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# Italian Riviera & French Riviera:

Explore THE GEMS OF ITALY AND FRANCE (Florence, Montecatini,,Cinque Terre, San Gimignano, Chianti Region ,Nice, Montecarlo, Cannes, St.Tropez) cities that have inspired artists, designers, and writers for generations. This Nine days , 7 nights program encourages travelers to reflect on and develop their own artistic appreciations for the monuments, palaces, and landscapes that have made these cities living masterpieces. Start in Florence, The heart of the Italian renaissance, Florence is an art lover's dream. Here, travelers' art journey will culminate at the Academy of the Fine Arts where they will see Michelangelo's David statue. To explore more of Tuscany, we plan a trip excursion to San Gimignano. Depart Florence by rail and journey to Cinque Terre. A Cinque Terre Train Card gives visitors unlimited travel along the coast to the other four villages: We will visit Riomaggiore, whose houses seem to be impossibly wedged into the hillside. Then move on to Nice, a bright coastal city on the French Riviera and playground to the rich and famous.

## Hotel Ercolini e Savi/MONTECATINI

Hotel Ercolini e Savi is a 4 star hotel in the centre of Montecatini. It is only 400 metres from the station and just a few minutes from Corso Matteotti where you will find the city's best shops and boutiques. There are also many ice-cream parlours, cafés and restaurants in the area.

Being so close to the train station makes it easy for you to travel to some of the most important cities of art of our region: Pisa, Florence and Lucca.

Those of you who simply want to relax a few days will be pleased to know that our hotel is only 300 metres away from Tettuccio, Excelsior and Redi Spas, where you may treat yourselves to warm baths and excellent wellness centres.



## Mercure Nice Marche aux Fleurs :

Located right in the heart of the old town, a short walk from the Opera, the Mercure Nice Flower Market hotel is opposite the sea and the Baie des Anges. A few yards from the tramway and 8.5 km from Nice international airport, this location is ideal for organising your business or leisure trips. Enjoy our comfortable and welcoming rooms and relax in the hotel bar to enjoy a refreshing cocktail at the end of the day.





# ITINERARY

**Day 1 :** Depart USA to ITALY.

**Day 2 : Florence/Montecatini**

Arrival in Florence airport. Outside the customs area meet your tour director and transfer to your hotel in Montecatini Terme. The balance of the day is at leisure to rest. In the late afternoon return to Florence to have dinner. After dinner return to Montecatini Terme.

**Day 3: Montecatini/Florence/Montecatini**

Depart for Florence. Upon arrival you will be met by your English-speaking guide and begin your discovery of this Renaissance city. We will visit the beautiful Piazza Del Duomo to see the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, Giotto's Bell Tower, and the Romanesque Baptistery of St. John. Later, we will visit the Accademia Museum to view Michelangelo's most famous sculpture, "The David". Visit as well the synagogue of Florence inaugurated in 1882, no longer after the emancipation of the Italian Jews which was proclaimed in 1861 when the Kingdom of Italy was established. The Florence synagogue is one of Europe's finest examples of a blend of the exotic Moorish style with Arabic and Byzantine elements that characterize the white travertine and pink limestone façade, the copper-cladding on the central and lateral domes (originally they were gilded), and the massive walnut doors. **LUNCH IN FLORENCE.** Balance on the day at your leisure for individual visits and/or shopping. **DINNER IN FLORENCE.** After dinner return to Montecatini Terme. (B,L,D)



**Day 4 – Montecatini/San Gimignano/Chianti Region/Florence/Montecatini:**

Departure for San Gimignano one of the most charming and picturesque of all the Tuscan hill towns. Magical medieval towers dominate the town. At one time there were more than 70 towers, but only 14 remain today. After visit proceed for the Chianti region where you will enjoy a wine tasting in one of the famous **KOSHER** vineyards, Azienda Agricola Le Macie di Maria Pellegrini.... The only completely kosher winery in Tuscany! **LUNCH AT THE VINEYARD.** Continue to Florence for dinner. After dinner return to Montecatini Terme. (B,L,D)



**Day 5 – Montecatini/Cinque Terre/Nice :**

Following breakfast, we will board the train for a delightful ride to the villages located on the picturesque Cinque Terre. First, we will visit Riomaggiore, whose houses seem to be impossibly wedged into the hillside. Then, we will stroll along the Via dell'Amore until we come to Manarola, where lemon trees flourish in every backyard and the cliffs are covered with wild flowers. **BOX LUNCH.** Proceed to Nice. Dinner and Overnight. (B,L,D)





## Day 6 – Nice:



Today you will be introduced to this elegant and popular city, which is lively and cheerful and proud of its past and its independence. The city will surprise you by its personality, dynamism and its passion for art and culture. Its monuments, churches, gardens, the footpaths which link the surrounding hillside to the city center, but also its artists and its local crafts. It will also seduce you by the beauty of its neighborhoods, its unique light and gentle climate and the famous "Promenades des Anglais". Visit as well the Synagogue of Nice is located in the very center of the city. Just like most of the other places of worship in Nice, it too was declared a historical monument (in 2007). The Judaic temple of Nice was built in 1885 in a Byzantine style by the design of Paul Martin, and inaugurated in 1886. The structure impresses by its stone façade and by the rosary window on top of the entrance. The stained glass windows depicting biblical scenes were added no sooner than 1993, subsequently to the massive restoration works completed in 1988. LUNCH and Shabbat Dinner. Overnight in Niece. (B,L,D)

**Day 7 – Nice :** Full day at your leisure. Shabbat LUNCH and Dinner. Overnight in Nice. (B,L,D)

## Day 8 – Nice/Montecarlo/Cannes/Saint Tropez/Nice ::

Depart for a full day visit of the Cote d'Azur. Your first stop will be in Montecarlo, where on arrival you will visit Monaco's Old Town, the cathedral (from outside), the changing of the guards at noon, the course used for the Formula One Grand Prix, and the famous Place du Casino with its luxury boutiques. Proceed to Cannes, the Beverly Hills of France, renowned for its film festival, its major designers, its prestigious hotels, and its sandy beaches. Your last stop will be in Saint Tropez, famous for its port, its citadel, the luxury shops and the old streets. BOX LUNCH. Return to Nice for dinner and overnight. (B,L,D)

## Day 9 – Nice/USA :

Transfer to the Airport for the return flight home. (B)

## Tour Package Includes:

- 7 nights accommodation
- Continental buffet breakfast daily; 7 lunch ;7 dinners
- English speaking local guides:
- 1 FD Florence
- 1 HD San Gimignano
- 1 FD Cinque Terre
- 1 HD Nice a
- 1 FD Monaco, Cannes and St Tropez
- Entrance fees: Synagogue and Accademia Gallery in Florence; Synagogue in Nice
- Cinque terre train ticket and admission to Via Dell'Amore
- Porterage of one big suitcase per person
- Deluxe fully equipped motor-coach as per program

## Prices:

- \$3279.00 USD pp dbl. occupancy.
- \$3829.00 USD pp single occupancy.
- Discounted round trip airfares and travel insurance available on request.

