



GRAND TOUR TUSCANY



Day 1:

Arrival in the late afternoon at Montecatini, an elegant spa town in the heart of Tuscany and the ideal starting point for a wide range of excursions to the most famous parts of Italy. Welcome cocktail, dinner and overnight stay.

Day 2:

Departure after breakfast for Pisa and guided visit to the Piazza dei Miracoli, where the city's most important monuments are situated, including the world-famous Leaning Tower, the Cathedral, a masterpiece of Pisan Romanesque architecture, the Baptistery, the largest in Italy, with excellent acoustics that are demonstrated every half-hour, and the Monumental Cemetery. Free time and lunch in a restaurant near the Leaning Tower. Guided visit in the afternoon to the splendid city of Lucca, noted for its intact walls around the city centre, with a walk through mediaeval alleys with their wealth of traces from several periods, like the Cathedral, the Piazza dell'Anfiteatro and the Piazza Napoleone. Return to hotel at the end of the afternoon for dinner and overnight stay.

Day 3:

Full day dedicated to visiting Florence, the cradle of Renaissance art and culture. The city centre is like an open-air museum, with a local guide for visits to the main monuments, including the Piazza del Duomo with the Cathedral and the Baptistery, the Piazza della Signoria with its famous statues, the Palazzo Vecchio and finally the Ponte Vecchio bridge. Lunch in a restaurant and afternoon free for shopping or a visit to one of Florence's museums, like the Uffizi Gallery, certainly the most famous, the Accademia Gallery or the Palazzo Pitti. Return to hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

Day 4:

Full-day excursion to Siena and San Gimignano. After meeting the guide in Siena, a visit to the Piazza del Campo, where the traditional Palio horserace is run, the Cathedral and the Palazzo Pubblico. Free time for a stroll in the characteristic streets of the old city centre followed by lunch in a restaurant. The guided visit continues in the afternoon to San Gimignano, a charming mediaeval town in the heart of Tuscany, enclosed by walls and famous for its 16 towers, which have earned it the name of the "Manhattan of the Middle Ages". Free time for last-minute shopping, then returning to hotel.

Day 5:

Departure after breakfast and end of our services.