

Gourmet Tuscany

Tour: 8 DAY TOUR FROM MONTECATINI TO
6240 MONTECATINI

On this affordable Italy, small group adventure, the town of Montecatini serves as home base from which to venture out to explore the surrounding landscapes of breathtaking Tuscany and getting to know its culinary and wine traditions. Indulge in picturesque scenery, world-class local wines, traditional cuisine, and cultural discoveries. From the rolling hills of Montalbano to Vinci and beyond, we'll take you through bountiful vineyards, olive groves, and chestnut trees. You'll even visit the birthplace of Leonardo da Vinci to experience the Renaissance master's life and art. Traveling through some of the most stunning and lush natural landscapes in Italy, you'll embark to visit idyllic spots, including the gorgeous Chianti Valley and the Etruscan Coast. As you visit quaint wine shops, cafes, historic estates, and museums, you'll feel immersed in the history and traditions of each destination. In addition to sampling the local gourmet Tuscan fare, you'll also be treated to an Italian cooking lesson. You'll prepare an authentic Italian dish inside a rustic Tuscan farmhouse where you and your travel companions will enjoy your culinary creations. You'll also

learn the art of Italian dessert making at your hotel and get to taste some of the celebrated Chianti and Super Tuscan wines right where they are produced. You'll revel in the beauty of becoming familiar with a single destination of Montecatini while making priceless discoveries of locales that are off the beaten path—perfect for the smart, creative, and budget-minded travel lover.

All This. Included.

The world is within reach with everything you need for perfectly affordable touring. Cosmos includes hand-selected accommodations, guided sightseeing, and seamless transportation between destinations—with value-minded travel lovers in mind. Explore with expert Cosmos Tour Directors and Local Guides, complimentary headsets, and private, first-class, air-conditioned motorcoach with free Wi-Fi. Enhance your free time to explore like a local with your CosmosGO mobile app!

Your Tour Includes:

- A maximum of just 28 guests per departure
- Visit to the Leonardo da Vinci Museum
- Visit to a local bakery in Montecatini with tasting
- Special lunch in the Chianti Valley
- Cooking lesson in a Tuscan farmhouse
- Guided sightseeing in Lucca, featuring Palazzo Mansi and Palazzo Pfanner
- Orientation tour of Bolgheri, including wine cellar visit
- Wine cellar visit in Castagneto Carducci with liquor

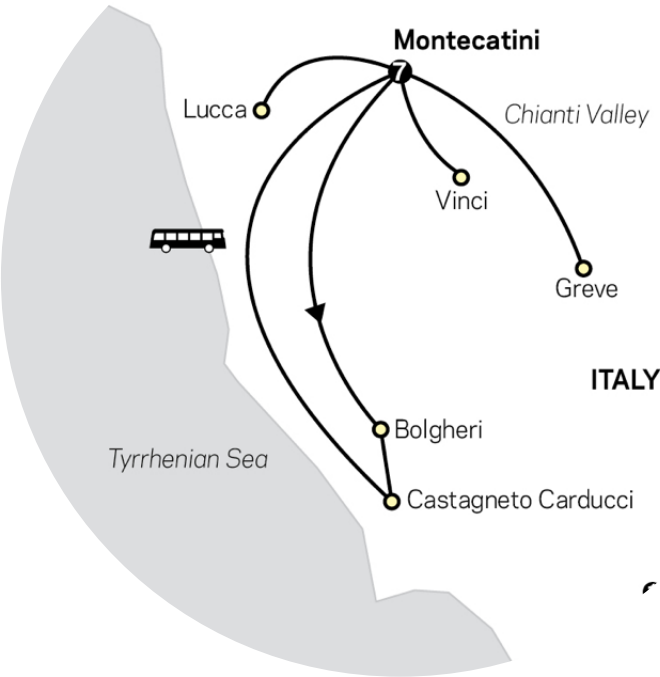
tasting

- Dessert cooking class in Montecatini

 COUNTRY
Italy

8
DAYS

1
COUNTRY



Day  Day

Itinerary

1 ARRIVE IN MONTECATINI, ITALY

Check into your hotel. Tonight, meet your Tour Director and travel companions for a special welcome dinner.

 Dinner

2 MONTECATINI. EXCURSION TO VINCI

This morning, head out into the lush, rolling landscape of the Montalbano hills. Pass terraced grape vineyards, olive groves, and chestnut trees on your way to the quaint village of Vinci, birthplace of Leonardo da Vinci. Here, learn all about the Renaissance master at the museum dedicated to his life and many areas of interest from painting, sculpting, and inventing, to anatomy, music, and cartography! Round up the morning with the visit to a local bakery. Learn how bread is made and enjoy a light lunch with an opportunity to sample local products such as focaccia bread, sandwiches, wine, cheese, cold cuts, and olive oil. Everything tastes better in Tuscany! See for yourself with an optional culinary experience in the Tuscan countryside to indulge in authentic traditional dishes—with wine, of course!

Today's Distance: 31 mi/ 50 km

 Breakfast  Lunch

While we include select excursions and must-see sights on your trip, you may wish to explore other options to enhance your free time. Below is a selection of excursions that may be available for purchase on your tour. Optional excursions are available for purchase on our MyGlobus site 90 days prior to the tour start date.

Tuscan Dinner

Enjoy a wonderful dinner in the delightful Tuscan...

4h 0m

Price Range: \$\$



3 MONTECATINI. EXCURSION TO THE CHIANTI VALLEY

Cradled between the provinces of Florence and Siena, the Chianti Valley is the heart of Tuscany and has been hailed for its exceptional wines since the 13th century. Your journey today takes you to Greve, with time to visit the village and to enjoy lunch at a charming wine shop. Complete the day with the visit to a historic Tuscan estate known for its Chianti wine production.

Today's Distance: 93 mi/ 150 km

 Breakfast  Lunch

Enjoy a leisurely morning in Montecatini. Maybe go for a walk in the Parco delle Terme with its tall shady trees. Most of the afternoon is dedicated to the Italian cooking lesson at a rustic farmhouse in the Tuscan countryside. Once you arrive at the farm, enjoy a welcome drink, explore the orchard to pick some fresh ingredients, learn about Italy's most famous delicacies, and then roll up your sleeves for a fun, hands-on cooking experience. This evening, relax with your traveling companions and taste the delectable dinner you prepared—maybe your team will win the master chef prize!

 Breakfast  Dinner

Visit Lucca, a stunning showcase of medieval architecture and layer upon layer of rich history and culture. Marvel at the beautiful art and tapestry collections at the baroque Palazzo Mansi National Museum, then take a guided walking tour around the Old Town with its fine, intact Renaissance-era wall, cobblestone streets, and café-lined piazzas. A lively café-crawl snack brunch is included, followed by a main course at a local restaurant. Then, your Local Guide will introduce you to the stunning ornamental gardens and grand arched ceilings of Palazzo Pfanner.

Today's Distance: 43 mi/ 70 km

 Breakfast  Lunch

Travel through the vineyard-dotted countryside and along cypress tree-lined Viale dei Cipressi for your grand entrance into enchanting Bolgheri. With its red-brick castle and atmospheric Old Town, it's not hard to imagine that Bolgheri jumped right off the pages of a storybook. There's time here to visit one of the wine cellars and taste Bolgheri's celebrated Super Tuscan reds. First created in the 1980s, many wine experts believe these now rival French Bordeaux. Later, stop at nearby Castagneto Carducci, known for its splendid panoramic views of the Etruscan Coast. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant and the chance to sample the local liqueur.

Today's Distance: 155 mi/ 250 km

 Breakfast  Lunch

This morning is yours to do as you please. You could choose to explore more of the city on your own, to relax and shop for souvenirs. This afternoon is dedicated to a baking class at your hotel, focusing on the creation of cakes and desserts.

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Carrara Marble Quarries & Culinary...

Embark on an exclusive
excursion to the Carrara...

4h 30m

Price Range: \$\$



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MONTECATINI

Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning.

 Breakfast

Notes



Nearest airports for Montecatini are Florence or Pisa.

Your Local
Expert

Tour Director

With GLOBUS, there's no better way to get to know your destination than through the eyes of a Tour Director. We'd like you to meet one of our Tour Directors, who average over a decade of experience and are representative of the type of expert that will be with you on your vacation.





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Escorting tours for more than 20 years

I have always loved traveling since I was young. It is the best way to learn about different cultures, discover new experiences, meet new people, and create amazing memories that last a lifetime. I call myself a life enthusiast and, being Italian, a proper foodie! Being a Tour Director is the perfect blend of doing what you love while working. Whenever I'm touring around Italy, my aim is always to share my passion for art, history, local traditions, and all the beauty that makes this country so fascinating to the world. Exceeding customers' expectations is the best reward I get from doing this job that I love.

Hand-
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Hotels

We've vetted and hand-selected the best hotels around the world with location, comfort, and style in mind. Enjoy first-class hotels in each destination, and check in with the confidence that we've already checked everything out for your comfort and convenience.

Montecatini

Settentrionale Esplanade

Viale Grocco 2/4 Montecatini Terme-Pt Italy



WiFi



First-Class Hotel as shown or similar

In the heart of Montecatini Terme offering hospitality and courtesy. The centrally located hotel has always been managed by the owners and is one of the cornerstones of the traditional hotels of Montecatini Terme. Restaurant, outdoors pool.

Hotel Amenities

Business Center	Elevator	Laundry Available
Restaurant On-Site	Currency Exchange	Luggage Storage
Pool	Bar/Lounge	

Room Features

Non-Smoking Rooms	Desk	Phone
Television	Hair Dryer	Mini-Bar
In-Room Safe	Room Service	Window Opens
Cable/Satellite	Air Conditioning	