

Join the **WFU Alumni Travel Program** to experience:

March 16 - 24, 2018

Tuscany

Montecatini ✦ Pisa ✦ Lucca ✦ Florence ✦ Rome
Pienza ✦ Montalcino ✦ San Gimignano ✦ Siena

Our Daily Itinerary (subject to change)

DAY 1: Depart USA

We depart on our **overnight, transatlantic flight** to Italy. Meals and snacks are served on board.

DAY 2: Arrive Italy - Montecatini

Upon arrival in Italy, we are greeted by our **World Cultural Tours Representative** who escorts us to our private motor coach for transfer to our hotel in Montecatini. In this beautiful town, we have the afternoon at leisure to explore, shop and have lunch on our own. Our evening begins with a **guided orientation tour** of the city followed by our **Welcome Dinner** together.

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DAY 3: Montecatini - Pisa - Lucca - Montecatini



Following our first full Italian breakfast, we depart for **Pisa**, where we tour the Duomo, Baptistery and Cemetery. We have time to browse through the lively shopping stalls before departing for **Lucca**, a city whose Roman origins are still evident today in the grid pattern of its streets. Our **guided tour** highlights the eleventh-century Duomo, built in the Pisan Romanesque style; the church of San Michele in Foro, Piazza del Mercato, and views of the Torre dei Guinigi. We return to Montecatini and have dinner on our own this evening.

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DAY 4: Montecatini - Florence - Montecatini

After breakfast, we depart for the Renaissance city of **Florence**. Upon arrival, we enjoy a **guided walking tour**, which takes us to Giotto's Bell Tower, the Baptistery with Ghiberti's Gates of Paradise, and the Cathedral of St. Maria del Fiore. We have some free time to shop and enjoy the atmosphere of this dazzling city as we eat lunch on our own. We end our tour with a **visit to the Academy of Fine Arts** to view Michelangelo's *David*. We return to our hotel in Montecatini and **dine together** at a local restaurant this evening.

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9 - Day Tour Includes:

- Roundtrip Airfare
 - *Air Taxes up to \$650*
- Seven (7) Nights Accommodation
- Professional Tour Manager
- Luxury Motor Coach
- Full Italian Breakfast Daily
- Four (4) Italian Dinners
 - *Welcome Dinner*
 - *Two (2) Additional Dinners*
 - *Farewell Dinner*
- Sightseeing per Itinerary
 - *Local Fine Cheese Tasting*
 - *Wine Cellar Tour & Tasting*
 - *Florence's Academy of Fine Arts*
- Gratuities
- Residency Taxes



\$3,099 P/P Dbl. Occ.

*(Plus Fuel Surcharges/Air Taxes Exceeding \$650,
Pending Air Confirmation)*



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DAY 5: Montecatini - (Optional) Rome Excursion/Coliseum, Forum, Palatine Hill

Today, we have the full day at leisure for sightseeing, shopping and relaxing on our own. We also have the option to participate in a day **excursion to Rome**. Our afternoon tour of the "Eternal City" includes visits to the Coliseum, Roman Forum, and Palatine Hill. We have free time to independently explore, sightsee and shop on our own before returning to Montecatini later this evening. Tonight, dinner is on our own.

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DAY 6: Montecatini - Pienza/Cheese Tasting - Montalcino/Wine Cellar Tour & Tasting



This morning, we depart for **Pienza**, a Renaissance jewel created in 1458, specializing in Pecorino, a delicious cheese made exclusively from sheep milk. Here, we enjoy a **tasting of local cheese** before continuing to the quaint village of **Montalcino**. Upon arrival in this hill town, famous for its Brunello wine made with the Sangiovese Grosso grape, we have a **wine tasting and guided visit to a local wine cellar**. We have time to explore the city on our own before returning to Montecatini where we make dinner arrangements on our own.

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DAY 7: Montecatini - San Gimignano - Siena - Montecatini

After breakfast this morning, we depart for the charming medieval town of **San Gimignano**, named after the Bishop of Modena. Once inside the city's ancient gates, we feel as though we have stepped back in time as we walk through cobblestoned streets and medieval structures. Later this afternoon, we continue to **Siena** and delight in a **guided walking tour** of this picturesque city, highlighting the church of San Domenico, Loggia della Mercanzia, Piazza del Campo, and the Palazzo Pubblico. We return to Montecatini and have **dinner together** this evening.

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DAY 8: Montecatini - Florence/Day at Leisure - Montecatini

This morning after breakfast, we return to **Florence** and enjoy a full day at leisure. We may explore the Piazza della Signoria, visit the Boboli Gardens, or relax at a sidewalk café, sampling fragrant espresso and delicious gelato while marveling at the exquisite statues that surround us. This evening, we gather for our **Farewell Dinner** at a local restaurant to reminisce about our amazing experiences together.

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DAY 9: Montecatini - Depart Italy - Arrive USA

After breakfast, we board our motor coach and transfer to the airport for our **return flight to the USA**. *(B)*

TERMS & CONDITIONS

RESPONSIBILITY: A VALID PASSPORT IS REQUIRED FOR ALL INTERNATIONAL TRAVELERS and must be valid at least six months after your tour return date. Please note that passport cards are not considered valid for international travel. For domestic travel within the continental USA, a passport is not required for US Citizens, however an unexpired form of local or federal government-issued photo ID (passport, driver's license, military ID) is required for all adult passengers (18 and over). • Please send, with each deposit & registration form, a copy of each registrant's passport (or government-issued photo ID for domestic tours), if applicable. Failure to submit a copy of your valid passport (if applicable) may result in penalties or additional fees charged by the airline/participating partners to make corrections to your reservation. **A TRAVEL VISA MAY BE REQUIRED FOR NON-US CITIZENS (TRAVELERS WITHOUT AN AMERICAN PASSPORT)**, who are traveling internationally. It is the responsibility of the traveler to contact the embassy of any countries that will be visited during the tour (including countries visited during flight layovers) to determine whether a travel visa is required, and for further information about the application process. Any visas must be obtained at the sole responsibility of the individual traveler. If you need a travel visa, World Cultural Tours (WCT) requires that you submit written verification that a visa has been obtained or a photocopy of your visa, no later than 15 days prior to the departure date of your tour. World Cultural Tours (WCT) and other participating affiliates act solely as agents in arranging transportation, hotel accommodations, and other services. We do not assume, and in fact, we expressly disclaim, any liability for injury, damage, loss, accident, consequences resulting from cancellations and/or delays including, but not limited to, schedule changes, strikes, war, political conflict, riots, inclement weather or acts of God. Likewise, we assume no liability for any act, negligence or default of tour guides, including their agents and employees, or any company or person engaged in the transport of passengers, rendering of any service, or conducting arrangements for any tour. WCT reserves the right to cancel any tour or alter the tour price due to insufficient participation. In the event that a group must cancel in full due to lack of materialization or the inability to meet the minimum number of participants that the tour price was based on, tour members will receive a full refund, less a \$150 administration fee and/or any non-refundable penalties owed or paid on behalf of the tour (this includes penalties for airline deposits, hotel deposits, transportation deposits, non-refundable entrance fees or performance tickets). Furthermore, WCT reserves the right, at our sole discretion, to modify any itinerary or arrangements based on unprecedented situations that may arise. In the event modifications should become necessary, alterations may be made without penalty to the operator; additional costs, if any, shall be incurred by the traveler. • All registrants are invoiced with single occupancy rates if no roommate is specified. We will adjust rooming lists & invoices accordingly upon written notification of roommate preferences. It is the responsibility of the individual traveler to find a roommate, or group organizer to match unpaired individuals.

DEVIATION: If any passenger wishes to deviate from the group by extending their tour or by making any alterations to the included group travel arrangements, please visit www.worldculturaltours.com to submit a **Deviation Request** through our *Contact Us* Page or by emailing: CustomerService@worldculturaltours.com. Include as much information as possible in each request. A non-refundable deviation administration fee (\$150 P/P) applies, plus any additional fees charged by the airline, and may be submitted online at www.worldculturaltours.com no later than 91 days prior to departure. A Tour Consultant will contact you, therefore it is important to include telephone and/or email information.

LAND-ONLY ARRANGEMENTS: If you plan on making your own air arrangements, you must notify World Cultural Tours in writing, no later than 91 days prior to departure. All travelers are responsible for any travel arrangements not included in the tour program, including round trip arrival and departure transfers and any arrangements necessary to join the group at their first hotel accommodation. Your final invoice will reflect any applicable adjustments to the tour price.

INSURANCE: We strongly recommend travel insurance. We are happy to provide information for travel insurance. Please refer to www.worldculturaltours.com/insurance or call (877) 218-TOUR for more information. Please review the information carefully to understand coverage. **IMPORTANT:** The exclusion for Pre-Existing Conditions will be waived provided the premium is received no later than fourteen (14) days after the initial deposit for your trip and you are not disabled from travel at the time you submit your premium. Please note that travel insurance cannot be purchased after final payment has been submitted. For full disclosure of liability and a list of frequently asked questions, please refer to the following link: www.tripmate.com/wpf438W/tic.

TOUR PRICES: All tour prices are based on costs, charges & exchange rates known at time of booking. In case of currency fluctuations (if applicable) of more than 3% WCT reserves the right to adjust the tour price accordingly. Any domestic and/or international residency taxes, departure or arrival taxes, security charges, baggage fees, and other types of air or airport or port taxes or any other surcharges not included in the tour price will be the responsibility of each passenger. Current fuel surcharges, carrier imposed fees, and air taxes are averaging between \$650-\$750 per person. Our preferred method of payment is in the form of a check; however, online individual payments can be made, using an electronic check with Intuit or using a credit card, through our website, www.worldculturaltours.com. A non-refundable convenience fee of \$30 will be assessed, per transaction, for all credit card payments. A \$50 Returned Check Fee will be assessed for each returned check. • A single check or credit card payment may be made for multiple registrants. Please note that WCT reserves the right to require final payment via credit card or electronic check in the event of a past-due balance that needs to be expedited. Furthermore, WCT reserves the right to cancel all tour arrangements for traveler(s) with past-due balances; however, WCT will make every effort to contact said traveler(s) prior to taking action.

CANCELLATION POLICY: Individual cancellations are effective on the date notification is received in writing. You may submit cancellation notices to the following email address: Accounting@WorldCulturalTours.com. Any unused tour portions are non-refundable and any costs of services received while traveling are non-refundable. Up to 121 days prior to departure, full refund less a \$150 administration fee will be made. After that period, additional cancellation fees will be assessed as follows:
120-91 days prior to departure – loss of deposit
90-61 days prior to departure – 35% of total tour price is forfeited
60-46 days prior to departure – 50% of total tour price is forfeited
45-0 days prior to departure – 100% of total tour price is forfeited

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