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DAY 1: DEPART USA

Today you'll board your overnight flight en route to Florence.

DAY 2: ARRIVE ITALY

Arrive in Florence and meet your Meridian Guided Travel tour director. Transfer for a **4-night stay in a Tuscan Villa**, set amidst the rolling hills and vineyards of Italy's Tuscany region. With its serene ambiance, breathtaking views, and exceptional service, enjoy a true taste of Tuscany's timeless beauty and enjoy a Welcome dinner.

Overnight: Tuscany (D)

DAY 3: FLORENCE

Today visit **Florence**, the cradle of the Renaissance. Begin at the iconic Piazza del Duomo, marveling at the magnificent Florence Cathedral with its striking dome by Brunelleschi, the elegant Campanile, and the intricate Baptistry doors known as the "Gates of Paradise." Wander Via Del Corso, lined with charming shops, and soak in the scenes from this incredible city. See the Palazzo Vecchio, the city's town hall, and Michelangelo's famous "David" sculpture at the **Accademia Gallery**. Enjoy time at leisure to enjoy a cafe experience or perhaps visit a famous leather shop. Return to your Tuscan Villa this evening.

Overnight: Tuscany (B)

DAY 4: VOLTERRA & MONTERIGGIONI

A visit to **Volterra** offers an immersive experience in a hilltop town steeped in Etruscan, Roman, and medieval history. As you wander through its ancient streets, you'll encounter impressive stone walls, historic palaces, and a wealth of archaeological sites, including the well-preserved Roman Theatre. Next travel to **Monteriggioni**, encircled by imposing stone walls with 14 watchtowers, this small village looks much as it did centuries ago. Enjoy a special lunch before exploring this Tuscan gem. As you walk through its narrow streets, you'll find charming stone houses, a quaint piazza, and a Romanesque church. Maybe climb the walls for panoramic views of the surrounding Tuscan countryside. Enjoy dinner tonight.

Overnight: Tuscany (B,L,D)

DAY 5: SIENA & SAN GIMIGNANO

Visit **Siena** and journey into the heart of medieval Tuscany, where history, art, and culture come alive. The city is renowned for its beautifully preserved Gothic architecture, most notably the stunning Piazza del Campo, a shell-shaped square that hosts the famous Palio horse race. Admire the Torre del Mangia, perhaps climb to the top for panoramic views, and visit the impressive Siena Cathedral (Duomo), with its intricate facade and stunning interior. Wander through Siena's narrow, winding streets, and discover charming shops, traditional Tuscan eateries, and a rich sense of history. Later visit **San Gimignano**, famous for its well-preserved tower houses that dominate the skyline. Known as the "Medieval Manhattan," this UNESCO World Heritage site offers a stunning view of these ancient stone towers set against the backdrop of rolling vineyards and olive groves. As you explore the narrow, cobblestone streets, you'll encounter historic churches, charming piazzas, and artisan shops. Tonight enjoy a **Tuscan Estate Dinner** to celebrate your experience in Tuscany.

Overnight: Tuscany (B,D)

DAY 6: PISA - CARRARA - ITALIAN RIVIERA

Visit **Pisa** and see the iconic Leaning Tower, a world-renowned symbol of the city, located in the Piazza dei Miracoli. Already tilting when it was completed in 1372, the 56m white-marble cylinder is the bell tower of the adjacent Romanesque, striped-marble cathedral. Later travel to **Carrara**, and learn about the world famous marble. Explore the quarries, learning about the ancient and modern techniques used to extract the marble. Knowledgeable guides provide insights into the history and significance of Carrara marble, highlighting its role in art and architecture. Continue to the **Italian Riviera for a 3-night stay**. Enjoy dinner tonight.

Overnight: Italian Riviera (B,D)





DAY 7: CINQUE TERRE

The **Cinque Terre** is a stunning coastal region in Italy, famous for its picturesque villages perched on cliffs overlooking the Mediterranean. This part of the Riviera is a postcard-perfect blend of colorful, tightly-packed houses, narrow, winding streets, and charming harbors filled with fishing boats. Reached best by rails, board a train and journey to **Monterosso al Mare, Vernazza** and **Riomaggiore**. Enjoy a mix of guided walks and leisurely exploration today. Whether you're savoring fresh seafood, or simply soaking in the serene ambiance, enjoy this UNESCO listed "cultural landscape." After a full day exploring, enjoy dinner tonight with your fellow travelers.

Overnight: Italian Riviera (B,D)

DAY 8: PORTOFINO - MILAN

Today relax on the Riviera, and visit Portofino for amazing Mediterranean views. **Portofino** is a small fishing village turned luxury destination and renowned for its colorful harbor, stunning landscapes, and exclusive ambiance. Notice the vibrant, pastel-colored buildings that line the crescent-shaped harbor, reflecting beautifully on the turquoise waters. The harbor is dotted with elegant yachts and traditional fishing boats, creating a picturesque scene that's perfect for leisurely strolls and photo opportunities. Later travel to Milan for a 2-night stay. Enjoy a panoramic Milan tour and see the **Milan Cathedral** (Duomo), to admire its intricate Gothic architecture and the elegant **Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II**, a stunning 19th-century shopping arcade filled with luxury boutiques and stylish cafes.

Overnight: Milan (B)



DAY 9: LAKE COMO & BELLAGIO

Today travel to Lake Como. Explore charming streets, historical landmarks like the Como Cathedral, and enjoy lakeside views framed by the surrounding mountains. A boat ride across the lake takes you to Bellagio, known as the "Pearl of Lake Como," where you can wander through narrow, cobblestone streets lined with elegant villas, boutique shops, and beautiful gardens. Enjoy a Farewell Dinner tonight and toast to your experience in Italy.

Overnight: Milan (B,D)

DAY 10: RETURN HOME

After breakfast, travel to the airport and begin your journey home. (B)



ACCOMMODATIONS

4 Nights - **Tuscany**/Hotel Palazzo Leopoldo (Radda) or similar
 2 Nights - **Italian Riviera**/Hotel Vis A Vis (Sestri Levante) or similar
 2 Night - **Milan**/Leonardo Hotel Milan City or similar

TRIP PRICING

\$4,999 LAND ONLY
PER PERSON/DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

GROUP AIR (LAX) AVAILABLE FOR *\$1,500 PP

**Group airfare option must be selected at time of booking*

PAYMENT INFORMATION:

- Deposit due (\$500) with reservation to secure space.
- Final payment is due 120 days before departure
- **Single Supplement: +\$1,200**

IMPORTANT CONDITIONS/NOTES

- This tour is operated by *Meridian Guided Travel* while *Good Times Travel* acts only as a booking agent.
- A *Good Times Travel* tour director will accompany our group only with a minimum number of *Good Times Travel* guests.
- The Airfare option is group airfare and upgrades may be limited. If you prefer to arrange your own flights, please advise us prior to final payment.
- Airline checked luggage fees are not included and may apply.
- Tour/air rates subject to increase until paid in full; itinerary/hotels are subject to change.
- Optional roundtrip LAX transfers are available through *Good Times Travel* for an additional fee.

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TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- 4 Nights at a Tuscan Villa
- Florence Walking Tour
- Accademia Gallery
- Michelangelo's David
- Tuscan Wine Tasting
- Volterra
- Monteriggioni
- Siena
- San Gimignano
- Tuscan Estate Dinner
- Pisa
- Carrara Marble Quarry
- 2 Nights on the Italian Riviera
- Portofino
- Italian Riviera Cruise
- Cinque Terre Touring
- 2 Nights Milan
- Duomo di Milano
- Lake Como
- Bellagio

TRIP INCLUSIONS

- 8 Nights Accommodations
- 15 Meals (8B/1L/6D)
- Experienced Tour Manager
- Baggage Handling (where available)
- Deluxe Touring Vehicles

PASSPORT

Please Note: A U.S. passport (valid for at least 6 months beyond the return date) is required for this tour and is the responsibility of each traveler. Names submitted on the Registration Form should appear exactly as they appear on the passport.

NOT INCLUDED

- Travel Protection
- Tour Manager/Driver Gratuities

TRAVEL PROTECTION: HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

We recommend all travelers protect their travel investments and themselves while they are away with a Travel Protection Plan.

REFUNDS & CANCELLATION FEES:

All tour deposits and payments are fully refundable prior to 150 days before departure. Cancellations must be received in writing (certified mail or email) to Meridian Guided Travel. If a Travel Protection Plan is not purchased, the following fees apply for cancellations:

DAYS BEFORE DEPARTURE/REFUND AMOUNT

- Up to 150 days/Full Refund
- 149-120 days/Deposit Amount is retained
- 119-90 days/50% of total trip price is refunded
- 89-45 days/30% of total trip price is refunded
- Less than 45 days/No Refund

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