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Must be valid for 6 months
beyond return date



Durgan Travel Service *presents...*

VENICE & TUSCANY

**Featuring Venice, Mestre, Padua, Florence,
Cinque Terre, Pisa, Siena,
Montecatini, Lucca & San Gimignano**
Includes wine and mineral water with dinner nightly!

9 Days/7 Nights

Your choice of departures

\$TBA* if group size is 25-29 passengers

\$TBA* if group size is 30-34 passengers

\$TBA* if group size is 35 plus passengers

*Rates are for payment by cash or check. See back for credit card rates.
Rates are per person, twin occupancy, and include \$550 in air taxes, fees,
and fuel surcharge (*subject to change*).

OUR 9-DAY/7-NIGHT VENICE & TUSCANY TOUR ITINERARY:

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

DAY 2 – VENICE: Upon arrival at Venice's Marco Polo Airport, we will be met by our Tour Escort, who will help us transfer to Mestre, where we will check into the 4-star *Hotel Garden Inn* (or similar). The remainder of the afternoon is at leisure to familiarize ourselves with our surroundings. Orientation prior to dinner at our hotel this evening. Overnight. (D)

Hotel website: <http://hiltongardeninn3.hilton.com/en/hotels/italy/hilton-garden-inn-venice-mestre-san-giuliano-VCEGIGI/index.html>

DAY 3 – VENICE: After breakfast, depart our hotel for Venice. We will board a vaporetto to San Marco Square, where a local guide will be waiting to show us around this unique city, "the Queen of the Adriatic." Visit San Marco's Basilica, walk over small bridges to the Bridge of Sighs and past winding waterways to the Rialto. After our sightseeing tour, the remainder of the afternoon is free for shopping, visiting the outlying islands, or taking a gondola ride. Dinner will be in Venice prior to transferring back to our hotel for overnight. (B, D)

DAY 4 – PADUA~MONTECATINI: After breakfast, we will check out of our hotel and depart for Tuscany. On our way, we will stop just west of Venice in beautiful Padua, which aside from its prominence as the area's economic and communication hub, is famous for its self-named university founded in 1222. Galileo, of all people, was a lecturer here- talk about noteworthy faculty! Following a tour of the city, we continue on to Montecatini for hotel check in at the *Hotel Nizza et Suisse* (or similar), time at leisure, and dinner at the hotel. Overnight in Montecatini. (B, D) Hotel Website: <http://www.grandhotelnizza.it/uk/>

DAY 5 – FLORENCE: After breakfast, we depart 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. A special treat will be admission to the Academia, home to Michelangelo's *David*. The tour ends in Signoria Square, where we will have ample choices to find lunch on our own. The afternoon is at leisure to explore. Florence has some of the greatest museums in the world, including the Uffizi Gallery. Check out the famed Ponte Vecchio Bridge or the Medici Palace. Return to Montecatini for dinner at our hotel. Overnight. (B, D)

DAY 6 – CINQUE TERRE: After breakfast, our motorcoach will take us to Riomaggiore to board the train for a delightful ride to Monterosso and the picturesque Cinque Terre. Today, we will visit Manarola, Corniglia, and Riomaggiore. We will also get the chance to walk along the Via

dell'Amore. We will enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. After a full day, we will return by ferry from Monterosso to Portovenere and back to our hotel in Montecatini for dinner and overnight. (B, L, D)

DAY 7 – SIENA~SAN GIMIGNANO: After breakfast, we will drive southwest through the heart of Italian wine country, over the rolling hills of Chianti to Siena. 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. 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. Perhaps sample some “vernaccia,” the town’s famous wine. Return to Montecatini for dinner and overnight at our hotel. (B, D)

DAY 8 – LUCCA~PISA: After breakfast, we will take a 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 usually high number of residents who ride bicycles instead of driving cars. In the afternoon, we are off to Pisa, where 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 with time to freshen up and relax prior to dinner. Overnight. (B, D)

DAY 9 – MONTECATINI~PISA or FLORENCE~INTERMEDIATE STOP~BOSTON: After breakfast and hotel check-out, we will transfer to the airport for our return flight to Boston (*via an intermediate stop*), with meal and beverage service, as well as stereo headsets, available while in flight. (B)

OUR VENICE & TUSCANY TOUR INCLUDES 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 Representative.
- ★ Round-trip regularly scheduled flights Boston-Int. Stop-Venice and Tuscany-Int. Stop-Boston with meal and beverage service, as well as complimentary stereo headsets, available while in flight.
- ★ All transfers and sightseeing aboard a private, luxury, temperature-controlled motorcoach.
- ★ Porterage of luggage at the hotel.
- ★ 2-nights' accommodations at a first-class hotel in Mestre and 5-nights' accommodations at a first-class hotel in Montecatini based on twin occupancy. The single supplement is an additional \$TBA per single. *Limited availability – may be unavailable or subject to surcharge.* Triples are available at the twin rate.
- ★ Breakfast and dinner daily, with wine and mineral water included with dinners. 1 lunch.
- ★ 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.
- ★ All room and meal taxes, as well as gratuities to bellmen.
- ★ 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 75 DAYS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE.

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