



## Art, Food & Wine of Italy and the Tuscany Countryside

Presented by Maryanke Tour & Travel



**Day 1: Saturday, September 11, 2010**  
**Overnight Flight**

**Day 2: Sunday, September 12, 2010**  
**Stresa, Italy - Tour Begins** Begin in Stresa, on the shore of Lago Maggiore. A boat transports you to your welcome dinner on Isola dei Pescatori, the most picturesque of the Borromean Islands. *Today Dinner is included.*

**Day 3: Monday, September 13, 2010**  
**Stresa - Lago Maggiore - Locarno, Switzerland - Stresa** Travel the breathtaking Centovalli Express for an unforgettable train journey through the mountains into Switzerland to visit the lovely town of Locarno. Nestled on a glorious sweeping curve of the bay, Locarno is known for having the most sunshine in Switzerland! Back in Stresa, the evening is at leisure to explore the piazzas, flower-lined cobblestone streets and lakeside promenades. *Today Breakfast is included.*

**Day 4: Tuesday, September 14, 2010**  
**Stresa - Orta - Italian Riviera** LANGUAGE DISCOVERY: Your Tour Manager helps you discover the origin and history of the Italian language and teaches key phrases that will help you in your travels. Depart Italy's lake

**September 11 - September 22, 2010**

*Highlights...* Italian Lake Region • Italian Riviera • Locarno • Switzerland • Portofino • Cinque Terre • Lucca • Cortona • Florence • Siena • San Gimignano • Wine Tasting • Italian Cooking Class • Bologna • Venice •

**12 Days • 17 Meals:** 10 Breakfasts • 1 Lunches • 6 Dinners

**Per Person Rates\*:**

Double \$4499 Single \$5099 Triple \$4449

**\*Included in Price:** Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges of \$140 (subject to increase until paid in full), Hotel Transfers, Round Trip Air from Detroit Metro Airport and round-trip transfers from mid-Michigan. **\*Not Included in Price:** Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$200 per person,

region for one of the most picturesque spots of the Ligurian coast, Sestri Levante. Stop at Lake Orta, one of Italy's hidden treasures and take a boat to Isola di San Giulio to walk the grounds of this gorgeous working convent. Experience this enchanting lakeside resort with its many outdoor cafes and shops before continuing on to the Italian Riviera. *Today Breakfast and Dinner is included.*

**Day 5: Wednesday, September 15, 2010**

**Italian Riviera - Portofino - Cinque Terre**

Travel to the seaside town of Santa Margherita Ligure for a boat ride\* to glamorous Portofino. Long a getaway for the wealthy, the town's colorful harbor, dotted with fishing boats and mega yachts, sits against a backdrop of pastel-colored buildings. Continue to the lovely Cinque Terre. A spectacular train journey through the villages of Cinque Terre traverses a rugged coastal area with terraced vineyards to this nearly inaccessible string of fishing villages tucked between the mountains and the Mediterranean. Enjoy a relaxing afternoon exploring these magical villages at leisure. *Today Breakfast is included.*

**Day 6: Thursday, September 16, 2010**

**Italian Riviera - Lucca - Cortona** Drive to the city of Lucca, a hidden gem encircled by 16th century Renaissance walls. A locally guided walking tour of the charming piazza visits the 14th century Cathedral of San Martino, Lucca's medieval streets and Piazza Napoleone. End in the Etruscan town of Cortona, at a villa tucked away in the beautiful Tuscan countryside, where you will enjoy a relaxing four-night stay. At dinner you will sample delicious Tuscan cuisine in one of medieval Cortona's typical locandas. *Today Breakfast and Dinner is included.*

**Day 7: Friday, September 17, 2010 Cortona - Florence - Cortona** Explore Florence, the cradle of Italy's Renaissance, with a walk

**YOUR ITINERARY AT A GLANCE**

**DAY 1**

Overnight Flight

**DAY 2 - 3**

Regina Palace Hotel, Stresa  
or Grand Hotel des Iles Borromees,  
Stresa

**DAY 4 - 5**

Grand Hotel dei Castelli, Italian  
Riviera

**DAY 6 - 9**

Villa Aurea, Cortona

**DAY 10 - 11**

Starhotel Splendid Venice, Venice  
*On some dates alternate hotels may be used.*

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**Please Note:**

- Passport is required.
- Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.
- To complete your vacation, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing Collette 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.
- Included breakfasts are buffet breakfasts.
- Smaller buses, which may not be lavatory equipped, may be used on this program. In this case, frequent

through the local market showcasing the fresh ingredients used in Tuscan recipes. A walking tour highlights the city's treasures and monuments, including the Piazza del Duomo, center of religious life in medieval Florence, and Piazza della Signoria with its many sculptures. Visit the Museo della Casa Fiorentina Antica, housed in the 14th century Palazzo Davanzati, to experience medieval Florentine life. Take time to explore independently before returning to Cortona.

*Today Breakfast and Dinner is included.*

**Day 8: Saturday, September 18, 2010**

**Cortona - Siena - San Gimignano - Cortona**

Travel to rose-hued Siena for an expert-led walking tour through narrow medieval streets to the dramatic cathedral. Next, visit the hilltop town of San Gimignano, punctuated by tall medieval towers, affording spectacular views of the Tuscan hills. *Today Breakfast and Dinner is included.*

**Day 9: Sunday, September 19, 2010**

**Cortona - Tuscan Countryside - Cortona**

A visit to a winery in the heart of Tuscany showcases the wine cellar, family estate, vineyards, olive groves and stunning views. The winery's chef gives a Tuscan cooking lesson before serving an authentic Tuscan lunch, expertly paired with wines produced on site. Return to the villa this afternoon for leisure time to stroll the gardens or indulge in a spa service. *Today Breakfast and Lunch is included.*

**Day 10: Monday, September 20, 2010**

**Cortona - Bologna - Venice**

Depart for Venice, stopping en route in Bologna. A guided walking tour of the center, virtually untouched since the Renaissance, highlights specialty food shops for an opportunity to sample the local wares. Continue toward incomparable Venice, built on 117 islands with 150 canals and 400 bridges. *Today Breakfast is included.*

stops are made during travel periods.

- Collette air passengers will arrive into the Milan airport. All Collette transfers will depart from the Milan airport for Stresa.

- Days of features are interchangeable.

- Hotel check-in on your day of arrival is 3:00 PM. Rooms may not be available prior to that time. \*The boat ride to Portofino operates on a weather permitting basis. When the weather is uncooperative, you will still visit Portofino, but you will travel there by bus. \*\*On occasion, due to inclement weather, your boat trip to Murano Island may be substituted with a visit to a local glass factory in Venice. Most national museums in Florence, including the Uffizi Gallery and the Academy, are closed on Mondays.

- This tour includes moderate physical activity. The itinerary blends some longer days with shorter days and more leisure time. Walking tours, as well as walking slightly longer distances, up stairs or on uneven walking surfaces should be expected.

- Please note that most shops and businesses in Italy and Switzerland are closed on Sundays and on National/Religious holidays.

**Day 11: Tuesday, September 21, 2010**

**Venice** This morning enjoy a boat trip\*\* to Murano Island for a fascinating glass-blowing demonstration. Return to charming St. Mark's Square for a locally-guided walking tour featuring the Clock Tower, St. Mark's Basilica, Doge's Palace and the legendary Bridge of Sighs. This evening, partake in a farewell dinner celebrating a marvelous trip to Italy. *Today Breakfast and Dinner is included.*

**Day 12: Wednesday, September 22, 2010**

**Venice - Depart for Home** *Today Breakfast is included.*