

**Tuscany &  
Umbria**

October 2-11, 2012

Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank &  
*Guaranty Tours* present:

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*Rich culture & history, incredible art, tantalizing food & wine,  
warm people...join us for "La Dolce Vita" (the sweet life)!*



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Tour arranged for *Guaranty Tours* by Plymouth Travel, Plymouth, New Hampshire.  
See enclosed *Plymouth Travel Tours—Reservation & Payment Information for Multi-Day Tours* for more details.

### Day 1: Tuesday, October 2

### Departure

Depart by motorcoach from Woodsville, Littleton, and Plymouth (other departures TBA) for your overnight flight to Rome.

### Day 2: Wednesday, October 3

### BENVENUTI! (Welcome) to Italy

Upon arrival, you will be welcomed by your driver and local guide who will transfer you to our hotel in Florence. After check-in you are invited to take a rest or acquaint yourself with the hotel and surrounding area. Later, enjoy dinner in the hotel. Overnight at 4 star **Adler Hotel** or similar. *Meal: D*

### Day 3: Thursday, October 4

### Florence



Florence is called the “Birthplace of the Renaissance” for its architecture and art that flourished between the 13th and 16th centuries. Florence is a dynamic testimony to humanity's creative genius. Today, acquaint yourself with its magnificence during a walking tour. Start at Florence’s spiritual epicenter, the *Duomo* (Cathedral), where architect Brunelleschi’s dome is considered one of the greatest achievements of the Italian Renaissance and stands in perfect complement with Giotto’s *campanile* (bell tower). Continue through one of the most beautiful

Italian squares, the sculpture-studded *Piazza della Signoria*. A highlight is sure to be a visit to the *Galeria dell'Accademia* (Gallery of Fine Arts) to admire Michelangelo’s celebrated *David*. Your guide will have suggestions for lunch and afternoon activities. Options to explore the Tuscan capital include a visit to the masterpiece-landscaped *Boboli Gardens* or *San Marco*, a former Dominican monastery where Fra Angelico decorated the walls of the monk’s cells with enlightening scenes. Enjoy the vast piazzas and don’t miss a stroll through one of the markets or the *Ponte Vecchio* (Old Bridge) with its artist workshops and unique views of the Arno River. There are countless shops with unique gifts, Florentine leather, Italian fashions, and specialty foods. Tonight, enjoy an included dinner in a romantic trattoria complimented by Italian wine. Overnight at 4 star **Adler Hotel** or similar. *Meals: B, D*

### Day 4: Friday, October 5

### Pisa - Lucca

A short drive will bring us to the splendid city of Pisa and the dazzling *Piazza dei Miracoli* (Square of Miracles). Here we’ll view the famous 180-foot-high Leaning Tower (the uncontested symbol of the city), an imposing white Cathedral building (an outstanding example of Pisan Romanesque architecture), the bright and solemn Baptistery, the Campo-Santo (cemetery) and more.



Continue on to charming Lucca, famed for its perfect city walls. Located in the heart of one of Italy’s richest agricultural regions, it is a harmonious medieval center that has changed little from the 14th century. Cars truly are few and far between here. We will stroll together through its streets and alleys, taking in several major sites. Enjoy dinner with wine and olive oil tasting at a local Lucca farm before returning to Florence. Overnight at 4 star **Adler Hotel** or similar. *Meals: B,D*

### Day 5: Saturday, October 6

### Chianti



We begin our sightseeing in the beautiful and picturesque region of Chianti. Our first stop is in Greve, a friendly market town and once the administrative center for the region’s wine. View the nearby Castello di Verrazzano, the family home of the famous navigator, Giovanni da Verrazzano, the discoverer of New York harbor. See the small village of Montefioralle, one of the best-preserved fortified villages in Chianti. Continue to Panzano to enjoy wine-tasting and an assortment of Tuscan foods at a local farm.

Wander through the medieval streets of Radda in Chianti and admire its panoramic views of vineyard covered hills. Continue on to picture-perfect Castellina, an ancient town between Florence and Siena set in the Chianti Hills. Its many wonderful sights include the imposing 14th century *Rocca* (fortress), the 16th century *San Salvatore* church, and the *Via Delle Volte* (medieval arched passageway). Just outside of town are the pre-Roman Etruscan burial tombs of *Monte Calvario* and the *Necropolis of Poggion*. Enjoy dinner on your own. Overnight at 4 star **Villa San Lucchese** (Poggibonsi) or similar. *Meals: B, light L*



### Day 6: Sunday, October 7

### San Gimignano & Siena

A scenic ride through the rolling Tuscan countryside of vine-clad slopes brings us to the hill town of San Gimignano, known as the “Manhattan of Tuscany” for its distinctive skyline of medieval towers. At the height of its glory, San Gimignano’s patrician families had built 72 tower-houses as symbols of wealth and power. Although only 14 have survived, San Gimignano retains its feudal appearance. Recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage site, San Gimignano offers a chance to step back in time while we enjoy its local products including saffron and its white wine, *Vernaccia di San Gimignano*. Walk through this well preserved walled town with its many architectural delights including the three main squares, *Piazza del Duomo*, *Piazza della Cisterna*, and *Piazza delle Erbe*. Enjoy time for lunch and exploration.



Continue on to the city of Siena. This magical home of artists and writers sits atop three converging hills. The buildings of Siena seem to glow this russet hue inspired the earthy color we know as “Burnt Sienna”. Stroll through the city’s ancient alleyways and admire the uniquely preserved medieval architecture. Your guided city tour includes the *Duomo* (Cathedral) and the renowned *Piazza del Campo* with its fan-shaped grand square and is home to the annual *Palio* horse race which dates back to the Middle Ages. Return to your hotel for an included dinner. Overnight at 4 star **Villa San Lucchese** (Poggibonsi) or similar. *Meals: B, D*

### Day 7: Monday, October 8

### Pienza & Montalcino



We begin today in the first Renaissance town of Italy, Pienza, built in the 15th century by Pope Pius II. This is a tiny jewel box town well worth exploring. Pienza is filled with lovely shops selling local crafts and produce. We will taste the famous *pecorino di Pienza* (sheep’s milk cheese) which is a local specialty. Continue on to Montalcino, winding through vineyards and open fields which produce one of Italy’s most exquisite wines, *Brunello di Montalcino*. Here enjoy a light lunch at *Enoteca La Fortezza*. Sample Montalcino prosciutto, salami, biscotti, cheese, wines, and grappa. Visit a winery for a tasting and tour before returning to Siena. Overnight at 4 star **Villa San Lucchese** (Poggibonsi) or similar. *Meals: B, (light) L*

### Day 8: Tuesday, October 9

### Montepulciano & Assisi

Montepulciano will enchant you with its medieval lanes and Renaissance treasures. The city, full of elegant Renaissance palaces, ancient churches, and charming squares, boasts vast panoramas over the wonderful *Val di Chiana* valleys that surround it. Visit a winery to sample their *Vino Novile di Montepulciano*, a powerful, deep red wine. Discover local goods including salami, honey, olive oil, and pecorino. Continue on to Assisi, a beautiful Umbrian city closely associated with Saint Francis. Dramatically built into the side of the hill, Assisi, with its sun-washed streets flanked with flowers, is a picture-postcard image of an ancient Italian town. Explore the Basilica of St. Francis and museums. Dinner in Assisi/Perugia area. Overnight at 4 star **Relais San Clemente** or similar. *Meals: B, D*



### Day 9: Wednesday, October 10

### Perugia & Torgiano



This morning, tour Perugia, the beautiful Umbrian capital and art city. View some of its most important monuments including *Fontana Maddiore*, *Piazza IV Novembre*, *Palazzo dei Priori*, *Arco Etrusco*, *Palazzo Etrusco*, *Rocca Paolina*, and more.

Continue to the village of Torgiano, and visit Europe’s most important wine museum, *Museo del Vino*, housed in a former 17th century palace. This museum, as well as the newer *Museo Dell’Oliveo* (Olive Oil Museum, which we’ll also visit) was built by the local Lungarotti family vineyard. This evening, join us for an included farewell dinner celebration of friendship and our many Italian vacation memories. Overnight at 4 star **Relais San Clemente** or similar. *Meals: B, D*

### Day 10: Thursday, October 11

After a fond *Arrivederci*, board your return flight from Rome. *Meal: B*

**ENROLLMENT:** A deposit of \$500 per person is required to reserve your place. Payments can be made in person or by mail. Checks and cash are accepted forms of payment.

**TOUR COST:** The cost of the tour is \$3,795 per person, double occupancy. The single supplement is \$800. Every effort will be made to maintain the published tour price. Levels of participation, exchange rates, airline fuel surcharges, and other factors beyond our control, may affect the final price.

Tour price includes transportation to/from airport, roundtrip air transportation from Boston, all transportation within Italy, 4\* hotels, sightseeing and meals as published in the brochure.

**NOT INCLUDED:** passport fees, airport taxes (currently \$85), airline baggage fees if applicable; meals and beverages not specified on the itinerary; cancellation insurance; travel and health insurance; items of a personal nature; gratuities for motorcoach driver and local guides; and the transport and handling of excess baggage.

**ITINERARY:** Please note that events in this itinerary are subject to change.

**PAYMENT SCHEDULE:**

Initial deposit: \$500 per person  
July 20, 2012: Final payment due

**TRAVEL INSURANCE PROTECTION:**

Optional cancellation insurance is strongly recommended. Participants are urged to review their insurance requirements with their personal insurance agent or consider the Access America (AM) policy. AM provides coverage for cancelled and interrupted trips, medical costs, travel accidents and lost/stolen baggage. For more information, contact WGSB for a brochure or visit the AM web-site at [www.accessamerica.com](http://www.accessamerica.com). So that we can assist you in the event of a claim, when ordering online, please include F034456 in the Travel Agent ID field where requested.

**BAGGAGE ALLOWANCE:** Each traveler may bring one suitcase and one carry-on bag small enough to fit in the overhead rack on planes and on board the motorcoach. Bags with wheels are suggested. Currently, there are no baggage fees on Trans-Atlantic flights. If this policy changes, tour participants will be responsible for any costs incurred.

**DOCUMENTATION:** U.S. citizens must have a passport valid for a minimum of six months beyond their intended departure date. Non-U.S. citizens are responsible for compliance with their country's entry requirements.

**CANCELLATION:** All cancellation notices must be received in writing to WGSB. The cancellation fees (per person) are as follows:

<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Prior to</u>	<u>Cancellation Fee</u>
Deposit	July 19, 2012	\$0
July 20, 2012	Departure	No refunds

**HEALTH PRECAUTIONS:** To meet the rigors generally associated with a land tour and to enjoy the experience members should be in good physical condition to meet evening engagements, in addition to daytime sightseeing activities. Be prepared for some walking, often over hilly and uneven surfaces. For up-to-date health requirements and recommendations for travel to Italy travelers should check with their local health provider.

**NOTES:** By signing up for this tour, consent is given to use your photo on our website, in print, etc. unless advised otherwise.

**RESPONSIBILITY:**

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