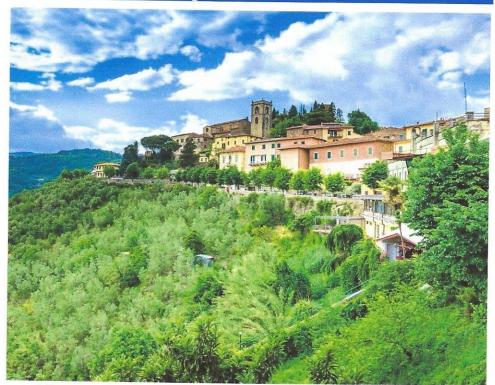
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# Spotlight on Tuscany

April 20 – 28, 2021



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#### **Must-See Inclusions**

- Stay in the famous spa resort town of Montecatini Terme for seven nights!
- Journey to Florence for a tour of the "Cradle of the Italian Renaissance."
- Stop in the medieval city of Lucca, encircled by 16th-century walls.

### **Culinary Inclusions**

- Sample delectable wines during a wine tasting in the Chianti region.
- Spend time at a cheese farm to taste flavorful pecorino cheese.
- Learn about Tuscan cuisine during a cooking class.

## Collette Experiences

- Step to the front of the line to see Michelangelo's famous statue of David.
- See the Gothic Line, one of the Germans' last lines of defense during WWII.
- Visit the Museum of Liberation and see WWII fortifications and bunkers.

Highlights: Montecatini Terme, Lucca, Gothic Line, Winery Tour, Siena, Pisa, Cooking Class, Florence, San Gimignano, Cheese Farm

Day 1: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 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: Wednesday, April 21, 2021
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. (D)

Day 3: Thursday, April 22, 2021 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. You'll visit the Museum of Liberation and see the actual fortifications and bunkers. Next, make your 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. (B)

Day 4: Friday, April 23, 2021 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, join your guide to get to know local life in a *contrada* (neighborhood). Each of these small, close-knit communities are unique and have traditions all their own. (B)

Day 5: Saturday, April 24, 2021 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, 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. (B, D)

Day 6: Sunday, April 25, 2021

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. (B)

Day 7: Monday, April 26, 2021
Florence A cultural tour in the "Cradle of the Italian Renaissance" showcases the beautiful city of Florence. Start with a visit to the Academy Gallery\* to see Michelangelo's magnificent



sculpture of *David*. Then, join a local Florentine guide who highlights many of the city's priceless treasures. 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 time in Florence to explore this unparalleled city as you choose. Later, while en route to your hotel, visit a family-owned leather shop and learn about the traditional Italian techniques of leather making. (*B*)

Day 8: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 San Gimignano - Cheese Farm Visit This morning make your way to a cheese farm. Learn how the famous pecorino cheese is made before sampling it for yourself. Soak in breathtaking views of the Tuscan hills as you travel 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. A delightful experience awaits this evening when you attend a Tuscan feast featuring traditional cuisine and savory wines in the magical Tuscan countryside. (B, D)

Day 9: Wednesday, April 28, 2021 Montecatini Terme - Tour Ends Your journey comes to a close today. Depart with many fond memories of Tuscany. (B)

#### Itinerary at a glance

Day 1 Overnight Flight

Days 2 – 8 Hotel Ercolini and Savi, Montecatini

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

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