

NIAF Presents: The Enchanting Hill Towns of Umbria & Eastern Tuscany

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Day 1 - DEPART - This evening we depart JFK aboard a wide body jet on our way to Rome.

Day 2 – PERUGIA – Arrive Rome and transfer to our hotel in Perugia to Hotel Plaza. Rest of the day is free. This evening welcome drink, dinner and overnight at the hotel.

Day 3 – ASSISI / PERUGIA – This morning we drive to Assisi. St. Francis was born in this medieval village in 1182. We will admire the Basilica of San Francesco & the Piazza del Comune. Free time for lunch. In the afternoon we continue our excursion to Perugia which traces its roots to the Etruscan times. Guided sightseeing tour of the old town center: the Fontana Maggiore, the Gothic Cathedral and the Rocca Paolina. Afterwards we will visit the *Collegio del Cambio* full of *Perugini* masterpieces. Chocolate and dessert wine tasting. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 4 – AREZZO - Morning sightseeing will include the Gothic Cathedral, the Romanesque Church of Santa Maria della Pieve and the magnificent Piazza Grande, the setting of the famous movie *Life is Beautiful* by Roberto Benigni. The tour will include the Church of St Francis with the famous fresco *History of the True Cross* by Piero della Francesca and the Church San Domenico with Cimabue's glorious crucifix. Today we will enjoy a delightful lunch at the *La Lancia d'Oro* restaurant located in Arezzo's most beautiful piazza. Free afternoon in Arezzo. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 5 – TODI/ORVIETO *o* Morning drive through the Umbrian countryside to picturesque Todi. Our visit will include the Prior's Palace, the People's Palace, and the Captain's Palace. We also visit the Church of San Fortunato and the Cathedral. Free time for lunch on our own. We continue to Orvieto where we will visit the Etruscan Necropolis, the magnificent Gothic Cathedral which includes the Chapel of San Brizio frescoed by Fra Angelico and Luca Signorelli's masterpiece *The Last Judgment*. Afterwards we will take a pleasant stroll through the medieval historical center. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 6 – CORTONA/LUNCH AGRITURISMO This morning we travel to Cortona. Our tour will include a walk to the famous Bramasole Villa (exterior) made famous by Frances Mayes *Under The Tuscan Sun*. We then walk downhill through historic Cortona to the Piazza della Repubblica. We visit the splendid Etruscan museum and afterwards continue to the Cortona market, on the adjacent Piazza Signorelli. We then continue to Lucignano for a tuscan lunch at a local trattoria (*Il Goccino*). Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 7 – SIENA - Today we journey through Tuscany arriving in the magnificent city of Siena, which invites us to stroll through its Gothic streets converging on the famous Piazza del Campo. This shell shaped square is the dramatic setting for the Palio bareback horserace. The piazza's focal point is the Palazzo Pubblico, the public palace, which dates back to 1250. We continue uphill to visit the monumental



Cathedral dedicated to the Virgin Mary. Free time for lunch. In the afternoon a special visit to one of the *Siene* *Contrada*. Our visit will reveal some of the secrets of the most fascinating medieval horserace in the world: the Palio. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 8 – PIENZA/MONTALCINO/MONTEPULCIANO - Morning bus drive to Pienza, the Renaissance town of Pope Pius II where we visit the Cathedral and the courtyard of the Pope's palace. We will enjoy a cheese tasting including the renowned Pecorino di Pienza, the best sheep cheese in Tuscany. Continue to Montalcino, the hilltown of the famous Brunello wine. We visit the Medici fortress, then the small town center with the town hall. We stop at the beautiful art deco café *Fiaschetteria*. Free time for lunch. This afternoon we continue to Montepulciano, the *Pearl of the Renaissance*. We visit the temple of San Biagio, walk through the historical center to *Piazza Grande* with the Cathedral, the town hall and some noble palaces. Exclusive visit to the so called *Cathedral of Wine*: the Renaissance Cantina Redi, one of the most beautiful cellars in the world. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 9 – RETURN USA *o* Today we make our way home with lifetime memories.



Reservation Form – NIAF - The Enchanting Hill Towns of Umbria & Eastern Tuscany

Mail to: Marianna Pisano, Unitours – 3010 Westchester Ave., Purchase, NY 10577

Please reserve ___ seats on this tour for departure date:

March 12, 2012 - ___ May 14, 2012 - ___ August 20, 2012 - ___ October 15, 2012

Enclosed please find deposit of \$300 per person (Payable to Unitours, Inc.)

PLEASE ENCLOSE A COPY OF YOUR PASSPORT

Name(s) as appears on passport

Email address:

Address:

My Roommate:

City, State & Zip

Telephone:

___ Please assign a roommate (if available)

___ I prefer a single room - \$300 supplement and limited in number.

___ Travel Insurance starting at \$159

Day Evening

Charge my deposit to ___ Visa ___ Mastercard ___ Amex

Card #

Exp. Date

Signature

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

TOTAL TOUR PRICE: The tour price is based on airfare, cruise, land rates and rates of exchange in effect June 21, 2011. All rates are subject to change without prior notice. Should the rates go up or down, an adjustment would be made prior to departure. No refunds for any accommodations, services or events that are not used. If fewer than 20 passengers participate a price adjustment may be necessary.

PASSPORT AND VISA REQUIREMENTS: At the time of printing, U.S. citizens holding valid passports DO NOT REQUIRE visas or immunization for the country or countries being visited. Citizens of countries other than U.S.- MUST contact the consulate of the country or countries being visited to determine visa requirements.

AIR TRANSPORTATION: International flight reservations are being held on Alitalia. No stopovers are permitted. Any changes after ticket is issued, carries a mandatory charge of \$200. Once the tickets are issued, they are NON REFUNDABLE. Additional non-recoverable airline penalties of up to \$200 may be assessed for cancellations received within 90 days of departure

DOMESTIC AIRFARE: For those who make domestic air arrangements to the originating city of this tour, we strongly recommend the purchase of tickets that can be changed without heavy fees and penalties as international flight schedules are always subject to change.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS: Specially selected hotels based on twin occupancy with private bath. Single Room supplement of \$300 will be charged where requested and available. If you do not have a roommate and Unitours is unable to arrange one, you will be billed for the single room supplement. All singles are subject to availability.

MEALS: Breakfast and Table D' Hote dinners are provided daily except where noted in the itinerary. An extra charge will be made when coffee, tea or other beverages are not included in the menu of the day with the dinner meal.

TIPS AND TAXES: Tips and taxes normally appearing on hotel and restaurant bills as service are included, as are all government and local taxes, hotel portorage of one suitcase per person if hotel provides such service. One average sized suitcase not exceeding 50 lbs total weight and 62 linear inches (height plus width plus depth) is permitted throughout the trip. **International departure taxes \$123 plus current fuel surcharges of \$420 are included. Tips to tour manager, drivers and dining rooms staff are not included.**

NOT INCLUDED: Expenses and items not specifically mentioned in this brochure are NOT covered, including but not limited to: passport and visa fees, meals not listed and items of a personal nature such as laundry, wines, liquors, mineral waters, after dinner coffee or tea, sightseeing or services other than those specifically mentioned, tips and taxes mentioned above, excess baggage and insurance, etc.

DEPOSITS AND CANCELLATIONS: A deposit of \$300 is required to secure reservations. Any balance is to be paid in full no later than 60 days before departure of tour. Final payments received by Unitours within 45

days prior to departure must include a \$25 late payment fee. Reservations made within 60 days of departure must include full payment.

Amex, Visa and Mastercard are accepted with signed reservation form. Final payments will be applied to same credit card on final payment due date. Cancellations made from time of reservation to within 61 days prior to departure -- \$100 processing charge plus any air penalties noted above. In the event of a cancellation from 60 to 8 days of departure --\$150 processing charge plus up to 50% of the land cost, plus any air penalties noted above. No refund for cancellations received within 7 days of departure. All cancellation and refund claims must be in writing to Unitours, Inc.

DEVIATIONS: A service charge of \$50 pp will be applied for any deviations made in tour, (where possible), PLUS any additional air or land charges incurred.

LAND ARRANGEMENTS: The tour operator reserves the right to change the itinerary due to unforeseen emergencies.

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