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BACK ROADS OF ITALY

April 11-19, 2027

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- San Gimignano
- Volterra
- Florence Central Market
- Tuscany Hands-on Cooking Class
- Chianti
- Piazza del Duomo
- Leaning Tower of Pisa
- Martelli - Famiglia di Pastai
- Cinque Terre
- Riomaggiore
- Sestri Levante
- Hands-on Pesto Genovese Demonstration
- Portofino



A \$500 deposit per person is required with your registration form in order to reserve your spot.

**FINAL PAYMENT IS DUE:
NOVEMBER 30, 2026**

TOUR PRICING

\$5,980 per person, double occupancy
with insurance: **\$6,568**

\$6,470 per person, single occupancy
with insurance: **\$7,058**

DAILY ITINERARY

DAY 1 SUNDAY, APRIL 11

OVERNIGHT FLIGHT

Today, we will transfer to the airport for our overnight flight to **Florence, Italy**.

DAY 2 MONDAY, APRIL 12

PISTOIA, ITALY (D)

Arriving in Florence, we are warmly welcomed by our local driver and guide, who will escort us through the scenic Tuscan countryside to our charming hotel in **Pistoia**. Take time to unwind and settle in, soaking in the peaceful surroundings before our journey truly begins. This evening, gather with our fellow travelers for a delightful welcome dinner, savoring authentic Italian flavors and regional wines as we get to know one another.

DAY 3 TUESDAY, APRIL 13

PISTOIA, ITALY (B, L, D)

Following breakfast, journey into the heart of Tuscany to the medieval hilltop town of **San Gimignano**, famously known as the “Town of Fine Towers.” Together, we explore its charming cobblestone streets on a guided walk, passing centuries-old towers, artisan boutiques, and inviting cafés. Then, enjoy some free time to wander at your own pace—perhaps indulging in the town’s renowned gelato or taking in sweeping views of the rolling countryside. Our day continues at a **family-run farmhouse** known for its saffron cultivation, where we learn about this prized spice and savor a light lunch featuring its distinctive flavors. In the afternoon, travel on to **Volterra**, an enchanting Etruscan town celebrated for its alabaster artistry and timeless atmosphere. This evening, we return to our hotel and gather for a relaxing group dinner.

DAY 4 WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14

PISTOIA, ITALY (B, L, D)

This morning, we **board a local train to Florence**, the cradle of the Renaissance, for a captivating guided tour that brings the city’s artistic and architectural masterpieces to life. As we stroll through the historic center, take in iconic landmarks that have shaped centuries of culture and creativity. Next up is the vibrant **Central Market**, where colorful stalls brim with fresh produce, local cheeses, cured meats, and fragrant spices. Here, sample regional specialties while gaining insight into Florentine culinary traditions and the importance of locally sourced ingredients. The afternoon is ours to enjoy at leisure—spend time exploring renowned museums, browsing shops filled with fine Italian leather, or unwinding with a cappuccino at a charming café. As the day winds down, we return to Pistoia by train, where a delicious group dinner awaits.

DAY 5 THURSDAY, APRIL 15

PISTOIA, ITALY (B, L, D)

Today brings an exceptional taste of Tuscany as we begin with a **hands-on cooking class** at a historic castle set amidst the picturesque countryside. Guided by a local chef, uncover the secrets of traditional Tuscan cuisine, working with fresh, seasonal ingredients as we roll pasta by hand, craft rich sauces, and prepare classic regional dishes before sitting down to enjoy a leisurely lunch featuring the meal we’ve created together. In the afternoon, venture through the rolling hills of **Chianti**, where vineyards and olive groves stretch across the landscape, and visit a welcoming family farmhouse to explore the cellars and learn about the winemaking process from vine to bottle. A tasting of locally produced wines paired with olive oil, salami, and aged Pecorino cheese offers a true taste of the region. As evening approaches, we return to Pistoia to gather for a delightful dinner, reflecting on a day filled with authentic flavors and timeless traditions.

ACCOMMODATIONS

- 4 Nights - Pistoia, Italy - Grand Hotel Villa Cappugi
- 3 Nights - La Spezia, Italy - CDH Hotel La Spezia



DAY 6 FRIDAY, APRIL 16**LA SPEZIA, ITALY (B, D)**

Enjoy breakfast before we bid farewell to Tuscany and journey toward the breathtaking Ligurian Coast, starting with a stop in the iconic city of Pisa. Take a guided visit to the remarkable Square of Miracles, where we admire the striking **Piazza del Duomo** with its intricate marble façade. Step inside to discover its artistic treasures, then take in the world-famous **Leaning Tower of Pisa**, one of Italy's most recognizable landmarks. Next, continue to the charming hilltop village of Lari for a special visit to **Martelli - Famiglia di Pastai**, a family-run gem producing artisanal pasta since 1926. Inside this traditional workshop, witness time-honored techniques still used today and gain a deeper appreciation for this beloved Italian staple. Later, arrive in **La Spezia**, to settle in for a comfortable three-night stay and come together in the evening to enjoy a flavorful dinner.

**DAY 7 SATURDAY, APRIL 17****LA SPEZIA, ITALY (B, D)**

A day of coastal beauty unfolds as we explore the breathtaking **Cinque Terre**, a collection of five picturesque villages along the dramatic Ligurian coastline, recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Traveling by boat and train, we visit three of these seaside gems, each offering its own unique charm and impressive views. With our local guide, begin in **Riomaggiore**, where pastel homes cling to the cliffs, then continue to **Vernazza**, known for its charming harbor and lively piazza. Our final stop is **Monterosso al Mare**, the largest village, celebrated for its beaches and scenic promenade. Hop on the boat back to La Spezia, taking in the stunning coastline from the water along the way. We will end the day with a wonderful group dinner.

**DAY 8 SUNDAY, APRIL 18****LA SPEZIA, ITALY (B, L, D)**

Our day begins in **Sestri Levante**, with a guided walk that reveals inviting streets, stylish boutiques, and a relaxed coastal ambiance. A **hands-on culinary experience** introduces Liguria's signature flavors as we prepare traditional pesto, followed by a satisfying lunch featuring freshly made Trofie pasta. In the afternoon, we continue to Rapallo and cruise to the elegant harbor of **Portofino**, featuring vibrant facades and sleek yachts, creating a picture-perfect setting. A scenic ride along the shoreline brings us to Santa Margherita Ligure, where we will gather for a special farewell dinner celebrating the unforgettable moments of our journey.

**DAY 9 MONDAY, APRIL 19****HOME (B)**

Following breakfast, we will transfer to the airport for our flight home.

Please Note: Airfare pricing becomes available approximately 9 months prior to departure. As airline rates may vary, pricing is not guaranteed until flights are secured.

INCLUSIONS

- Round-Trip Airport Transfers
- Round-Trip Air to Florence
- Private Motorcoach Transportation While in Italy
- 7 Nights' Accommodations
- 18 Meals (7 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches, 7 Dinners)
- Admission to Attractions as Stated on Itinerary
- Porter Service of One Bag Per Person at Hotels When Available
- Taxes & Gratuities for Included Services
- Star Destinations Tour Manager & Local Tour Manager in Italy



WHERE TO?



Activity Level: Moderate

Balanced blend of activity and relaxation with walks or stands of 60-90 minutes, occasional stairs, and daily walks of two to three miles.

For further information or questions, please contact:

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Travel arrangements
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