoteca* with a visit to the glass museum. If time allows, there will be a stop at the 14th century fortified hilltop town of Montalcino, for a little sightseeing and shopping. Return to Viareggio for dinner and overnight at our hotel. (BB, L, D)

DAY 6 – LUCCA: After breakfast, we will take the half-hour ride to Lucca, home of the great composer, Giacomo Puccini, and one of the wealthiest towns in Tuscany. We will enjoy a nice tour and then have some leisure time in this graceful city. While being an enjoyable, tourist-friendly city, Lucca is remarkably relaxing and quiet, due to an usually high number of residents who ride bicycles instead of driving cars. People know Lucca because of its countless churches, Medieval buildings, Anfiteatro Square and, above all, for the ancient atmosphere we will feel walking along the narrow streets inside the city walls. This is the land where Colline Lucchesi and Montecarlo wines are produced. Return to Viareggio in the late afternoon. Dinner and overnight at our hotel. (BB, D)

DAY 7 – FLORENCE: After breakfast depart for Florence, where we will visit the Academia- home to some of Michelangelo's masterpieces including the statue of David and Michelangelo's unfinished Pietas. Lunch is on our own. The rest of the day will be at leisure to afford time for shopping, strolling the Piazza Signoria Piazza del Duomo where architectural wonders and gleaming marble of the Cathedral, Brunelleschi's Dome, and Giotto's Bell Tower, the famed ancient bridge Ponte Vecchio, and its worl's finest jewelry and leather shops may be visited, admired, and enjoyed. We will have dinner at a local restaurant where we will also enjoy wine and festive entertainment before returning to Viareggio and our hotel for the balance of the evening. (BB, D)

DAY 8 – CARRARA: After breakfast, we are off on a trip to Carrara, the “Marble Capital of Italy” where marble has been quarried and traded since Roman times. We will actually experience how marble is quarried on our visit to the famous Fantascitti Quarry. The afternoon is at our leisure to explore on our own, do some shopping-and-browsing, or just relax. Dinner and overnight at our hotel. (BB, D)

DAY 9 – VIAREGGIO~FLORENCE~ROME~BOSTON: Breakfast and hotel check-out. Transfer to the Florence Airport where we will board our return flight to Boston (*via Rome*), with full meal and beverage service, as well as stereo headsets, available while in flight. (BB)

OUR 9-DAY/7-NIGHT CHIANTI REGION TOUR INCLUDES:

- Round trip motorcoach transportation to and from Boston’s International Logan Airport. FREE with a minimum of 35 paying passengers. Additional charge with fewer than 35.
- Round trip regularly scheduled flights Boston-Intermediate stop-Florence and return, with full meal and beverage service, as well as stereo headsets, available while in-flight.
- Special meet-and-greet service and assistance at Logan Airport by a Durgan Travel Service Representative.
- Porterage of luggage at the hotel.
- All transfers and sightseeing aboard a private, temperature-controlled, deluxe touring motorcoach.
- 7-nights accommodations at a 1st-class hotel in Viareggio, based on twin occupancy. The single supplement is an additional \$TBA per single. *ONLY 4 singles per tour.* Triples are available at the twin rate.
- Substantial buffet breakfast (BB) each morning, three lunches (L), and dinner (D) each evening.
- Full services of a professional Tour Escort who will accompany our group throughout the tour.
- Expert English-speaking tour guides where required.
- Comprehensive sightseeing package as described in the itinerary, including entrance fees where applicable.
- All room and meal taxes, and gratuities to bell men.
- Complimentary Durgan Travel Service flight bag and complete packet of required travel documents.

A \$TBA DEPOSIT IS DUE UPON RECEIPT OF FLYER. THE BALANCE IS DUE 75 DAYS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE.

TRAVEL PROTECTION INSURANCE: All persons traveling with Durgan Travel Service are automatically enrolled in Travel Protection Insurance through Trip Mate (1-800-888-7292) if they checked off the “YES” box on the Reservation Form. Please *ONLY* call Trip Mate if you have questions about your insurance or your eligibility. The plan covers trip cancellation or pre- or post-trip interruption, and tour operator/cruise line/airline bankruptcy up to the cost of the trip and travel delay up to \$750 (*max. \$150 per day*). Emergency evacuation is covered up to \$50,000. Accident or Sickness Medical Expense is covered up to \$25,000. Lost or stolen baggage/personal effects are covered up to \$2500. Baggage delay (24-hours or more) up to \$250 reimbursement, and death or dismemberment benefit \$25,000 max.. This plan is underwritten by: The United States Fire Insurance Company. This policy is administered by: Trip Mate, Inc. (In CA, dba Trip Mate Insurance Agency), 9225 Ward Parkway, Suite 200, Kansas City, MO 64114, 1-800-888-7292.

TRIP DEVIATIONS: Any request for tour deviation will be subject to availability at the time of booking. The *maximum* extension permitted is 10 - 14 days, depending on the airline. A deviation form, along with the surcharge fee of \$150, *should* be submitted at the time of initial payment, but will be accepted up to 120-days prior to departure. After processing, the request, any additional deviation expenses (car rental, train, hotel, etc.) must be paid, in full, to the Retail Department of **Durgan Travel Service at the time of reservation. Download form from www.durgantravel.com or contact Durgan Travel at Toll Free 1-800-234-9959 to request a deviation form.**

RESPONSIBILITY: Durgan Travel Service and their agents, in accepting bookings for this tour, clearly stipulate that they are not liable for faults or defaults of other companies and persons that may be used in the carrying-out of the tour services, also for accidents, baggage losses, delays, or cancellations, strikes, political unrest, riots, and acts of God and war, and changes in schedules. In the event it becomes necessary or advisable, for the comfort or well-being of the passengers, or for any reason whatsoever, to alter the itinerary or arrangements, such alterations may be made without penalty to the operator. Additional expenses, if any, shall be borne by the passengers. The right is reserved to withdraw the tour due to insufficient participation or for any reason whatsoever; also to decline to accept or to retain any person as members of the tour. The airlines and bus lines concerned are not to be held responsible for any acts, omissions, or events during the time the passengers are not onboard. The pass contract in use by the airlines or bus companies concerned constitutes the sole contract between the company and purchase of this tour and/or passengers. The issuance and acceptance of receipt tickets and/or tour membership coupons, along with making the initial deposit, shall be deemed to be consent to and acceptance of the foregoing terms and conditions.

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DEPARTURE DATES:

APRIL, MAY, AND OCTOBER AT \$TBA (CREDIT CARD)/\$TBA (CASH/CHECK)

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