

An Exploration in Slow Food, Culture, & Art

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INCLUSIONS

TRANSPORTATION & MEALS

- Round-trip airfare from Minneapolis to Rome, Italy with a return from Milan, Italy
- Air taxes and fuel surcharges (currently at \$521.00)
- Transportation via deluxe motorcoach for all transfers and touring in Italy
- Orvieto funicular
- Barromean Islands cruise
- Continental breakfasts - 10
- Lunches - 2
- Dinners - 6

ACCOMMODATIONS

- Accommodations in superior four-star hotels - 10 nights
Assisi - 2, Florence - 1, Turin - 3, Milan - 2
- Accommodations in a three-star agriturismo, Siena - 2 nights

SIGHTSEEING & ACTIVITIES

- All sightseeing as shown in itinerary
- City tours with local guides in Assisi, Siena, San Gimignano, Florence, Turin, and Milan
- Culinary Experiences: Castello di Brolio, Siena truffle hunter, Agriturismo cooking class and dinner, Museo del Prosciutto, Museo del Parmigiano, La Morra vineyard, University of Gastronomic Sciences, Fiorenzo Giolito, Ascheri Cellars
- Attractions: Duomo di Orvieto, Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi, Dancing Francis, Duomo di Siena, choice of Uffizi or Accademia entrance fee, Isola Bella, Isola Madre, Last Supper
- *Optional add on: Opera at La Scala*



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ITINERARY

DAY 1 DEPART USA

Depart from Minneapolis today for your tour of Italy.

MSP-AMS	Delta 160	Dep 5:12 pm	Arr 8:15 am (4/19)
AMS-FCO	KLM 1601	Dep 9:35 am	Arr 11:50 am (4/19)

DAY 2 ARRIVE ROME - ASSISI

Arrive in Rome and begin your transfer to Assisi. Make a stop in Orvieto, a small hilltop town where a funicular will bring you to the charming town center located high on a hill. Visit the cathedral of Orvieto, and enjoy lunch on your own before continuing on to Assisi.

HOTEL: [Hotel Giotto Assisi](#)

DAY 3 ASSISI

Take a walking tour of Assisi. The city was home to the deeply mystical St. Francis and St. Clare. Entrance is included to the Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi, adorned with frescoes by Giotto. Visit the St. Anthony's Guest House, offering panoramic views of the city, overlooking the Umbrian valley. See the *Dancing Francis*, a sculpture by the renowned previous Gustavus sculptor in residence, Paul Granlund.

Time is at your leisure this afternoon. Explore more around the hotel, or wander further to lower Assisi, Santa Mari degli Angeli, to see the Porziuncola and il giardino delle Rose.

DAY 4 ASSISI - AGRITURISMO/SIENA

Depart Assisi for Siena, and make a stop to visit Castello di Brolio. Home of the noble family of Barone Ricasoli, and one of the most important wine makers in the region, you'll have an introduction to Chianti Classico. Your tour will take you through the garden, on the walls of the castle, and of course to the cantina to sample the castle's wines.

Continue to Siena, one of the most beautiful cities in Tuscany, surrounded by olive groves and vineyards. Set on three hills, Siena is drawn together by winding alleyways and steep steps. At its heart is the Piazza del Campo - an enormous, shell-shaped piazza famous for its semi-annual horse race called the Palio. Guides will meet you for a walking tour that includes entrance for the Siena Duomo to admire its elaborate interior of black and white marble, the symbolic colors of Siena. Continue your tour by visiting with a local truffle hunter, who hunts for truffles in the local woods. You'll have time to sample his products, and to purchase some for later!

RESORT: [Fattoria di Corsignano](#)

DAY 5 SAN GIMIGNANO DAY TRIP

Enjoy a leisurely morning at your agriturismo before making your way to San Gimignano, a charming town overlooking the Val d'Elsa and surrounding countryside. Entering through the ancient city gates, prepare to be struck by the medieval aspect of the architecture, the layout, and a feeling of having stepped back in time. Enjoy lunch on your own before returning to your agriturismo.

This evening you will prepare an Italian feast, guided by a local professional chef. Sample the regions freshest seasonal produce and local ingredients.



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DAY 6 SIENA - FLORENCE

Transfer to Florence this morning, making a stop at the Florence American Cemetery on the way where headstones of 4,392 American soldiers sit upon the hillside.

Arrive in the capital of Tuscany and jewel of the Renaissance, Florence. A UNESCO World Heritage city, Florence is home to several museums holding priceless works by the Renaissance masters Donatello, Michelangelo, Raphael and Titian. A majestic cathedral towers over the old town, and the winding and narrow streets make visitors feel as though they've stepped back in time and arrived in the Middle Ages. Check into your hotel before taking a guided walking tour of Florence that brings you past the Santa Maria del Fiore Cathedral with its immense dome, Giotto's Belltower, and the Baptistery's "Gates of Paradise" by Ghiberti. Entrance is included to either the Accademia Gallery, which houses Michelangelo's *David*, or the Uffizi Museum, to explore the stunning collection of Italian Renaissance art.

HOTEL: [NH Collection Firenze Palazzo Gaddi](#)

DAY 7 FLORENCE - TURIN

Attend an optional mass this morning at Santa Maria del Fiore, a short walk from your hotel. Start the journey from Florence to Turin, making a stop in Parma on the way. Best-known for its delicious food, Parma is also a beautiful city with major architectural sights. See the Farnese Theater – a prototype of the Italian-style Baroque theater made entirely from wood – and the Regio Theater with its neo-classical façade. Parma is also the birthplace Arturo Toscanini, Italy's most famous conductor. Enjoy guided tours and tastings at the Museo del Prosciutto and the Museo del Parmigiano before continuing on the transfer to Turin.

HOTEL: [Turin Palace Hotel](#)

DAY 8 LA MORRA DAY TRIP

Today is National Liberation Day in Italy! You'll travel to La Morra to visit a local vineyard specializing in Barolo wine. This afternoon you will take a guided tour of Turin on foot. See the cathedral, Piazza Castello, Mole Antonelliana, Palazzo Reale, and Palazzo Madama (entrances not included). The evening is at your leisure to explore the city.

DAY 9 BRA DAY TRIP

This morning you'll travel to the nearby city of Bra, home of the Italian slow food movement. Visit the University of Gastronomic Sciences, which was founded in 2004 by the International Slow Food Association. You'll stop at the Fiorenzo Giolito cheese shop to learn about the local cheese. Shop, visit the laboratory, and the small museum before sampling several cheeses. Continue your visit of Bra at the Ascheri Cellars to enjoy more wine, cheese and famous Bra sausages. Travel back to Turin, and enjoy free time at your leisure this evening.

DAY 10 TURIN - MILAN

Depart Turin this morning for Milan. Make a stop in Stresa to tour the edge of Lake Maggiore and enjoy a cruise to the Borromeo Islands. Visit Isola Bella and the Palazzo Borromeo, and Isola Madre to see the botanical garden hosting rare plant species and collections from every part of the world. Continue to Milan, recognized as a world fashion and design capital, with a major influence in commerce, industry, music, sport, literature, art, and media. The city has a particularly famous musical (especially operatic) tradition, being the home of several important composers (Giuseppe Verdi, for example) and theatres. Milan is also well-known for several important museums, universities, academies, palaces, churches, and libraries. Soccer fans will know that Milan is home to two renowned football teams – A.C. Milan and F.C. Internazionale Milano.

HOTEL: [UNAHOTELS Cusani Milano](#)



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DAY 11

MILAN

Enjoy a city tour of Milan this morning. You'll travel throughout the historic city center starting in the Piazza del Duomo (Cathedral Square). Visit Milan Cathedral, a Gothic masterpiece and the second largest church in Italy after St. Peter's in Rome. Next door is the Galleria, a covered double arcade formed of two glass-vaulted arcades at right angles intersecting in an octagon. Walk through the Galleria to the Piazza della Scala. The afternoon is at your leisure to explore the city.

DAY 12

DEPART MILAN - ARRIVE USA

Transfer to the airport for your return journey. You will arrive in the United States later this afternoon.

MXP-JFK	Delta 173	Dep 11:50 am	Arr 3:15 pm
JFK-MSP	Delta 883	Dep 7:35 pm	Arr 9:53 pm



PRICE PER PASSENGER 12 DAY TOUR

	30 Passengers	35 Passengers	40 Passengers
Land Only:	\$5,054.00	\$4,753.00	\$4,540.00
Airfare:	\$1,239.00	\$1,239.00	\$1,239.00
Total Tour Price:	\$6,293.00	\$5,992.00	\$5,779.00

Single Supplement: \$900.00

** Air taxes and fuel surcharges are subject to change until tickets are issued, approximately 60 days prior to departure.*

** The price is subject to the guidelines in the "Terms and Conditions." The land prices are based on vendor rates available on 8/10/21 and are subject to increases imposed by vendors. The price is subject to change according to the number of passengers.*

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