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Spotlight on Tuscany

May 2 – 10, 2026

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9 Days • 10 Meals: 7 Breakfasts, 3 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS... Montecatini Terme, Lucca, Family-Owned Winery Experience, Florence, Pisa, Cooking Class, Siena, Cheese Farm, San Gimignano

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1 Overnight Flight
Days 2 – 8 Grand Hotel Francia and Quirinale, Montecatini Terme

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Day 1: Saturday, May 2, 2026 Overnight Flight

Rolling landscapes, savoury wines, delicious food and stunning architecture – find all of this and more in Tuscany. Unpack once on this journey among Italy's most charming towns.

Day 2: Sunday, May 3, 2026 Montecatini Terme, Italy

Your tour opens in the famous spa resort town of Montecatini Terme, nestled in the heart of the rolling hills of Tuscany. This evening, get to know your fellow travellers during a welcome dinner where regional foods and Italian wines kick off your adventure. (D)

Day 3: Monday, May 4, 2026 Lucca

Enjoy a guided tour of Lucca, Tuscany's best-kept secret. Discover Renaissance walls, Romanesque churches, and medieval streets flanked by towers. Explore the lively city centre on your own and discover the piazza built on top of a Roman amphitheatre. Make your way to a Tuscan winery and learn about the art of winemaking as you taste local varieties. (B)

Day 4: Tuesday, May 5, 2026 Florence

Welcome to Florence where an extensive walking tour showcases the beautiful "Cradle of the Renaissance." Join a local Florentine guide and make your way through the city on foot. At the Piazza del Duomo, see the ornate façade of the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore and the gilded bronze doors of the Baptistery dedicated to St. John. Take in views of the Piazza della Signoria and Santa Croce Square before enjoying the remainder of your time in Florence to explore this unparalleled city as you choose.* (B)

Day 5: Wednesday, May 6, 2026 Montecatini Terme

Today, learn more about Montecatini's history during a half-day guided walking tour and visit to the historic Tettuccio Spa,** (UNESCO) known for the health benefits in its mineral waters. This afternoon, **it's your choice!** Choose to relax in Montecatini, spending the afternoon at leisure **-OR-** set off for Borgo a Mozzano, where you will see the *Ponte del Diavolo* (Devil's Bridge) and the nearby remains of the Gothic Line – the Germans' last defence during WWII. Visit the Museum of Liberation and see authentic fortifications and bunkers. (B)

Day 6: Thursday, May 7, 2026 Pisa

Explore historic sites in the ancient maritime Republic of Pisa, including the city centre and the famous *Piazza dei Miracoli*, or "Field of Miracles" (UNESCO). Keep your camera handy at the famous Leaning Tower of Pisa. This evening, travel to the quiet countryside to learn the secrets of traditional Tuscan cuisine. Partake in a cooking class, using local ingredients and culinary techniques that have been passed down for generations. Enjoy your freshly-prepared meal for dinner. (B, D)

Day 7: Friday, May 8, 2026 Siena

Travel south to Siena, a UNESCO World Heritage site where stunning Romanesque and Gothic architecture can be found on every corner. Walk the narrow medieval streets on a guided tour. Get to know the local lifestyle of a *contrada* (neighbourhood) whose community museum is centered around the colourful *Palio* horse race. (B)

Day 8: Saturday, May 9, 2026 Cheese Farm Visit - San Gimignano

Take in the rural atmosphere of a family-owned farm among the goats, cows, and organic gardens and sample their local products. Soak in breathtaking views as you travel to the hilltop village of San Gimignano, one of Tuscany's most picturesque places. Explore this enchanting medieval town, from its famous 14 towers to its magnificent vistas overlooking vineyards. Enjoy free time and perhaps indulge in some gelato, before joining your travel companies for a farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 9: Sunday, May 10, 2026 Montecatini Terme - Tour Ends

Your journey comes to a close today. Depart with many fond memories of Tuscany. (B)



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Included in Price: Round Trip Air from Halifax International, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges of \$170 per person (subject to increase until paid in full), Hotel Transfers

Not included in price: Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$599 per person

*** All Rates are Per Person and are subject to change, based on air inclusive package from YHZ**

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- * Elite Air pricing (Premium Economy, Business Class or First class) is valid until 8 months prior to departure, after which rates are subject to change and will be quoted based upon availability.

† Refer to the reservation form to choose your upgrade option

Important Tour Information:

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The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3. This means you're an on-the-go traveller. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal. A moderately paced two-and-a-half-hour walking tour, covering several miles, hills, and uneven surfaces, is no problem for you. Walking four miles over the course of a day is very doable, as is climbing into and out of various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.). You can climb three flights of stairs easily and handle altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 feet. Expect some longer days with early mornings or late nights balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. This level is not a fit for travellers who require mobility assistance devices.

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

In Italy, some of the most unique sightseeing can mean accessing locations that restrict tour bus circulation, especially in historic areas such

as Lucca, Pisa, Siena, San Gimignano and Florence. In Florence you must be prepared to walk approximately 3 miles (4.8 kilometers) to complete the sightseeing with limited opportunities to sit. The full day walking tour takes place over flat but cobblestoned streets with narrow sidewalks which are often crowded. For your well-being, we recommend bringing comfortable walking shoes.

Days of features are interchangeable.

Most shops and businesses in Italy are closed on Sundays and on national/religious holidays.

****The interior of Tettuccio Spa is closed to visits during the months of November and December. They do not offer spa treatments like massages; this is a hydrotherapy centre that offers healing waters.**

***Due to the extensive walking required in Florence, free time will be limited to approximately 3 hours, during which you may wish to visit the Academy or the Uffizi Museums. Both are closed on Mondays and both require advance reservations, as tickets are often sold out on the day or close to the day of the visit. If you are interested, we recommend that you purchase tickets online, prior to departure, through the museum's official website. You can expect your included walking tour to conclude by 1:00**

Experience It! Walls of Lucca

Lucca is famed for its extensive, well-preserved city walls, which date back to the Renaissance. This massive fortification, while never actually used for defense, represents what was, at the time, the height of military technology. The walls, studded with gates and bulwarks (defensive elements), were built from stone, brick, and earth. In 1812 the gates were closed, saving the city from flood waters when the Serchio River overflowed. In the 1820s, Maria Luisa de Borbón, duchess of Lucca, had some of the walls converted to green spaces that later became a large public park. Today, the walls of Lucca aren't only a famous city attraction but a place for people to play, stroll, picnic, and enjoy *la dolce vita*.

For more information for this tour visit
gateway.memberchoicevacations.com/link/1348741

p.m. and you will meet again for departure to Montecatini around 4:00 p.m. If booking tickets for one of the above museums, allow yourselves 30 minutes to reach them from the end point of your walking tour and 30 minutes to return to the meeting point in the afternoon.

Most museums in Florence are closed on Mondays, including the Academy Gallery (Michelangelo's *David*) and the Uffizi. Most museums in Florence require reservations to access. In order to reduce waiting in line, we suggest you reserve your ticket online prior to departure if you plan to visit the Academy Gallery or the Uffizi during your free time in Florence.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Single rate subject to change based on availability.

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our 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.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

Air travellers will arrive and depart from Florence or Pisa airports.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

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Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more travelling on the same flights and dates.

Travel Requirements:

PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP: PASSPORTS AND VISAS

Documentation is required by foreign governments for all trips outside Canada. You should visit Global Affairs Canada at <https://travel.gc.ca/> for general information about passports and visa requirements. Some countries require a visa in addition to a valid passport for entry, so it is important that you check with the appropriate foreign consulate or embassy for specific entry requirements and details you need to know regarding how and when to obtain the visa. Please remember the possession of valid passports and necessary visas are the responsibility of each traveller. If you would like assistance in ensuring you have the proper visa(s) for your trip outside of Canada, we would be happy to refer you to a company that can assist you.

We strongly recommend that you have a valid passport (with seven-month validity) for all travel outside Canada. Please be advised transit visas may be required if connecting through a country on route to your final destination.

INSURANCE

When travelling outside Canada, health insurance is required. Contact your booking agent for more details.

TRAVEL CONDITIONS



There may be different living standards and practices and different standards and conditions with respect to the provision of services and accommodations outside of Canada.

ETIAS visa waiver requirements are anticipated to begin during the last quarter of 2026, for a fee, when visiting a Schengen Area Country. To identify Schengen Area Countries and to complete the ETIAS application, please visit https://travel-europe.europa.eu/etias_en

A deposit of \$698 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the seat reduction date of October 27, 2025 are based upon availability. Final payment due by February 01, 2026. Deposits are refundable up until November 03, 2025.

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You can also find this information on your tour documents.**

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YOUR INFORMATION:

Clearly print your full name (first/middle/last) as it appears on your government issued travel documentation.

IMPORTANT: In order to avoid any unnecessary change fees, it is imperative that all guest names are entered correctly from the start. The information below must be the legal name and be 100% identical to the ID being used to travel <passport/driver's license> including middle names or suffixes <Jr, Sr>.

First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____ Suffix: _____

Nickname: _____ Gender: () Male () Female Date of Birth: month _____ day _____ year _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone: () _____ Cell: () _____ Email Address: _____

Should you become ill or injured, whom should we contact (not travelling with you): _____ Phone: () _____

ROOMING WITH: ☐ Check if address is the same as Passenger #1

First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____ Suffix: _____

AIR GATEWAY: Departure airport for this tour: _____

Air Seat Request: () Aisle () Window () Next To Travelling Companion

CAA Member Choice Vacations cannot guarantee your seat preference. If you have not purchased air through CAA Member Choice Vacations and wish to purchase transfers, you must transfer at our pre-scheduled times.

Please be advised, when travelling as part of a group, many airlines do not provide seat assignments. Preferred seating may be available for an additional charge.

Please reserve an upgrade to Elite Airfare for an additional rate of: ☐ Premium Economy \$2,990 ☐ Business Class \$7,990

Service is limited and not available on all flights or carriers. Other restrictions may apply. Please note: if you purchase an upgrade, we cannot guarantee the same flight schedule as the group. Upgraded class of service is for the international portion of the journey only.

Elite Air pricing (Premium Economy, Business Class, or First Class) is valid until 8 months prior to departure, after which rates are subject to change and will be quoted based upon availability.

Are you willing to separate from the group air schedule to accommodate your upgrade request? () Yes () No

"Federal law forbids carriage of hazardous materials such as aerosols, fireworks, lithium batteries & flammable liquids aboard the aircraft in your checked or carry-on baggage. A violation can result in 5 years' imprisonment and penalties of \$250,000 or more. Details on prohibited items may be found on TSA's "prohibited items" web page: <http://www.tsa.gov/traveller-information/prohibited-items>."

TRAVEL PROTECTION: () Yes, I wish to purchase travel protection \$599 () No, I decline

If you choose not to purchase CAA Member Choice Vacations Waiver Insurance Plan, you will incur penalties for changes and cancellations. Travel Protection Payment is due with first deposit. The Waiver Fee does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's travelling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. The single supplement will be deducted from the refund of the person who cancels. (There is coverage under Part B which includes a single supplement benefit of \$1,500 for certain covered reasons. See Part B for details.)

PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO: CAA Atlantic



Special Needs Form

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TRAVELLERS NEEDING SPECIAL ASSISTANCE

You must report any disability requiring special attention to CAA Member Choice Vacations at the time the reservation is made. We will make reasonable efforts to accommodate the special needs of our participants. Such participants, however, should be aware Canadian Federal and Provincial Acts or human rights codes are inapplicable outside Canada. It is strongly recommended that persons requiring assistance be accompanied by a companion who is capable of and totally responsible for providing the assistance. Neither CAA Member Choice Vacations nor its personnel, nor its suppliers, may physically lift or assist clients into transportation vehicles. Travellers must ensure they are fit to travel by consulting with their doctor or other medical personnel. If a traveller thinks he or she might need some assistance during a trip, he or she should call to determine what assistance might reasonably be given. We cannot provide special individual assistance to our members with special needs for walking, dining or other routine activities. Internationally, a great deal of walking may be necessary to fully enjoy the destination. Travellers should be in good health and must be able to walk reasonable distances. In some areas, travellers may be required to walk on uneven ground, cobblestone streets or raised thresholds.

****To request a wheelchair accessible room on a cruise, the traveller or person sharing the room must have a recognized disability that alters a major life function and requires the use of a mobility device and the use of the accessible features provided in the wheelchair accessible stateroom. The cruise company may take appropriate action against someone who has reserved or purchased such a stateroom fraudulently. Action may include but is not limited to removal from the stateroom to a non-accessible accommodation up to denial of boarding.***

Reservation # _____

Name: _____ Male or Female (circle one)

Are you travelling with a wheelchair? Yes No

If you answer “YES”

- Does your wheelchair collapse? Yes No
- Can you stand and climb steps to board the coach without it? Yes No
- Are you capable of lifting your own wheelchair? Yes No

If you are not capable of lifting your own wheelchair who will provide assistance?

This form cannot be processed without the dimensions of your wheelchair:

Height _____ Length _____ Width _____

Are you travelling with a walker? Yes No

If you answer “YES”

- Does your walker collapse? Yes No

This form cannot be processed without the dimensions of your walker:

Height _____ Length _____ Width _____

Tour Managers and drivers do not provide assistance lifting, pushing or carrying wheelchairs, scooters or walkers.

Are you requesting any hotel room accommodations? Yes No

If “YES” Please indicate if one or more of the following is required in the washroom.

- Walk-in shower Yes No
- Grab bars Yes No
- Raised toilet seat Yes No

Please provide any details in reference to the nature of your request.

Most hotel rooms that can accommodate the request will be equipped with only 1 bed.

Do you understand and accept? Yes No

CAA Member Choice Vacations cannot guarantee the availability of such rooms as many hotels have a limited number of rooms that are equipped with the above accommodations.

Are you travelling with an oxygen tank? Yes No

If you answer “YES”

- You must contact the airline directly to arrange transportation of the oxygen on the plane. Oxygen requests vary by airline and location and can take up to 2 weeks to request.
- You are responsible for supplying your own electrical cords, and converters as needed.

This form must be remitted within 14 days of receipt for any special needs accommodation request.

The Americans with Disabilities Act only applies in the United States. Many international destinations cannot accommodate passengers' requests. CAA member Choice Vacations will make all reasonable efforts to accommodate the special needs of tour participants but we cannot guarantee that all requests will be honoured on international destinations. CAA Member Choice Vacations also regrets that it cannot provide individual assistance to a tour member with special needs for walking, dining or other special personal needs. It is strongly recommended that persons requiring assistance be accompanied by a companion who is capable and totally responsible for the assistance.

I have read and understand the above:

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

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Reason: _____

Tour: _____ Reservation # _____

TS/Group: _____

Tour Date: _____