

# BUON APPETITO IN ITALY

**9 days and 8 nights**

**AUGUST 31 - SEPTEMBER 8, 2019**



*Rolling hills dotted with deep green rows of cypresses, secluded farmsteads, picturesque medieval villages, mouthwatering cuisine and world-famous wines - all these evoke images of Tuscany. Get off the beaten path and experience the best that Tuscany and the Cinque Terre have to offer. You'll unpack once and settle in to your 4-star accommodations in the Tuscan hilltop village of Montecatini. Learn to cook authentic Italian specialties in a three-hour cooking class. Sip and savor the magnificent wines of Chianti and Tuscany and feast your eyes on some of the most spectacular scenery on Earth. This small-group adventure is waiting for you!*





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## ITINERARY

### DAY 1 -- SATURDAY, AUGUST 31, 2019

INFLIGHT DINNER INCLUDED

### FLIGHT FROM LOS ANGELES TO FLORENCE, ITALY

Meet Main Street Experiences President Laurie Lincoln at LAX for your overnight flight to Florence, Italy.

### DAY 2 -- SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2019

DINNER INCLUDED

### ARRIVE IN TUSCANY AND TRAVEL TO MONTECATINI

Arrival at Florence Airport and transfer to the hotel in Montecatini to check in for our 7-night stay. Upon arrival at the hotel, you'll enjoy a welcome drink with the remainder of the day at your leisure to acclimate to the new time zone. A welcome dinner is included in the evening.



### DAY 3 -- MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2019

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH INCLUDED

### VOLTERRA AND A TUSCAN COOKING CLASS

*Culinary specialties of the day: Homemade 3-course Italian meal*

After breakfast we make our way to the town of Volterra which stands mightily over the surrounding hills and villages. Our guided tour will begin by the great Medicea Fortress and take us to Via Panoramica which runs along the city walls. Enjoy the lovely view of the Roman Theater and the surrounding hilly countryside. Discover the secrets of Italian and Tuscan cuisine during a hands-on cooking class in the afternoon. Choose an appetizer, a first course of pasta, then a main course of fish or meat to prepare. After the class we will get together with the other participants to enjoy our own homemade meal. Buon appetito!





## DAY 4 -- TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2019

BREAKFAST, LUNCH AND DINNER INCLUDED

### SAN GIMIGNANO, SIENA AND THE CHIANTI WINE REGION

*Culinary specialties of the day: Wine, Vin Santo and Cantucci cookies*

Today's highlight is San Gimignano, the "Manhattan of Tuscany" which announces itself with a skyline full of medieval towers that rise over 175 feet. You'll enjoy a light lunch in the Chianti region while tasting local wines and the famous sweet Vin Santo and Cantucci cookies.

After lunch we will continue to Siena where our local guide will show us the major sights such as Piazza del Campo, the shell-shaped square on which the famous horse-race "Il Palio" takes place each year, the Cathedral and the Church of San Domenico. We'll return to the hotel later in the day and enjoy an authentic Tuscan dinner.



## DAY 5 -- WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2019

BREAKFAST AND DINNER INCLUDED

### VINCI AND LARI -- TRADITIONAL ITALIAN VILLAGES OF DISTINCTION

*Culinary specialties of the day: Pasta and wine*

In the morning we will visit the medieval village of Vinci, the birthplace of its most famous son, Leonardo da Vinci. Here you can visit the Museum of Leonardo (admission extra) and admire the models, which were constructed in accordance with Leonardo da Vinci's own drawings. He truly was years ahead of his time. Around midday we will come to the beautiful village of Lari, which enjoys an exquisite location in the hills of Pisa surrounded by cypresses, olive groves and vineyards. We will then visit the village's own pasta factory, owned and run by the Martelli family since 1926, which has been producing and exporting excellent pasta worldwide. We'll experience Martelli pasta tasting in a typical restaurant in Lari.



## DAY 6 -- THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2019

BREAKFAST AND DINNER INCLUDED

### EXPERIENCE THE CINQUE TERRE

*Specialty of the day: The Cinque Terre is a feast for the eyes!*

Today we will explore the Cinque Terre, one of the most picturesque natural parks in Italy. The Italian Riviera is not short of rugged coastline or romantic towns and villages, but the five fishing communities of the Cinque Terre are its most iconic highlight. After a train ride from Levanto, our sightseeing begins in Riomaggiore, arguably one of the most beautiful places in the world. Continuing on, we travel by boat to reach Manarola and Monterosso, the westernmost villages that make up the Cinque Terre. This day promises to be one of the most memorable!

## DAY 7 -- FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2019

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH INCLUDED

### PISA AND LUCCA

*Culinary specialties of the day: Olive oil and salami*

This morning, we are headed to Lucca, a traditional Tuscan town, whose medieval walls are still well-preserved. Known as the city of 100 churches and being the birthplace of Puccini, it offers many interesting sights. On a guided tour we will explore the city that is considered to be Tuscany's open-air museum. We will then enjoy a light lunch at a farmhouse including bruschetta with cold pressed olive oil, olives and cold meats before making our way to Pisa, the former powerful sea-republic. We will visit the impressive Cathedral, the Baptistery and of course the world famous leaning Tower.



## DAY 8 -- SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2019

BREAKFAST INCLUDED

### FLORENCE

Florence's cathedral dominates the skyline and together with the Bell Tower and the Baptistery forms one of the most magnificent art masterpieces in the world. The austerity and beauty of this city, and the pride and determination of the Florentine artists are displayed in a unique way in the Palazzo Vecchio. With a local English-speaking guide we will discover the major sites before we have some free time to admire the jewelry stores on Ponte Vecchio or to enjoy an espresso coffee.

## DAY 9 -- SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

BREAKFAST INCLUDED

### HOMeward BOUND

After breakfast, we'll transfer to the Florence Airport for our flight home with unforgettable memories of our time in Italy.



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days

13

meals  
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credit card - \$2,860 per person

*single* : cash/check - \$3,050 per person  
credit card - \$3,160 per person

Prices are land only.

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### General Information

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single occupancy: \$3,050 per person

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\$2,860 per person  
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#### Payment

Deposit: \$200 deposit is due to confirm your space

Final Payment: Balance is due by May 30, 2019

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: MAIN STREET EXPERIENCES

#### Cancellation and Refund Policy:

Cancel prior to May 30, 2019: 100% refund

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### Reservation Form

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ seats on BUON APPETITO IN ITALY -- August 31 - September 8, 2019

Full Name (as it appears on your passport): \_\_\_\_\_

Rooming with: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

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If paying by credit card: Visa MC Amex Discover

Credit Card No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Expires: \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ CCV: \_\_\_\_\_

Name as it appears on credit card: \_\_\_\_\_

Group Travel Protection Plan: \_\_\_ YES, I would like to add travel protection (call our office for rates)

\_\_\_ NO. I am declining purchase of the travel protection plan