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TUSCANY ON FOOT



October 14 - 27, 2027 • 14 Days • 31 Meals

SMALL GROUP • LED BY KAREN SCOTT CAPLICE

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ELBA ISLAND

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

SCENIC TUSCAN WALKS
Walk from Fiesole into Florence, through Chianti Classico vineyards from Greve, along Etruscan paths between Sovana and Pitigliano and around the Orbetello Lagoon to Monte Argentario and Porto Ercole.

UNESCO GEMS
Explore the UNESCO-listed historic centres of Florence and San Gimignano, admire Pisa's iconic Leaning Tower and stay in Montecatini Terme, part of the UNESCO-listed Great Spa Towns of Europe.

UNIQUE CULINARY EXPERIENCES
Savour a wine-grower's lunch at a Chianti Classico winery, lunch at an olive oil farm near Vinci with regional wine tastings led by a sommelier, wild boar stew in the Maremma and fresh fish in Porto Ercole.

TUSCAN LIFE & COAST
Visit Leonardo da Vinci's birthplace, share wine and appetizers at the home of local hosts Christian and Caren, take the ferry to Elba and enjoy six nights in the seaside town of Castiglione della Pescaia.

SMALL GROUP EXPERIENCE
Limited to 25 members

CT RATING: 4/5

VERY CHALLENGING:
This journey involves a number of walks on hilly, uneven surfaces for up to 4 hours per day, based on the group's pace. Walk times listed are estimated and refer to the total time spent on the trail throughout a full day. Travellers must be in excellent physical condition and be able to maintain the group pace. Alternate activities may be available for those unable to complete some of the hikes. Depending on weather and location conditions, daily activities may have to be altered or adjusted. Accommodations will be in comfortable traditional European hotels with atmosphere and character. Trail conditions may vary and are subject to change.



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ITINERARY

OCT 14 | DEPART CANADA
We gather in Toronto for our overnight flight to Rome, Italy.

OCT 15 | MONTECATINI TERME
Upon arrival in Rome, we are welcomed by our national guide. We travel north along the Apennine mountain range toward the renowned spa centre and hill town of Montecatini Terme. Tonight, we gather for our welcome reception and dinner. ***Hotel Columbia Wellness & Spa - 6 nights*** (D)

OCT 16 | FLORENCE
Our private coach transports us to the Florence area, setting the stage for an unforgettable walking adventure as we trek across the scenic hills of Fiesole along the Arno Valley down into Florence. Next, we enjoy the afternoon at leisure in Florence, the cradle of the Renaissance, before returning to Montecatini for dinner. ***Walking time: 2 hrs*** (BD)

OCT 17 | ELSA RIVER VALLEY / SAN GIMIGNANO
Today, our walk begins at Colle di Val d'Elsa, taking us through scenic vineyards and woods to a charming garden restaurant. Here, we enjoy a rustic meal featuring crostini, various types of pasta and wine. Afterwards, we travel by coach to San Gimignano, where striking medieval towers built by rival merchant families still stand today, earning the town its famous nickname, "Town of Fine Towers". During our free time, we can visit one of the most renowned ice cream parlours in Tuscany before returning to Montecatini.
Walking time: 3 hrs (BLD)

OCT 18 | CHIANTI CLASSICO
This morning, we drive to the world-famous Chianti Classico wine region, where our walking journey takes us from the picturesque wine village of Greve through lush forests and past rolling vineyards to one of the area's historic world-class wineries. Following an exclusive tour of the centuries-old wine cellars, we gather for a traditional wine-grower's lunch featuring homemade sausages and other savoury ham specialties, accompanied by our choice of excellent regional wines before we return to Montecatini for dinner.
Walking time: 3 hrs (BLD)

OCT 19 | VINCI
Setting out across the rolling hills of Montalbano, we make our way past scenic olive groves and vineyards toward Vinci, the hometown of history's most renowned genius, Leonardo da Vinci. Our path leads us to his picturesque birthplace and on to a local vineyard and olive oil farm, where we enjoy lunch accompanied by regional wine tastings led by a sommelier. In the afternoon, we take a short stroll from the village of San Baronto to our host Christian's home for wine and appetizers before returning to Montecatini.
Walking time: 1.5 hrs (BLD)

OCT 20 | MONTECARLO / LUCCA
Venturing across the rolling hills surrounding the historic village of Montecarlo, we pause for a delightful lunch served in an old farmhouse featuring exceptional local cuisine and fine wines. elegant boutiques or sip a warm cappuccino at a cozy street café before returning to Montecatini.
Walking time: 1.5 hrs (BLD)

OCT 21 | PISA / CASTIGLIONE DELLA PESCAIA
Saying goodbye to Montecatini Terme, we travel west toward Pisa for a quintessential Tuscan experience at the legendary Piazza dei Miracoli, home to the iconic Leaning Tower. After a brief visit, we continue down the scenic Tyrrhenian coast, heading south to Castiglione della Pescaia, widely regarded as the most beautiful seaside resort in the region.
Hotel L'Approdo - 6 nights (BD)

OCT 22 | MAREMMA NATURAL PARK
Stepping into Maremma Regional Park, we explore a protected natural landscape rich in flora and fauna. Afterwards, we transfer to a quaint medieval town to enjoy a traditional lunch featuring authentic local specialties like homemade pasta and savoury wild boar stew. We then return to Castiglione with the rest of the day at leisure to explore the beautiful seaside town.
Walking time: 3 hrs (BLD)

OCT 23 | SOVANA / PITIGLIANO
We set out along ancient pathways between the historic towns of Sovana and Pitigliano, communities that once flourished during Etruscan times and later evolved into powerful medieval republics. Enjoy a packed lunch along the way, followed by free time in the afternoon to wander the area before returning to Castiglione.
Walking time: 2.5 hrs (BLD)

OCT 24 | ELBA ISLAND
A short coach ride brings us to the lively port of Piombino, where we board a ferry bound for Elba Island, the jewel of the Tuscan Archipelago. On arrival, we explore the island on a guided coach tour, pausing at spectacular lookouts and storied historic sites. Later in the afternoon, we sail back across the shimmering sea and return to Castiglione. (BD)

OCT 25 | CASTIGLIONE DELLA PESCAIA
This day is entirely ours to relax and unwind. We might take advantage of our hotel's wonderful amenities, stroll along the nearby beach, or venture out independently to discover the area's charming corners. (BD)

OCT 26 | PORTO ERCOLE / PORTO SAN STEFANO
For our last hiking day, we set out on our most ambitious route yet, saving one of the region's most breathtaking landscapes for the finale. Our trail traces the edge of the tranquil Orbetello Lagoon toward Monte Argentario, a dramatic rocky promontory that once stood alone in the Tuscan Archipelago and is now connected to the mainland by two narrow strips of dune. We make our way to the picturesque fishing port of Porto Ercole, guarded by three fortresses, to explore briefly before we head to a seaside restaurant for a feast of fresh local fish. Later, we continue to the stylish harbour town of Porto Santo Stefano to stroll at leisure. In the evening, we return to Castiglione to celebrate the close of our Tuscan walking journey with a festive farewell dinner. ***Walking time: 3.5 hrs*** (BLD)

OCT 27 | CASTIGLIONE DELLA PESCAIA
We transfer to the airport this morning for our return flights to Canada, bidding farewell to Tuscany. (B)

B: BREAKFAST (12) L: LUNCH (7) D: DINNER (12)

DID YOU KNOW?

The black rooster featured on bottles of Chianti Classico has been a symbol of the region for centuries. According to medieval legend, a rooster played a surprising role in settling a territorial dispute between Florence and Siena, helping Florence gain control of much of the Chianti countryside.



TOWER OF PISA

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- Dedicated journey leader, national guides, and local specialists where applicable
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Saskatoon / Regina	$9,925
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Single Supplement	***$1,495***

Deposit is $900 per person
Final payment is due July 7, 2027



YOUR JOURNEY LEADER

Karen Scott Caplice brings over 35 years of travel industry experience, spanning retail travel, sales, leadership, and the cruise sector. Having explored more than 40 countries and taken over 70 cruises, she brings a wealth of firsthand knowledge to every journey. She has hosted groups ranging from intimate gatherings to several hundred travellers. Outside of travel, Karen is an avid hiker who enjoys water sports and spending time outdoors. Warm, outgoing and always up for an adventure, she loves bringing people together, sharing plenty of laughs and creating lasting travel memories and friendships along the way.



PITIGLIANO

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Prices are in Canadian dollars per person. Land only members join at the hotel in Montecatini Terme and leave at the hotel in Castiglione della Pescaia. Airfares from other gateways are available on request. Tour price is based on sharing a twin-bedded room. Prices are based on a minimum of 20 members and on rates, taxes and fees effective October 2026 and are subject to change due to factors beyond our control. Group to be escorted with a minimum of 20 members. For full terms and conditions, visit our website: craigtravel.com/terms-conditions. Canadian passport holders may require an ETIAS travel authorization prior to departure. Comprehensive travel insurance is strongly recommended.

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