

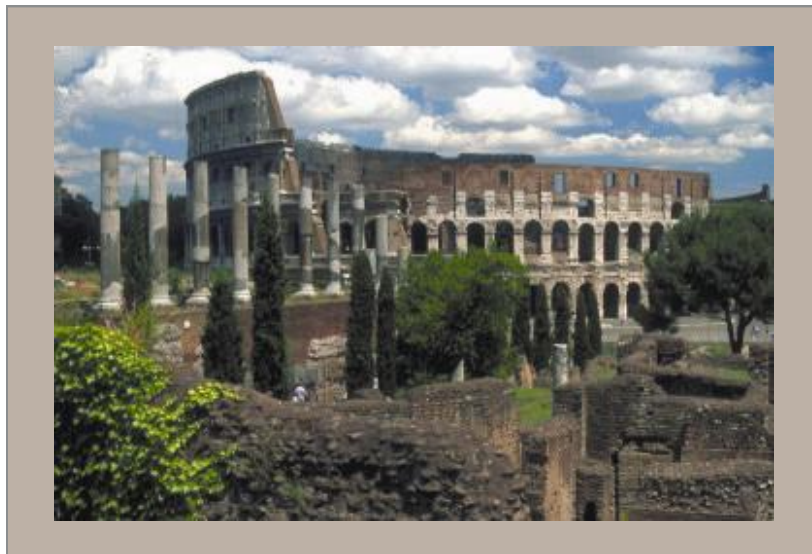


# A Toast to TUSCANY

## Plus Venice and Rome

Venice • Montecatini Terme • Cinque Terre  
Siena • Florence • Rome

### October 13 - 24, 2011



- Murano Glassblowing
- St. Mark's Square
- Rialto Bridge
- Leaning Tower of Pisa
- Lover's Lane
- San Gimignano
- Uffizi Gallery
- Ponte Vecchio
- Assisi
- Vatican City
- Sistine Chapel
- The Colosseum

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Join Donna Strommen and Ken Koob of Alex Travel /Utopia Tours on a fascinating tour of Italy. Donna and Ken will be with you every step of the way to make sure this is a trip that you will always remember.

## Thursday, October 13, 2011 • Depart

Our journey begins today with our trans-Atlantic flight to Venice, Italy.

## Friday, October 14, 2011 • Venice/Mestre



Upon our arrival in Venice, we meet our coach and driver and travel to **Murano**—a cluster of small islands connected by bridges and the center of the Italian glassmaking industry since 1291. But our destination today is fabulous Venice—La Serenissima, the “Serene One.”

Built upon 117 islands, Venice is a mosaic of canals, plazas, fascinating markets, and chaos! **D**

## Saturday, October 15, 2011 • Venice/Mestre

We begin our day in Venice with an excursion to **St. Mark’s Square**, including a cruise along the serpentine **Canale Grande**. Here we see the **Bell Tower** and the impressive **St. Mark’s Cathedral**. There is time in the afternoon to explore and shop in the famous market area around the **Rialto Bridge** or to enjoy a coffee and some people-watching at St. Mark’s Square. **B/D**

## Sunday, October 16, 2011 • Montecatini Terme

Departing Venice, we now journey southward into the region of **Tuscany**, often described as the “heart of Italy.” Our home for the next four nights is Montecatini Terme. Situated between Florence and Pisa, the city is one of the world’s most famous health spas. Our sightseeing today includes the famous **Leaning Tower of Pisa** and a lunch break in **Lucca**—a Roman-style city surrounded by massive red brick walls. The rest of the day is free to relax and explore Montecatini. **B/D**

## Monday, October 17, 2011 • Montecatini Terme

Today we drive to the Ligurian Sea, where we have an excursion to the **Cinque Terra**, a series of fishing villages. We



begin with a boat ride along the sea, and then return by train and on foot, with a lovely stroll down **Lovers’ Lane**, a spectacular walk along the sea. These villages have a special character, as

we observe the life of the fishermen and the abodes to which they return. **B/D**

## Tuesday, October 18, 2011 • Montecatini Terme

This morning we have time free to explore Montecatini on

our own. Early in the afternoon, we drive into Chianti country and visit **San Gimignano** with its thirteen towers. The main item on our agenda today, however, is the lovely city of **Siena**. A locally-guided tour of this fabulous Gothic city ac-



quaints us with its sunken **Piazza del Campo** and the **Duomo**—perhaps the finest Gothic cathedral in Italy! Before returning to Montecatini this evening, we enjoy a wine-tasting dinner in the gentle hills of the Chianti countryside. **B/D**

## Wednesday, October 19, 2011 • Montecatini Terme



Our entire day is devoted to **Florence**, the Cradle of the Renaissance. We begin with a stop at the **American Cemetery of Florence**. Here we see the graves of thousands of GI’s who fell while fighting their way “up the boot” of Italy. Florence

is home to the **Duomo** with its famed **Baptistry**, **Giotto’s Tower**, the **Pitti Palace**, the **Accademia** with Michelangelo’s incomparable **David**, and the **Uffizi Gallery** with the finest collection of paintings in all of Italy. We take time for exploring the sprawling **San Lorenzo Leather Market** and the shops along the **Ponte Vecchio**. We return to our hotel in time to relax before dinner. **B/D**

## Thursday, October 20, 2011 • Rome

This morning we continue in a southerly direction and enter the region of Umbria, where we arrive at its most beau-

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tiful town, **Assisi**. Here a local guide acquaints us with the life of Saint Francis and shows us the magnificent **Basilica di San Francesco** where he is buried. We drive on to Rome for our overnight. **B/D**

## Friday, October 21, 2011 • Rome

Today we drive through the beautiful Italian countryside to **Pompeii**. **Mount Vesuvius** is an archaeological treasure trove and an insight into the ancient world. A local guide will take us through the ruins of Pompeii with explanations of how the city was before being destroyed by the volcano. **B/D**



## Saturday, October 22, 2011 • Rome

This morning we visit the **Vatican City** and **St. Peter's Cathedral**, home of the Roman Catholic Church and the largest building in Christianity. Also included is a visit to the **Vatican Museum** and the **Sistine Chapel**. We have free time to visit the city center in the afternoon. Dinner tonight is on our own. **B**

## Sunday, October 23, 2011 • Rome



After breakfast, we continue sightseeing in the Eternal City of Rome and see the glories of the Caesars. We become acquainted with the city that was the birthplace for much of our civilization as we visit the **Capitoline Hill**

area, from which we view the **Roman Forum**. We also see the **Colosseum**, the **Trevi Fountain**, and more. Tonight will be a very special farewell dinner at a Rome restaurant. **B/D**

## Monday, October 24, 2011 • Return

Unfortunately, it's time to transfer to Rome's Leonardo da Vinci Airport for our return flight to the United States. We return with memories of rustic towns, walled cities, the grandeur of Rome, (as well as wonderful ice cream and pasta), and a wealth of new friends! Welcome home! **B**

### YOUR TOUR INCLUDES:

- **Land transportation** via private, deluxe air conditioned motor coach
- **Accommodations** (double-occupancy) in superior, tourist and moderate first class hotels
- **Meals** as indicated in itinerary
- Services of a **professional tour guide** throughout the tour
- **Local step-on guides** for city tours and major attractions
- **Admission** to all activities listed on itinerary
- **Luggage handling** of one piece per person at hotels
- Luggage strap and tags, name badge and trip journal
- All **taxes and tips** except as indicated below

### NOT INCLUDED:

- **Airfare** and related taxes and fees (call for air quote)
- Meals not indicated on itinerary
- **Beverages** except with breakfast
- **End of tour gratuity** for coach driver and tour guide
- Items of a personal nature such as passport fees. Passport must be valid for six months beyond return date.
- **Optional insurance** for health, baggage and cancellation. (This insurance is available and recommended.)

### PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

A deposit of \$500 per person is due with reservation. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure date. Invoice will be sent out prior to final payment. Early registration is encouraged.

### CURRENCY:

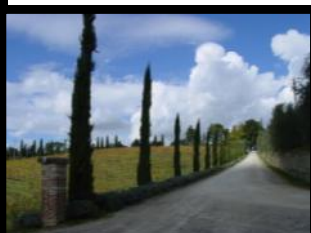
Currency exchange rates fluctuate constantly. In the event of a significant drop in the value of the dollar, we reserves the right to add a currency surcharge to the price of the tour.

### REFUND/CANCELLATION POLICY:

All cancellations must be in writing. The date of postmark will determine the amount of refund due. Refunds are based on the number of days prior to departure date. From the time of deposit to 100 days before departure a \$100 administrative fee will be assessed. From 99-14 days, a \$300 cancellation penalty plus any unrecoverable deposits to ground suppliers as well as any penalties imposed by airlines (if applicable) will be assessed. Anyone cancelling less than 14 days prior to departure will receive no refund. Airline tickets (if applicable) once written are usually not refundable. Purchase of health, baggage and trip cancellation/interruption insurance is strongly encouraged.

### Abbreviations for Meals

**B**=Breakfast **D**=Dinner



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We reserve the right to cancel this trip due to lack of subscription. In the event of cancellation of the trip in its entirety, a full refund of all deposits will be made to passengers enrolled at the time of cancellation. Tour price is based on the value of the dollar and the cost of airfare and is subject to change without notice. Extensions are usually available, but must be requested when booking the tour. Any changes in airfare booking may result in a processing fee. It may be possible, that due to unforeseen events, conditions, or changes in airline schedules, the land portion of the trip may be extended or shortened. Any savings realized by such occurrences will be refunded, however any extra expenses incurred must be borne by the client. Trip cancellation insurance is available. This low-cost protection can save you money if you are forced to cancel or alter your trip for a medical reason only. You will be mailed trip cancellation insurance information with the brochure or upon receipt of your deposit.

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# Registration Form

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### Passenger Information (1<sup>st</sup> Traveler)

Full name must be exactly as it appears on your passport or passport application. Passport information may be sent later if you have yet to obtain a passport.

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Middle Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

(Nickname): \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_

Passport #: \_\_\_\_\_

Passport Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Passport Authority: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary needs: \_\_\_\_\_

### Passenger Information (2<sup>nd</sup> Traveler)

Full name must be exactly as it appears on your passport or passport application. Passport information may be sent later if you have yet to obtain a passport.

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Middle Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Work phone/cell: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### Deposit Payment Information

(please fill out if paying by **check**):

Enclosed is my check made payable to  
**Alex Travel** in the amount of:

\_\_\_\_\_.

### Deposit Payment Information (please fill out if paying by *credit card*):

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Visa/MasterCard/Disc: \_\_\_\_\_ Card ID Code:\* \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*\*last 3 digits in signature box on the back of the card*

Sleeping Preference (circle one): Double bed Twin Beds Roommate (name): \_\_\_\_\_

Single supplement is an additional (\$550): \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

Travel Insurance (please check one):  Yes, sign me up  No, I decline

Insurance Payment Information:  Charge my card below  Check enclosed

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Card ID Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Visa/MC/Disc: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and agree to the terms and conditions. Please sign me up for the trip!

Signature of 1<sup>st</sup> traveler: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of 2<sup>nd</sup> traveler: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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