

Parishes of Buncrana & Limavady

TRIP TO TUSCANY



August 14th – 21st 2024

€1150 p.p.s.

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- Aer Lingus flights direct to Pisa
- Staying for seven nights in a 4-star hotel with pool in Montecatini Terme
- Buffet breakfast and dinner each day
- Water & wine at dinner
- Day trip to the city of Florence
- Half day trip to Lucca

- Half day trip to Pisa
- Half day trip to San Gimignano
- Lunch in a Tuscan winery
- All entrance fees
- All coaching and tours
- 10kg luggage fees and all taxes

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HOW TO BOOK:

To book please contact your parish office in Buncrana and Limavady. A non-refundable deposit of 300 euro per person will be required to secure your place.



Lucca



Montecatini Alto



Florence



San Gimignano



Florence



Chianti Region



Pisa



San Gimignano

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August 14-21, 2024

INCLUDED IN THE PRICE OF €1150 p.p.s.

- Return flight (Dub-Pisa-Dub) with Aer Lingus
- Return coach to Dublin from Buncrana/Limavady
- 10kg hold allowance & small on-board item
- 7 nights in 4-star hotel in Montecatini Terme
- Quality hotel located in the centre
- All dinners (with drinks)
- Full time accompaniment and all coaching
- Tour of the centres of Florence, Lucca, San Gimignano and Pisa
- Lunch in a renowned Tuscan winery
- All taxes (governmental and local)

NOT INCLUDED

- Lunches (except for first day)
- Tips for hotel staff and driver

OPTIONAL

- Travel Insurance: Strongly recommended.
- 20kg checked luggage: 84 euro per bag- This fee is subject to change.
- Single room supplement: 280 euro for the week.

SINGLE ROOMS ARE LIMITED

Day One, Wednesday

Arrival, Montecarlo & Montecatini Terme walking tour

Check-in at Dublin Airport by 3.45am. Our flight departs for Pisa at 6.05am. On arrival you will be taken by coach to 4-star hotel in the town of Montecatini Terme (1 hour drive). On the way we will stop in the parish church of Montecarlo where we will celebrate Mass. Montecarlo is a picturesque town in an area widely considered to be one of the best wine-producing areas in Tuscany. Visit to a local agritourism for lunch, including typical Tuscan dishes. After our break we will continue to our four-star hotel with swimming pool in Montecatini. Check-in and free time to rest. 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. Later, 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. Dinner in the hotel.

Day Two, Thursday

San Gimignano – Feast of the Assumption

After breakfast we will board the coach 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. The Cathedral of San Gimignano has a remarkable cycle of medieval frescoes. Return to hotel in the mid-afternoon. Mass in the Basilica of the Assumption for the Feast of the Assumption. Dinner in the hotel.

Day Three, 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. Mass celebration in the Cathedral. Dinner at the hotel.

Day Four, Saturday

The city of Florence

Full day in Florence (1 hour drive) beginning with Mass in the most important Marian sanctuary in Tuscany, the Servite church of La Santissima Annunziata. After Mass, 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. 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. Later, 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.

Day Five, Sunday

Montecatini Alto

After breakfast we will visit Montecatini Alto, the old hamlet above our hotel. Mass in the ancient church of St Peter which has relics of a Roman martyr, St Barbara.

Day Six, Monday

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. Here we will celebrate Mass. We will also visit the historic church of San Michele in Foro with its famous artworks. Return to Montecatini for dinner at the hotel.

Day Seven, Tuesday

Day at leisure

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Day Eight, Wednesday

Departure

Breakfast and check out. We will make our way to Pisa airport for our morning flight. Arrival in Dublin at 12.15pm.

Please note all masses need to be confirmed and may vary for time and location. This is a sample itinerary, and is subject to change in the group’s best interest.