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Gems of Tuscany

April 20 – May 02, 2028

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HIGHLIGHTS... Versilia Coast, Carrara Marble Quarries Off-Road Excursion, Cinque Terre & Portovenere Excursion, Maremma Coastline, Elba Island Excursion, Orcia Valley, Greve in Chianti, Florence

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Days 1, 2 Overnight Flight
Days 3 – 5 Palace Hotel Viareggio, Viareggio
Days 6, 7 Marina di Scarlino Resort , Grosseto
Days 8 – 10 Hotel Corsignano, Orcia Valley
Days 11, 12 Grand Hotel Cavour Florence, Florence

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Day 1: Thursday, April 20, 2028 Depart Honolulu - Overnight Flight You're on your way to explore some of the beloved and lesser-known treasures of Tuscany, where a tapestry of culture, food, wine, and picture-perfect landscapes awaits.

Day 2: Friday, April 21, 2028 Overnight Flight Continue on your journey to Tuscany

Day 3: Saturday, April 22, 2028 Viareggio, Versilia Coast, Tuscany Make your way to Viareggio along the Versilia Coast, where you'll spend three nights discovering a different side of Tuscany. Here, you'll find a coastal base for exploration, with Art Nouveau architecture, summertime beach clubs, and lakeside retreats that inspired some of Italy's most celebrated opera. As arrival times vary, there's no scheduled sightseeing today, so you can get to know this seaside town at your own pace. Wander the promenade, stop to sip an espresso, or simply settle into your hotel and breathe in the salty breeze. As evening falls, join your fellow travelers for a welcome drink to toast your upcoming journey.

Day 4: Sunday, April 23, 2028 Viareggio This morning, leave the well-worn roads behind for the Carrara marble quarries, one of Tuscany's most extraordinary open-air workplaces. An off-road drive through the Apuan Alps follows paths carved by generations of quarrymen, revealing how this stone shaped Italian art and architecture, from ancient Rome to Michelangelo's *David*. Back in Viareggio, the afternoon is yours to soak up the sophisticated coastal atmosphere as you please. As the day winds down, a short drive brings you to Torre del Lago and the beloved home of opera composer Giacomo Puccini. Visit the maestro's residence-turned-museum – where *La Bohème*, *Tosca*, and *Madama Butterfly* were born – and settle in for a private performance on Puccini's own piano before dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 5: Monday, April 24, 2028 Viareggio On a full day outing,* the dramatic coastline of Cinque Terre stretches before you – terraced vineyards tumbling to the sea, and five fishing villages clinging to cliffs like they've been there forever (they have). Ferry among the rugged coastline, stopping to visit one of these legendary villages before deep, sapphire-blue waters carry you to Portovenere, a colorful harbor town the locals call "the other Cinque Terre." A bit less traveled than the fishing hamlets of Cinque Terre, Portovenere's allure lies in its neighborhood charm and relaxed pace, making it easy to linger here. Later, head back to Viareggio for an evening at leisure. (B)

Day 6: Tuesday, April 25, 2028 Viareggio - Maremma Coast This morning, follow quiet Tuscan backroads toward the Abbey of San Galgano, where legend lingers in stone. Visit a small chapel with a legendary past, then step into the abbey's open-air ruins, its Gothic arches framing sky and wind-stirred grass. This afternoon, continue toward the Maremma Coast, a wilder stretch of Tuscany where pine forests meet the sea. Settle into your resort, a relaxed, seaside base on Scarlino's Marina. Unwind at the resort, or head into nearby Castiglione for a livelier evening along the coast. (B, L)

Day 7: Wednesday, April 26, 2028 Maremma Coast Board a ferry to Elba Island** and let the Mediterranean breeze guide you past umbrella pines. On a guided exploration, take in colorful villages shaped by Napoleon's influence during his time in exile here. In Portoferraio, visit one of the emperor's historic residences before sailing back to the mainland while scanning the horizon for distant glimpses of Capraia, or the islets of Palmaiola and Cerboli. (B)

Day 8: Thursday, April 27, 2028 Maremma Coast - Pienza, Orcia Valley During an **Impact Moment**, visit a *butteri* farm – a tradition with roots that run deep in the Maremma, where the landscape itself shaped a culture of cattle herding across wide-open terrain. The region's "Italian cowboys" still work on horseback today, tending herds of cattle and horses that roam in a semi-wild state. Gain insight into this enduring way of life before sitting down to lunch on the farm. This afternoon, the Maremma falls behind as you journey toward Pienza. The open landscapes of the Orcia



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Valley unfold along the way – rolling hills, slender cypress trees, and skies that seem to go on forever. (B, L)

Day 9: Friday, April 28, 2028 Pienza Today, **it's your choice!** Circle the slopes of Mount Amiata, an extinct volcano with natural hot springs, to reach Saturnia,*** where limestone pools cascade down the hillside, inviting you to bathe in its warm mineral waters **-OR-** remain in Pienza, joining a local expert for a guided walk through the UNESCO-designated town, one of the first examples of Renaissance-style urban planning. Meander its harmonious streets, browse artisan shops, then lose yourself in the kind of view that made Tuscany famous – the *Val d'Orcia* rolling away beneath you, timeless and unhurried. (B)

Day 10: Saturday, April 29, 2028 Pienza This morning, hike along one of Tuscany's gravel-paved "white roads" where the iconic landscapes of the Orcia Valley open up around you, and open fields, scattered farmhouses, and distant hilltop villages stretch as far as the eye can see. The road leads to a local dairy known for its *pecorino* cheese, where regional traditions run as deep as the flavors themselves. Roll up your sleeves for a hands-on cheese making session, preparing fresh *ricotta* and *primo sale* alongside the cheesemaker, before sitting down to a simple lunch of your own creations, paired with a tasting of *pecorino* and local charcuterie. This afternoon, visit the hilltop town of Montepulciano, known for its production of *Vino Nobile* wine. Pause for a tasting at a local winery, before returning to Pienza in the late afternoon. (B, L)

Day 11: Sunday, April 30, 2028 Pienza - Greve in Chianti - Florence The road north winds through the Chianti region, where vine-covered hills and ancient olive groves set the tone for the day ahead. A stop at an award-winning *frantoio* (olive presser) brings you into the heart of a tradition that comes alive each November, when the harvest is pressed.**** Learn about the many varieties of

trees and oil-making methods before joining a tasting of the extra virgin olive oil produced right at the mill. No journey through the Chianti countryside would be complete without time in Greve, considered by many the capital of Chianti, where the village feels lived-in and full of local character. This afternoon, Florence appears on the horizon, and you settle in for a 2-night stay in the "cradle of the Renaissance." (B)

Day 12: Monday, May 01, 2028 Florence For your final day of *la dolce vita*, **it's your choice!** Join a local expert for a walking tour through Florence's storied squares and iconic landmarks **-OR-** visit the Cathedral Museum to observe masterpieces by Michelangelo, Donatello, Ghiberti, and Brunelleschi firsthand. Whatever you choose, you'll find yourself surrounded by the splendor of the Renaissance as you explore. The afternoon is yours to explore the city in your own way, before gathering for a farewell dinner with your fellow travelers. (B, D)

Day 13: Tuesday, May 02, 2028 Florence - Tour Ends Bid *arrivederci* to the gems of Tuscany as your journey ends today. (B)

For more information on this tour visit
<https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1437787>

Important Tour Information:

Book Now rates valid until Sep 30, 2026, 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. This level is not a fit for travelers who require mobility assistance devices.

Travel with an average of 19 people (maximum of 24).

The included activities are not suitable for travelers using motorized scooters, wheelchairs, walkers, or Zimmer-frames.

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

The areas featured on this tour require extensive walking over cobblestones, uneven and often narrow sidewalks, and occasionally unpaved terrain with loose gravel. For your comfort, we recommend bringing well-broken-in walking shoes.

This tour makes use of ferries and travels on many narrow, winding roads. If you suffer from sea/motion sickness, please take the appropriate precautions.

Days of features are interchangeable.

Shops and businesses in smaller towns and villages are generally closed on Sundays, while in larger cities they typically remain open but do close on national/religious holidays.

*Cinque Terre: this excursion is operated via public ferry. The total sailing time is 3.5 hours round-trip. Agility is required to board via narrow gangways with no handrails. Standing while embarking and disembarking is required, and services are weather-dependent. When the ferry is not operating, the excursion takes place by train. Trains and waiting platforms are very crowded, and seating cannot be reserved. There are up to 40 steps to reach the platforms. In both cases, you must be prepared to wait for 15-30 minutes without shelter or seating. Restroom facilities are limited and often dirty. Trains are subject to delays and/or public transportation strikes.

**Elba Island: this excursion is operated via public ferry. The total sailing time is 2 hours round-trip.

***Saturnia Hot Springs: this excursion requires a 2-hour drive each way to reach the site. Upon arrival, expect a flat walk of approximately 0.5 miles (805 meters) from the coach drop-off point to the hot springs, and the same distance returning. The thermal pools are a natural site with limited facilities, including basic changing rooms, toilets, showers, and lockers. A bathing suit is required. Towels are not provided on site. Bringing a lightweight travel towel (such as microfiber) is recommended, or borrow a suitable alternative from your accommodation. Be prepared for uneven, slippery surfaces, as there are no handrails or assistance when entering or exiting the pools. Secure water shoes with grip (no flip-flops) are required for safety.

****Olives are picked over a period of approximately 45 days. The exact starting and ending day depends on the weather and can vary from mid-October to mid-December.

When reserving single accommodations, be advised that single rooms in Italy are often smaller in size.

Hotel check-in on your day of arrival is 3:00 p.m. Rooms may not be available prior to that time.

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

Smaller coaches, which may not be lavatory-equipped, may be used on this tour. In this case, frequent stops are made during travel periods.

Our departure transfers will depart from Florence to the Florence airport.

To complete your tour, we include round-trip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, 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.

Our air travelers will arrive at Florence or Pisa airports and depart out of Florence airport.

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.

Prepaid tipping is not available on our tours therefore payment of customary end-of-trip gratuities for your Tour Manager, driver, hotel housekeepers, and cruise ship waitstaff should be handled individually when applicable during the course of your tour.

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

Travel Requirements:

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's 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.

ETIAS visa waiver requirements are anticipated to begin in 2027, for a fee, when visiting a Schengen Area Country. To identify Schengen Area Countries and to complete the ETIAS application, please visit <https://travel-europe.europa.eu/etias>

Collette will provide all necessary information, updates, and supporting documents for your travel requirements, including visa and Electronic Travel Authorizations (ETAs), if required, approximately 60-90 days prior to your departure.

A deposit of \$698 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the seat reduction date of September 30, 2026 are based upon availability. Final payment due by November 22, 2027. Deposits are refundable up until September 21, 2027.

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