Manatee Chamber of Commerce presents... Spotlight on Tuscany

with Optional 2-Night Gourmet Bologna Post Tour Extension with Optional 3-Night Rome Pre Tour Extension

May 7 – 15, 2025



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Fantasy Travel

Life's a Trip – Take One!



9 Days • 11 Meals: 7 Breakfasts, 4 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS... Montecatini Terme, Lucca, Gothic Line, Winery Tour, Florence, Choice on Tour: Montecatini Walking Tour or Siena, Pisa, Cooking Class, Cheese Farm, San Gimignano

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2 – 8	Hotel Ercolini and Savi, Montecatini Terme or Grand Hotel
	Francia and Quirinale, Montecatini Terme
	On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Day 1: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 Overnight Flight Rolling landscapes, savory wines, delicious food and stunning architecture – find all of this and more in Tuscany. Unpack once on this journey among Italy's most charming towns.

Day 2: Thursday, May 8, 2025 Montecatini Terme, Italy - Tour Begins Your tour opens in the famous spa resort town of Montecatini Terme, nestled in the heart of the rolling hills of Tuscany. This evening, get to know your fellow travelers during a welcome dinner where regional foods and Italian wines kick off your adventure. (D)

Day 3: Friday, May 9, 2025 Lucca - Borgo a Mozzano - Gothic Line Enjoy a guided tour of Lucca, Tuscany's best-kept secret. Discover Renaissance walls, Romanesque churches, and medieval streets flanked by towers. Explore on your own before setting off for Borgo a Mozzano. See the *Ponte del Diavolo* (Devil's Bridge) and the nearby remains of the Gothic Line – the Germans' last defense during WWII. Visit the Museum of Liberation and see authentic fortifications and bunkers. Make your way to a Tuscan winery and learn about the art of winemaking as you taste local varieties. (*B*)

Day 4: Saturday, May 10, 2025 Florence An early morning takes you to Florence where an extensive walking tour showcases the beautiful "Cradle of the Renaissance." Start with a visit to the Academy Gallery* to see Michelangelo's sculpture of *David*. Join a local Florentine guide and make your way through the city on foot. At the Piazza del Duomo, see the impressive Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore and the gilded bronze doors of the Baptistery dedicated to St. John. Take in views of the Piazza della Signoria and Santa Croce Square before enjoying the remainder of your time in Florence to explore this unparalleled city as you choose. *(B, D)*

Day 5: Sunday, May 11, 2025 Montecatini Terme Today, **it's your choice!** Learn more about Montecatini's history during a half-day guided walking tour and visit to the historic Tettuccio Spa,** known for the health benefits in its mineral waters **-OR-** journey to Siena on a full day excursion and embark on a walking tour through its narrow Gothic streets, getting to know the local lifestyle in a *contrada* (neighborhood) whose community is centered around the colorful *Palio* horse race. *(B)*

Day 6: Monday, May 12, 2025 Pisa Explore historic sites in the ancient maritime Republic of Pisa, including the *Piazza dei Miracoli*, or "Field of Miracles" (UNESCO). Keep your camera handy at the famous Leaning Tower of Pisa. Visit the Baptistery, the largest in Italy. This evening, travel to the quiet countryside to learn the secrets of traditional Tuscan cuisine. Partake in a cooking class, using local ingredients and culinary techniques that have been passed down for generations. Enjoy your freshly-prepared meal for dinner. *(B, D)*

Day 7: Tuesday, May 13, 2025 Montecatini Terme The day is yours to relax and experience the local flavor. Take this opportunity to shop at the local boutiques and dine at one of Montecatini's fine local restaurants. Or, perhaps you will choose an optional full day excursion to Cinque Terre with its rugged coastline dotted with terraced vineyards. Explore this string of fishing villages nestled between the mountains and the Mediterranean. *(B)*

Day 8: Wednesday, May 14, 2025 Cheese Farm Visit - San Gimignano At a nearby cheese farm, learn how the famous *pecorino* cheese is made before sampling it for yourself. Soak in breathtaking views as you travel to the hilltop village of San Gimignano, one of Tuscany's most picturesque places. Explore this enchanting medieval town, from its famous 14 towers to its magnificent vistas overlooking vineyards. Enjoy free time and perhaps indulge in some gelato. Later, attend a Tuscan feast of traditional cuisine and wines set in the countryside. (*B*, *D*)

Day 9: Thursday, May 15, 2025 Montecatini Terme - Tour Ends Your journey comes to a close today. Depart with many fond memories of Tuscany. *(B)*



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PLEASE NOTE:

Book Now rates valid until Nov 08, 2024, valid on air inclusive packages only. The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3. This means you're an on-the-go traveler. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal. A moderately paced two-and-a-half-hour walking tour, covering several miles, hills, and uneven surfaces, is no problem for you. Walking four miles over the course of a day is very doable, as is climbing into and out of various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.). You can climb three flights of stairs easily and handle altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 feet. Expect some longer days with early mornings or late nights balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. In Italy, some of the most unique sightseeing can mean accessing locations that restrict tour bus circulation, especially in historic areas such as Lucca, Pisa, Siena, San Gimignano and Florence. In Florence you must be prepared to walk approximately 3 miles (4.8 kilometers) to complete the sightseeing. The full day walking tour takes place over flat but cobblestoned streets with narrow sidewalks which are often crowded. For your wellbeing, we recommend bringing comfortable walking shoes. This level is not a fit for travelers who require mobility assistance devices.

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

Days of features are interchangeable.

Most shops and businesses in Italy are closed on Sundays and on national/religious holidays.

Experience It! Gothic Line

In the waning days of World War II (and after the fall of Rome), German forces made preparations to defend northern Italy. Along the Apennine Mountains, they created a formidable line of defense in an effort to hold back Allied forces. The site of some of the hardest fighting of the Italian campaign, the battles along the Gothic Line helped tie down two German armies. See the array of bunkers and fortifications along the line and visit the Museum of Liberation. Learn of the heroic deed of Allied forces and Italian partisans. Come away with a new appreciation for those who gave so much in the name of freedom.

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Optional 3 Days 2-Night Gourmet Bologna Post Tour Extension

Per Person Rates: \$999.00 USD double, \$1,199.00 USD single, land & air inclusive

For more information on extensions and options for this tour visit https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1204938

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis. Single rate subject to change based on availability.

To complete your tour, we <u>include</u> roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your <u>own air</u>, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

Air passengers will arrive and depart from Florence or Pisa airports.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

IDENTIFICATION

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require that your passport be valid at least 6 months beyond the dates of your travel. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about

passports and visa requirements. IMPORTANT: We recommend that travelers take a photocopy of their passport and

applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

Effective for travel in May 2025, all visitors who do not need a visa to enter Europe will be expected to apply for an ETIAS visa waiver, for a fee, when visiting a Schengen Area Country. To identify Schengen Area Countries and to complete the ETIAS application, please visit https://www.etiasvisa.com/

*The Academy Gallery is closed Mondays, as are other state museums. Additionally, the day and time of the visit to the Academy is subject to change based on availability of reservations. In either case, the itinerary will be rearranged to accommodate it.

**The interior of Tettuccio Spa is closed to visits during the months of November and December.

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

A deposit of \$698 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the deposit due date of November 01, 2024 are based upon availability. Final payment due by March 09, 2025. Deposits are refundable up until November 08, 2024.

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NOTES:



For important reservation information visit https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1204938. You can also find this information on your tour documents.



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BOOKING NUMBER: 1204938 DEPARTURE DATE: May 7, 2025

TOUR: Spotlight on Tuscany GROUP NAME: Manatee Chamber of Commerce

\$140 USD

Available Options

Personalize your tour by adding an optional activity below. Our recommended options have been carefully chosen to help enhance your individual experience. Complete the provided Prepaid Options Form to reserve your options.

Availability is limited and reservations are on a first come, first serve basis. Payment must be received no later than 15 days prior to departure. Prices are subject to change.

Children under the age of 18 MUST be accompanied by an adult.

Cinque Terre

Day Trip to Cinque Terre

Spend a glorious day exploring the unique Cinque Terre. You'll discover a magical land nestled between the mountains and the Mediterranean that is nearly inaccessible. Travel by rail and boat,* past terraced vineyards and stunning panoramas on your way to a string of colorful fishing villages that sit along the area's breathtaking, rugged coastline. Savor the charms of this special place with a local guide who will help you explore some of the delightful towns of the area. Hear tales of the region's past and present as you come to know why the Cinque Terre National Park has been named a UNESCO World Heritage site. This is the perfect way to spend your day – feeling like you have stepped into a postcard. Your day comes to a close tasting the flavors of the area at a local shop as you sip wine made in the region and try some local treats. *Boat trip is seasonal. When a boat is not available, travel will be by rail only. *Duration: Approximately 8 hours*. Please note a minimum of 10 passengers is required. Transportation is included.

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Optional 5 Days 3-Night Rome Pre Tour Extension

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4 Meals: 3 Breakfasts, 1 Dinner

Day 1: Overnight Flight

You are on your way to the eternal city of Rome.

Day 2: Rome, Italy - Tour Begins

Get settled into Rome for your 3-night stay. Take time to get acquainted with the area on your own. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner featuring regional delicacies. *Today dinner will be included.*

Day 3: Rome

Start your morning with a ride on *La Metro* – Rome's underground system. First stop – a locally guided tour of the Eternal City's most iconic monuments. Walk over cobblestoned streets and weathered passageways to discover famous sights such as the Trevi Fountain, the Pantheon, and Piazza Navona, one of Rome's most breathtaking Baroque esplanades. The remainder of the day is yours. Perhaps you'll wander through one of Rome's many museums, such as the Capitoline or stroll the Avenue of the Imperial Forum for views of the Colosseum. This evening, consider an optional dinner in a popular restaurant, where you'll indulge in a hearty meal accompanied by wine and local entertainment. *Today breakfast will be included*.

Day 4: Rome

Make the most of a free day in Italy's capital city. Perhaps you will join an optional tour* to the Vatican Museums and St. Peter's Basilica, taking in world-renowned wonders such as the Sistine Chapel and Michelangelo's mural of the Last Judgment. In the afternoon, consider strolling through the Borghese Gardens for views of the city's skyline or meander through Rome's bohemian *Trastevere* district. *Today breakfast will be included*.

Day 5: Rome - Montecatini Terme

Your Roman sojourn comes to a close today. Say Arrivederci Roma as you transfer to Montecatini Terme to begin your tour of Tuscany. Today breakfast will be included.

Please Note:

The overall activity level of this extension is a level 3. This means walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal for you. You can navigate hills and uneven ground, climb into various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.), and could possibly anticipate changes in elevation. Walking four miles over the course of a day is very doable as is climbing 3 flights of stairs. You can handle altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 feet. You can expect some longer days balanced with free time. This level is not a fit for travelers that require mobility assistance devices.

Fully-guided extensions are a great way to explore a new destination. Enjoy sightseeing and local experiences led by a Tour Manager or local expert.

We reserve the right to cancel this extension if a minimum of 4 passengers is not met to operate.

The space on this extension is limited and will be available on a first come, first served basis. Applicable charges may apply at time of request.

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

*The optional tour to the Vatican Museums may operate on a different day on select departures due to availability of reservations and closure on Sundays and holidays.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis. Single rate subject to change based on availability.

**The transfer to Montecatini will be by driver-only. The transfer is 200 miles (325 kms) and will take approximately 4 hours depending on traffic. A restroom stop at a rest area along the highway will be made mid-journey. Your Tour Manager will meet you upon arrival in Montecatini.

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4 Meals: 2 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches

Day 9: Montecatini Terme - Food Valley Tour and Tastings - Bologna

This morning, traverse the Apennine Mountains and cross from Tuscany into the Emilia region, Italy's foodie haven. Visit a villa where the family still ages their Balsamic Vinegar production in the attic, as countless generations have done before them. Then, pause at a local farm producing *Parmigiano-Reggiano* cheese according to traditional codes dating back to the 1300s. After a light lunch at the Parmigiano cheese cellar, your exploration of Emilia's Food Valley concludes with a demonstration – and tasting – of authentic *gelato*, before arriving in Bologna, your home for the next 2 nights. *Today lunch will be included*.

Day 10: Bologna - Walking Tour - Food Tour

Spend the morning exploring Bologna in company of an expert guide. During your walking tour, discover the origin of Bologna's several nicknames – *la dotta* (the learned) and *la rossa* (the red, from the colors of its bricks) and *la grassa* (the fat). Perhaps the latter nickname is the most fitting. Food is a true passion here, as Bologna is the birthplace of some of Italy's most iconic foods: *tortellini, mortadella* - the progenitor of baloney - and *Bolognese* sauce. Visit the ancient seat of the University – the oldest continuously operating in the western world – before browsing Bologna's specialty food shops. Then, sample local delicacies such as Parma ham and lasagna during lunch at a local eatery. Spend the afternoon at leisure in this lively town. Indulge in some people-watching at a café in Piazza Maggiore, the expansive plaza at the heart of the city's social life, or search for Bologna's very own leaning towers: the *Garisenda* and *Asinelli*. Whatever your interest, Bologna guarantees the perfect stroll as it boasts over 23 miles of covered sidewalks lined by colonnades offering protection from rain and heat. *Today breakfast and lunch will be included*.

Day 11: Bologna - Extension Ends

Bid arrivederci to Bologna as your Italian sojourn comes to a close today. Today breakfast will be included.

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A **Hosted Extension** is great for travelers who like to spend full days exploring places on their own by foot or public transportation. A dedicated Tour Manager will not be present during this extension.

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Air inclusive rate is valid for guests who have purchased our air package for the full tour. Rate may vary for those who have purchased their own air.