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Durgan Travel Service *presents...*

10 Days/8 Nights

TUSCANY

FOOD, WINE, CULTURE

Featuring **Cinque Terre, Florence, Lucca, Pisa, Parma, Modena, Siena, San Gimignano, Castello Banfi, Montalcino, Montecatini**

DEPARTURES:

Early March & Nov. at \$TBA*

Late March & April at \$TBA*

Early May, Sept. & Oct. at \$TBA*

* Rates are for payment by credit card. See back for discounted cash and check rates. Rates are per person, twin occupancy, and INCLUDE \$TBA in air taxes, fees, and fuel surcharges (subject to change).

Join Durgan Travel Service for a fabulous 10-day, 8-night exploration of the food, wine, and culture of the Tuscany region of Italy. Our home away from home will be a first-class hotel located in the spa city of Montecatini. Our incredibly priced program will not only include round trip flights and 8 nights' first-class accommodations, but breakfast and lunch daily plus four dinners and daily sightseeing as illustrated below.

OUR 10-DAY/8-NIGHT TUSCANY FOOD, WINE, CULTURE TOUR ITINERARY:

DAY 1 – BOSTON~INTERMEDIATE CITY~ITALY: Depart Boston's Logan International Airport on our transatlantic flight to Italy (*via intermediate city*) with full meal and beverage service, as well as stereo headsets, available while in flight.

DAY 2 – ITALY~MONTECATINI: Upon arrival in Italy, we will be met by our tour host and transfer to our first-class hotel in Montecatini. We will enjoy an afternoon at leisure prior to our orientation meeting this evening, followed by dinner. Overnight. (D)

DAY 3 – FLORENCE: After breakfast, depart by private motorcoach with an English-speaking escort for Florence. On our tour, we will walk around the stirring sights of Florence including: Giotto's Bell Tower, Ghiberti's Gates of Paradise, and Brunelleschi's Dome. The tour ends in Signoria Square. We will enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. Afternoon at leisure to explore. Florence has some of the greatest museums in the world, including the Academia (home to Michelangelo's *David*), and the Uffizi Gallery. Check out the famed Ponte Vecchio or the Medici Palace. Return to Montecatini for dinner at our hotel. Overnight. (B, L, D)

DAY 4 – LUCCA~PISA: 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'll 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 unusually high number of residents who ride bicycles instead of driving cars. Lunch, which will include a wine tasting, will be at Fattoria il Poggio, located in Montecarlo "on the hill of Lucca." This afternoon, we are off to Pisa. Upon arrival, we will explore the Square of Miracles with the famous Leaning Tower and view Pisa's Duomo, Baptistery, and Camposanto Monumente. Late afternoon return to our hotel. Overnight. (B, L)

DAY 5 – PARMA~MODENA: After breakfast, we head out to Parma. Upon arrival, enjoy a guided tour of the Museum of Prosciutto di Parma, then we have lunch with a typical local selection: Prosciutto di Parma, Salami, Pancetta, Coppa di Parma, Salamino di Prosciutto, Ciciolata, Parmigiano Reggiano with balsamic vinegar, bread and dessert, plus a glass of wine. In the afternoon we will continue to Modena to visit the Aceitaia di Giorgio—the home of balsamic vinegar. Return to Montecatini for overnight. (B, L)

DAY 6 – SIENA~SAN GIMIGNANO: After breakfast, we will drive southwest through the heart of Italian wine country, over the rolling hills of Chianti to Siena, home of the *Palio*, the traditional horse race held in the City Square. Once in Siena, our escort will lead us to Piazza del Campo, through the narrow streets, past medieval towers and walls. One of the notable highlights of Siena is San Domenico, which holds relics of St. Catherine. Continue on to Castello Oliveto for a visit, wine tasting, and lunch in one of the most beautiful fortified villas in Tuscany. On the way back to Montecatini, we visit San Gimignano, often described as "The most famous small town in Italy." This charming medieval hilltop town is noted for its many towers and its breathtaking views of the Tuscan landscape. Return to Montecatini for overnight. (B, L)

DAY 7 – CINQUE TERRE: After breakfast, our motorcoach will take us to board the train for a delightful ride to the picturesque Cinque Terre. Today, we will visit Manarola and its vineyards, Vernazza, and Monterosso, where we will enjoy lunch and a wine tasting at Enoteca Regionale. We will also get the chance to walk along the Via dell'Amore. We will enjoy lunch with wine at a local restaurant. Later in the afternoon, we will ferry to Portovenere and visit this seaside peninsula before our return to Montecatini for dinner and overnight. (B, L, D)

DAY 8 – PASTA MAKING CLASS: After breakfast, we will depart for Castello Vicchiomaggio, located in Greve in Chianti. We will have a fun experience learning how to make fresh pasta. In this session, we will catch the secret to make great pasta dough every time. After the lesson we will enjoy lunch in the Castel. Return to Montecatini for dinner and overnight. (B, L, D)

DAY 9 – CASTELLO BANFI/MONTALCINO: 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 lovely

lunch 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 10 – ITALY~INTERMEDIATE CITY~BOSTON: After breakfast and hotel check-out, we'll transfer to the local airport for our return flight to Boston (*via intermediate city*). Full meal and beverage service, as well as stereo headsets, available while in flight. (B)

OUR TUSCANY FOOD, WINE, CULTURE TOUR INCLUDES ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

- ★ Round-trip motorcoach transportation to and from Boston's Logan International Airport, FREE with a minimum of 35 paying passengers. Additional charge with fewer than 35.
- ★ Special meet-and-greet service and assistance at Logan Airport by a Durgan Travel Service Representative.
- ★ Round-trip regularly scheduled flights Boston-Intermediate City-Italy and return with full meal and beverage service, as well as complimentary stereo headsets, available while aloft.
- ★ All transfers and sightseeing aboard a private, luxury, temperature-controlled motorcoach.
- ★ Porterage of luggage at the hotel.
- ★ 8-nights' accommodations at a first-class hotel in Montecatini, based on twin occupancy. The single supplement is an additional \$TBA. *Limited availability – may be unavailable or subject to surcharge.* Triples are available at the twin rate.
- ★ All room and meal taxes, as well as gratuities to bellmen.
- ★ Breakfast (B) and lunch (L) daily plus four dinners (D).
- ★ Comprehensive sightseeing package, as illustrated in the itinerary, including entrance fees, where applicable.
- ★ Full services of a professional Tour Escort who will accompany our group throughout the tour.
- ★ Expert English-speaking tour guides, where required.
- ★ Complimentary Durgan Travel Service flight bag and complete packet of all 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.

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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 to change the air (additional \$100 for land arrangements), must 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.

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