

Cradle of the Renaissance

The names of the towns here have a musical ring to them, there is so much art everywhere that you could never see it all, and the wines made here are renowned throughout the world. What is it about Tuscany that makes everyone fall in love with it so quickly? Is it the dome of the Florence Cathedral, Botticelli's masterpiece "Primavera" or the Campo in Siena? The city walls of Lucca or the Field of Miracles in Pisa? We'll find out – in a laid-back atmosphere between excursions, visits to trattorias and hikes. Between rolling hills, cypresses, and olive trees.

- Highlights of Tuscany
- Short hikes, for example, in the Chianti region or near San Gimignano
- Excellent hotel with a pool, no hotel changes

8 days

27.09.-04.10.2026

Share a room

€2559,-

MARC POLO

Have a room all to yourself €2699,-

Tuscany: Cradle of the Renaissance

Day 1, Sun, 27.09.2026: Off to Tuscany! Individual arrival in Montecatini. The hotel is about a 15-minute walk from the station – or you can take a taxi (not included). Over a welcome dinner at the hotel, you get to know your fellow travellers and your Marco Polo Scout. Seven nights in Montecatini. D

Day 2, Mon, 28.09.2026: Hiking in Chianti Take a moment to settle in, take a deep breath and switch to relaxation mode. The coach takes you through the rolling hills of Chianti at a leisurely pace. Then it's time to lace up your hiking boots and set off on foot (2.5 hours, easy to moderate, ↑200 m ↓200 m) through vineyards and past viewpoints overlooking the "realm of the black rooster". At lunchtime, delicious pasta awaits you at a winery − including a Chianti wine tasting. B/L

Day 3, Tue, 29.09.2026: A day in Florence It's a quick train ride to the heart of Florence where life is as vibrant today as it ever was! You stroll through the market hall where fennel salami, fresh tripe, pecorino cheese, and herbs make your mouth water. Together with your Marco Polo Scout, you walk from Piazza della Signoria with its Palazzo Vecchio to Ponte Vecchio - home to a string of jewellery shops overlooking the Arno. Don't forget to catch a glimpse of the iconic dome of the cathedral. With our reservation in hand, we go past the queue and straight into the Uffizi Gallery where Botticelli, Da Vinci, and others hang harmoniously side by side. Return to Montecatini and dinner at the hotel, B/D



Day 4, Wed, 30.09.2026: Lucca and garden country

By train, you reach the walls of Lucca – where Puccini spent his childhood. Strolling through the cathedral, San Michele, and the amphitheatre, you find yourself immersed in a medieval world with a modern flair. In the afternoon, you meet Lucia for a hike (2 hours, moderate, ↑200 m ↓200 m) from Montecatini through idyllic gardens to the neighbouring village. The day draws to a close with a cosy, rustic dinner at the village trattoria. B/D

Day 5, Thu, 01.10.2026: Siena in the distance Siena – a place of beauty straight out of a film. It's no wonder James Bond came here. You admire the black and white cathedral, the Campo – for many the most beautiful square in the world – and have time to wander through the narrow alleyways. Stop by Nannini and try their famous sweets. Dinner together at the hotel. B/D.

Day 6, Fri, 02.10.2026: High, higher, highest Excursion to San Gimignano. There you marvel at the town's medieval skyline – towers as far as the eye can see. At Piazza della Cisterna, you are invited to enjoy Sergio's award-winning gelato, while the Collegiate Church offers col-

ourful frescoes to admire. At lunchtime, we enjoy homemade specialities. Afterwards, we go hiking (2 hours, moderate, $\uparrow 150 \text{ m} \downarrow 200 \text{ m}$) through rolling hills with views of San Gimignano. F

Day 7, Sat 03.10.2026: Pisa and Viareggio Off to the green field with the "white wonders": the cathedral, baptistery, Campo Santo and, of course, the Leaning Tower (from the outside). Then it's off to the sea: Time for a stroll and a gelato or a cool drink. Later, we take the cable car up to Montecatini Alto where we enjoy our farewell dinner with a view overlooking a sea of lights. B/D

Day 8, Sun, 04.10.2026: Arrivederci!

The time has come to say "goodbye". Individual journey home.

B = breakfast, L = lunch, D = dinner



Arrival

Arrival and departure flights are not included in the tour price. We would be happy to provide you with an individual train or flight offer.

Hotels Subject to change
Located within walking distance of Montecatini's historic centre, yet in a quiet location,
the Hotel Croce di Malta**** captivates guests
with its elegant atmosphere and the timeless
charm of a classic spa hotel. Surrounded by
manicured gardens with a spacious pool area, it
stylishly combines traditional elements with
modern comfort – ideal for relaxing days in the
heart of the Tuscan spa region.

Travel documents and vaccinations

German nationals require a valid identity card or passport. Up-to-date information on entry requirements and any applicable vaccination requirements can be found on the internet in the tour under "Safety – Health – Entry" description or ask your booking agent.

Included in the tour price

- Excursions in comfortable coaches and by public transport
- 7 nights at the Hotel Croce di Malta
- Single room or half double room with bath or shower and WC
- Breakfast, welcome dinner and 2 dinners at the hotel, lunch at a winery, dinner at a traditional restaurant, dinner at a village trattoria
- Entrance fees as per the itinerary including the Uffizi Gallery in Florence

Climate-friendly travel with Marco Polo

This tour is carbon neutral thanks to CO2e offsetting (www.agb-mp.com/co2).

Price per person from €

8 days SGL DBL disc. 27.09. – 04.10.2026 2,699,- 140,-

Bookable extras

Upgrade to a deluxe room 290,-On request

Minimum number of participants: 6 people: if the minimum number of participants is not reached, the Tour Operator reserves the right to withdraw from the travel contract no later than 21 days before the start of the tour. Operator: Marco Polo Reisen GmbH, Riesstrasse D-80992 Munich. General travel conditions and suitability of travel for persons with reduced mobility: www.agb-mp.com. Payment/secured payment certificate: Payment is only due upon presentation of the secured payment certificate (sent with the travel confirmation) in accordance with Section 651 r (3) of the German Civil Code (BGB). A deposit of 20% of the tour price, up to a maximum of €1,000 per person, is due upon conclusion of the contract. The remaining balance is due on the 20th day before departure or at the latest upon receipt of the travel documents. Travel insurances: No travel insurance is included in the tour price. We recommend purchasing travel cancellation insurance from the following www.agb-mp.com/versicherung. Package travel rights: The standard notification form on your rights in relation to a package holiday can be found at www.agbmp.com/pauschalreiserechte. Data protection: Marco Polo Reisen processes customer data for the purpose of travel implementation and contract execution (Art. 6 (1) (b) of the European Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)) and for the purpose of advertising its own services (Art. 6 (1) (f) GDPR). Detailed information and the contact details of our Data Protection Officer: www.agb-mp.com/datenschutz. You withdraw your consent to the use of your data for advertising purposes at any time: Marco Polo Reisen GmbH, Riesstrasse 25, D-80992 Munich, Tel.: +49 (0)89/50060-411, E-mail: guys.travel@marco-polo-reisen.com.

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