

If you wonder which town was in the famous movie “*Under the Tuscan Sun*” don’t hesitate to come to Italy and discover it!

Join us in “The Under the Tuscan Sun Tour in the area made famous by Frances Mayes' best-selling memoir. Your dream will come true! Here the vineyards, the sunflowers and the poppies make the Tuscan countryside unforgettable! What about the Italians! Oh yes, they are more than fascinating in their way of talking, smiling and eating. Come and try the food and wine in Tuscany! Taste and learn new recipes and you would like to stay here forever...

Of course the famous town in the movie was Cortona, just close to the medieval town of Siena.

Tour details:

Day 1: ARRIVAL

Arrive in your 4* Hotel located in Montecatini Terme Spa Town, 40 minutes distance from Pisa and Florence airports. Welcome cocktail will be served in the Hotel.

Day 2: FLORENCE

In the morning meet with your tour escort and depart to Florence. Guided tour in the spectacular Renaissance town well known all around the world. Visit the Cathedral, the Giotto’s bell tower, and the Baptistery with the famous Gate of Paradise, Piazza Della Signoria and The Old “Jewellers’ bridge” – Ponte Vecchio, where it is well worth making a quick stop to admire the splendid contents in the tiny old jeweller’s shops. Free time for lunch and shopping. In the late afternoon back to Montecatini.

Day 3: SIENA and SAN GIMIGNANO

Siena and San Gimignano full day tour. A breathtaking excursion through the countryside of the Chianti area among the beautiful hills of vineyards and olive-groves. This tour will let you feel the medieval atmosphere of the small towns *Under the Tuscan Sun*. San Gimignano is a Tuscan village of fair towers, dating back to Etruscan period. A Special Chianti wine tasting of the famous D.O.C.G. wines and light lunch in a beautiful farmhouse will follow. In the afternoon visit Siena, walking through the narrow ancient streets and discovering one of the most beautiful squares in Europe: Piazza del Campo. Back to the Hotel.

Day 4: LUCCA

Our *Under the Tuscan Sun* tour continues with the gorgeous town of Lucca. Lucca is known as the “City of the Hundred Churches” and during our tour we’ll see the most important ones: the main Cathedral, dedicated to St Martin and originally founded in 6th century; and St Michel’s church, which is a typical example of Pisan-Lucchese architecture. We’ll also visit the most spectacular Towers: Torre dell’Orologio (The Clock Tower) and Torre Guinigi with its holm-oak growing out of the top. We’ll walk down to the Amphitheatre and along the imposing tree-lined town walls. Free time to enjoy the magical atmosphere. Afternoon at leisure.

Day 5: CORTONA

Finely we’ll visit the town of the movie: Cortona. The magical atmosphere of the medieval town will follow our visit of Cortona and you can see from above all that beautiful Tuscan villas like the villa “Bramasole” from the movie *Under the Tuscan Sun*. Then stroll long the streets, paved with large stone slabs, and reach the Medici Fortress. In fact Cortona is at a height 650 metres a. s. level and the view is magnificent. Free time to enjoy the elegant shopping area. Afternoon at leisure.

Day 6: VINCI – Leonardo’s birthplace

In the morning meet with your tour escort and departure to Leonardo da Vinci town. We’ll visit the museum of Leonardo with all his inventions and Leonardo’s house. There will be a stop in a gorgeous farmhouse to drink Leonardo’s wine and to taste the flavour of good olive-oil and local food. Afternoon at leisure in Montecatini Terme.

Day 7: Day at leisure to relax. or Optional: Cinque Terre by boat and the romantic gulf of the poets. For those who want to explore the sea: we’ll pass through some of the Mediterranean’s most picturesque seaside villages. During this fabulous day-long tour you can admire the pretty hillside and the stunning view in front of you. There will be a stop at a classic Ligurian restaurant and free time to taste local food. In the late afternoon transfer back to the hotel.

Day 8: DEPARTURE

Breakfast at the Hotel. Departure.

Dates 2010 :

Arrivals from March 15th to October 31st

MINI GROUP PRICES per person in euro (groups of min 10 up to 16 people)

N.B. THE PACKAGE CAN BE PERSONALISED!

Rates and Conditions

Price per person: **996 euro** /based on twin sharing/ with HB accomodation
 890 euro /based on twin sharing/ with B&B accomodation

Single Supple. 20 euro per day

SPECIAL OFFERS:

Early booking :

50 euro discount for early booking (45 days in advance)

Honeymoon:

100 euro discount per couple

The price includes:

7 nights accommodation in Montecatini Terme town (50km from Pisa and Florence).

7 breakfast in the hotel

7 dinners */*only if you choose the package with the half board accomodation*/*

English speaking tour escort

Chianti wine tasting of the famous D.O.C.G. wines and light lunch in a beautiful farmhouse on tour to Siena&S.Gimignano

Wine and extra virgin olive oil tasting + local food on tour to Vinci

Not included:

Flight from/to Italy

Arrival and departure transfer (on request)

Tours indicated as optional

Museums fees

Drinks at dinner in Hotel

Tips and personal expenses

Everything not specified in the "price includes"

Personal travel insurance

INDIVIDUAL TOUR: On request individual tours can be organised, with or without accomodation. The tours can be personalised.

GROUP PRICE (more than 16 people): on request

PLEASE E-MAIL US YOUR REQUEST, FILL YOUR DETAILS

Details of the Supplier :

Full Name.....

Address.....

Country.....

Phone number.....

e-mail:.....

*Date of arrival.....

*Date of departure...