

MEATH DIOCESAN CHOIR TRIP TO TUSCANY

August 8th – 15th 2022

€995 p.p.s.

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- Staying for seven nights in a 4 star hotel in Montecatini Terme
- Buffet breakfast
- Six dinners and one lunch at hotel
- Water & wine at dinner
- Funicular train to Old Town
- Day trip to the city of Florence

- Half day trip to Lucca
- Half day trip to Pisa
- Half day trip to San Gimignano
- Visit to a Tuscan winery
- All entrance fees
- All coaching and tours
- Luggage fees and all taxes

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HOW TO BOOK:

Fill out your booking form, having read the Terms & Conditions. Return it to us with a deposit of 300 euro per person (plus single supplement and insurance premium if applicable). Make cheques payable to: MYRIAM

Please note this is a sample itinerary, and is subject to change in the group's best interest.



Lucca



Montecatini Alto



Florence



San Gimignano



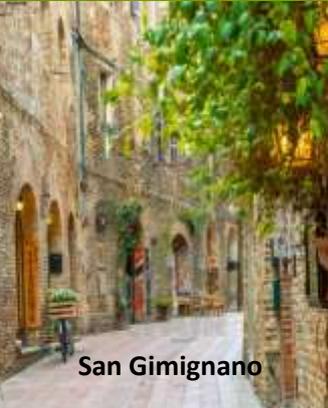
Florence



Chianti Region



Pisa



San Gimignano

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<p>INCLUDED IN THE PRICE OF €995 p.p.s.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Return flight (Dub-Pisa-Dub) with Ryanair • 20kg hold allowance • 7 nights in 4 star hotel in Montecatini Terme • Quality hotel located in the centre • Six dinners and one lunch (all with drinks) • Full time accompaniment and all coaching • Funicular train ticket for Montecatini Alto 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tour of the centres of Florence, Lucca, San Gimignano and Pisa • Entrance fees to Santa Croce, Pisa Duomo and winery in Tuscany • All taxes (governmental and local) <p>EXTRA COSTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single room supplement of €35 per night • Travel insurance
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Day One, Monday

Arrival

Check-in at Dublin Airport by 5.45pm. Our Ryanair flight departs for Pisa at 8.15pm. On arrival you will be taken by coach to 4 star hotel Grand Hotel Plaza (or similar) in the town of Montecatini Terme (1 hour drive). Montecatini is an elegant spa town perfectly positioned for visiting the sights of Tuscany. It has large parks, a beautiful pedestrian area and many shops. It will be after midnight when we arrive, so we will recuperate tonight's dinner with a three course lunch the next day.

Day Two, Tuesday

Montecatini Terme

Today will be a relaxed day. After breakfast we will have a walking tour of Montecatini Terme. This will take in Piazza del Popolo and the parish church of the Assumption, some of the historic bathing establishments with their beautiful architecture, the daily market area off Viale Verdi and the relaxing town park. Lunch at the hotel (included). Afternoon visit by funicular train to the old hamlet of Montecatini Alto on the hill above town. From here we can visit the parish church of St Peter with its famous all-year crib. Time for coffee, ice-cream and to enjoy the views. Dinner in the hotel at 7.30pm

Day Three, Wednesday

The City of Florence

Full day in Florence (1 hour drive) beginning with the Franciscan church of Santa Croce, the largest Franciscan church in the world (entrance fee included). Here are buried important Italian figures such as Galileo, Michelangelo, Machiavelli and others. Continue to the central square of Florence where we will see the famous outdoor sculptures in front of the Old Palace. Free time to visit the Ponte Vecchio, have lunch and do some shopping. After lunch we will visit the area of the Duomo, Baptistery and Campanile. The Baptistery has the famous bronze doors of Ghiberti with biblical scenes. These were called the "Doors of Paradise" by Michelangelo. Brunelleschi's dome on the Cathedral of Florence is one of the masterpieces of the Renaissance. The choir will sing at the evening Mass in the sanctuary of the Annunziata, Florence's most important Marian church. We will continue to Piazzale Michelangelo, a look-out point above Florence with an unrivalled view of the city skyline. Return to Montecatini Terme. Dinner at hotel at 8pm.

Day Four, Thursday

Market in San Gimignano

After breakfast we will board the coach at 9am to attend the Thursday morning market in San Gimignano, a hill town that is still encircled by its 13th century walls and famous for its many towers. The large weekly market takes place in the central squares of this lovely town. Our drive takes us through part of the Chianti region. Free time for lunch. Return to hotel in the mid-afternoon. Dinner in the hotel at 7.30pm.

Day Five, Friday

Pisa

The centre of Pisa lies just 45 minutes from our hotel. The main monuments of the city are collected in the square known as the "Field of Miracles". In medieval times, the maritime republic of Pisa was wealthy and powerful, and this led to a golden era of art and architecture in the city. The Leaning Tower, Cathedral and Baptistery make the Field of Miracles one of the most unforgettable sights in Italy. Free time to visit the Cathedral and Baptistery. Dinner at the hotel at 7.30pm.

Day Six, Saturday

Lucca

Free morning. After lunch, our coach departs for Lucca, a medieval town with well-preserved ancient walls. One of the squares, Piazza dell' Anfiteatro, is oval in shape and follows the lines of the ancient Roman stadium. The church of San Frediano was built in the middle ages by an Irish monk who became bishop of the city. The famous composer, Puccini, was born in the centre of town. The choir will sing at Saturday vigil Mass at the Passionist sanctuary of St Gemma Galgani, a modern mystic. Return to Montecatini about 8.30pm. Dinner at the hotel.

Day Seven, Sunday

Montecarlo winery

The choir will sing this morning in the parish church of Montecarlo, a picturesque town in an area widely considered to be one of the best wine-producing areas in Tuscany. Tour of a local winery with tasting, accompanied by some typical Tuscan dishes (entrance fee, wine-tasting, food and local guide included). Return to Montecatini in the afternoon. Dinner in hotel at 7.30pm.

Day Eight, Monday

Departure

Breakfast and check out. Today is the Feast of the Assumption. The choir will sing in the Basilica of Monecatini, dedicated to Our Lady Assumed into Heaven. The rest of today's itinerary has yet to be arranged. Load coach at 3pm for transfer to Pisa airport. Check-in at 4.30pm. Our Ryanair flight departs at 6.05pm for Dublin.