

2024 Mottola Italian Tours 12-Day Trip to Italy
Florence, Bologna, San Gimignano, Lucca, Tuscany & More
Hosted by Vince and Carla Mottola
Friday, October 4, 2024 – Tuesday, October 15, 2024
Fly in to Florence (FLR) and fly out of Florence (FLR) or Pisa (PSA)

ITINERARY – schedule of events may change to improve the travel experience.

Day 1 (Friday, October 4) **Depart U.S.A.** for Florence, Italy.

Day 2 Arrival in Florence, Italy (Saturday, October 5) Lodging: **Florence Hotel** in the historic center. In the evening we will gather for an **informal walk** of the area near our hotel. Afterwards our **first group dinner** is scheduled at a local favorite restaurant.

Day 3 Florence (Sunday, October 6) Lodging: **Florence Hotel**. Full day, guided walking tour (6 hours) of **Florence including the Uffizi and Accademia Galleries**. The guide will be a certified historian.

Day 4 Florence (Monday, October 7) Lodging: **Florence Hotel**. **Day trip to Bologna** Bus transportation to Bologna with a certified guide of the city. **Group lunch** in this famous food city.

Day 5 Florence (Tuesday, October 8) Lodging: **Florence Hotel**. Free day. Consider visiting the **Mercato Centrale** for shopping and to enjoy the great food scene.

Day 6 Florence - San Gimignano (Wednesday, October 9) Lodging: **San Gimignano Hotel**. After breakfast, we depart by private coach to San Gimignano. On the way, the group will stop for a **winery tour and tasting**. After settling into our hotel there will be a **walking tour** of this picturesque town.

Day 7 San Gimignano (Thursday, October 10) Lodging: **San Gimignano Hotel**. Free Day. After breakfast, consider renting a bike, Vespa or car to explore the city and surrounding area.

Day 8 San Gimignano - Lucca (Friday, October 11) Lodging: **Lucca Hotel**. After breakfast we depart for Lucca. Once we settle in, there will be a walking tour of Lucca. **Group dinner** in the evening.

Day 9 Lucca (Saturday, October 12) Lodging: **Lucca Hotel**. Free Day. Consider biking on the walls that surround this city or the evening walk to The Church of San Giovanni to enjoy an hour long **Optional Puccini Concert**.

Day 10 Lucca (Sunday, October 13) Lodging: **Lucca Hotel**. Free Day. **Optional Tour to Cinque Terre**

Day 11 Lucca (Monday, October 14) Lodging: **Lucca Hotel**. After a free morning of sightseeing and shopping, join the group for an **“arrivederci” lunch** at a favorite local restaurant. Free evening for a memorable final night in Lucca.

Day 12 Lucca (Tuesday, October 15) Transfer is included to the Florence Airport (**FLR**) or Pisa Airport (**PSA**) for your **trip back to the U.S.A.**

PLEASE EXPECT A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF WALKING DURING GROUP SIGHTSEEING EVENTS

PLEASE NOTE

THERE IS A MINIMUM OF 18 PARTICIPANTS NEEDED TO MAKE THE TOUR VIABLE.
IF MINIMUM IS NOT MET, 100% OF THE FEES WILL BE REFUNDED.

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Tour Includes:

- ✓ 10 nights hotel accommodations – 4 nights Florence, 2 nights San Gimignano & 4 nights Lucca
- ✓ Guided tour of Florence including the Uffizi Gallery and Accademia Gallery
- ✓ Guided tour of Bologna including transportation
- ✓ Private coach from Florence to San Gimignano
- ✓ Tuscany winery tour and tasting
- ✓ Guided tour of San Gimignano
- ✓ Private coach from San Gimignano to Lucca
- ✓ Guided tour of Lucca
- ✓ Breakfast daily plus four group dinners or lunches
- ✓ Private transfer to Pisa or Florence Airports or train stations

Tour price: * **\$3995.00*** per person double occupancy

* **\$4695.00*** if traveling alone and not sharing a room

* Fee may be added if the exchange rate is more than \$1.15 = 1 Euro prior to tour departure*

If requested superior and or view rooms are available (with an extra fee), they will be assigned in the order that the deposits are received.

Hotels for our stay in Italy:

Grand Hotel Cavour Florence www.hotelcavour.it

Hotel La Cisterna San Gimignano www.hotelcisterna.it

Hotel Ilaria Lucca www.hotelilaria.com

Tour does not include Airfare, Arrival Airport Transfer, City Hotel Taxes & Travel Insurance

Optional guided tours with additional cost to be determined by number of participants:

+ Cinque Terre Tour – full day

+ Puccini Opera Lucca

\$500 reservation deposit along with completed **Reservation Form and Tour Agreement** is required to **secure your spot**, with balance owed for the tour by **July 1, 2024**. If reservation is cancelled, **the \$500 deposit is not refundable unless the spot is filled**. If Mottola Italian Tours cancels the tour, all money paid to Vince's Enterprises, Inc. will be refunded. All payments must be made by check, no credit cards accepted. Please make checks payable and mail to:

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116 Clay St NW, Suite A3
Auburn, WA 98001**

For more information, e-mail questions to v.mottola@comcast.net or call **253.887.9700** please visit www.mottolaitaliantours.com If you have the time and budget, it is highly recommended to arrive early or stay longer in Italy. We will be happy to help with your additional travel needs.