

HILL TOWNS DISCOVERY TOUR

June 9 – June 18, 2017



*Sponsored by the
10th Mountain Division Descendants, Inc.*

*\$2,825 Per Person, Double Occupancy
Including Airfare from New York*

*The cost for the Land Only package is:
\$1,725 per person, double occupancy
\$2,050 per person, single occupancy*

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FLIGHT INFORMATION AND PRICING

The tour price includes round-trip airfare New York / Florence. InterTrav can assist you in making connecting flight reservations to New York, or direct reservations from your hometown airport. You can also make your own air arrangements using airline miles/points or work with your local travel agent. Please call InterTrav at 1-800-624-8338 to obtain ticket prices and flight times from your choice of departure city.

**We strongly recommend you make your flight reservations as soon as possible.*

Tour Itinerary

Meal Codes: B = Breakfast L= Lunch D = Dinner I = In-flight S = Snack

Friday, June 9 – EN ROUTE/FLORENCE

Our adventure begins while boarding our plane in New York for our flight to Florence, Italy. This is an overnight flight. Dinner and beverages will be served while on-board the aircraft. Before landing, all will be served a “lite” breakfast. **(I)**

Saturday, June 10 – FLORENCE/SIENA

We arrive in Florence this morning, the birthplace of the Italian Renaissance. Politically, economically, and culturally, Florence was the most important city in Europe for around 250 years; from some time before 1300 until the early 1500s. Today, Florence is buzzing with tourists who visit for its art, literature, architecture and unique Tuscan cuisine. On arrival, you will be met by an InterTrav Representative who will direct you to your transportation for your transfer to our hotel in Siena.

Our overnight stay is in the beautiful city of Siena. Siena was a very proud, wealthy city-state during the Middle Ages. The Medieval art which includes painting, sculpture, and architecture is unique and of great historical importance. The Palio horse race, perhaps the most recognized event in Siena, is all about neighborhood pride, rivalry and medieval pageantry. After perhaps a rest to reset your internal clock, or a walk around the City, our program begins with a traditional Tuscan style dinner. This is the perfect time to meet fellow travelers who are anxious to discuss this trip, and reacquaint with friends from other 10th Mountain adventures to Italy. **(B,D)**

Sunday, June 11 – SIENA/Florence/HILL TOWNS

This morning we leave Siena to drive to Florence for a Memorial Service at the American Cemetery and Memorial. The cemetery is located in Tavarnuzze, 8 miles south of Florence, and is nestled in a beautiful Tuscan setting of rolling hills and cypress trees. Maintained by the American Battle Monuments Commission, the cemetery was established for members of the Armed Forces killed in the northern Italy campaign. Among the 4,402 American soldiers buried here, 326 of them are of the 10th Mountain Division. After the service, we'll have lunch, and then leave Florence for the journey to the Hill Towns. **(B,L,S)**

Monday, June 12 through Friday, June 16 – HILL TOWNS

These days are spent in the Hill Towns for the 10th Mountain program. Celebrations and town festivals over the six days will take place atop Mt. Belvedere and at Querciola, Vidiciatico, Lizzano-in Belvedere, Gaggio Montano, Iola, Pietra Colora, Rocca Cornetta, Riva Ridge/Trignano and Castel d'Aiano. During your stay, you will have the opportunity to participate in an authentic Italian cooking class to learn the art of Bolognese cooking. A few evenings will be on your own for dinner, at which time you will have the opportunity to try a local restaurant, sampling Tuscan vintages as well as wine and the cuisine from the province of Emilia-Romagna. **(Breakfast each morning, and meals as featured in the 10th Mountain program)**

Saturday, June 17 – HILL TOWNS/FLORENCE

This morning we'll journey to the Monte Pigna battle site and then make our way to Toile for a ceremony and to visit the Monte Croce battle site. Alternately, an optional excursion will be offered to the renaissance city of Florence, considered by some to be an outdoor museum. Highlights of our walking tour include the famous Duomo, the Ponte Vecchio, spanning the waters of the River Arno, and the main square of Piazza della Signoria. This evening we'll enjoy a special farewell dinner. **(B,L,D)**

Sunday, June 18

Today we leave Florence with fond memories of our adventure, our learning experiences, and the friendships we have made. Some travelers will be taken to Florence airport to start their journey home, while some will extend their visit on their own in Italy and other countries. **(B,I)**

*** * * Welcome Home * * ***

The Tour Price Includes:

- * Economy class airfare from New York to Florence and return
- * Transfer service and transportation by deluxe private motor coach
- * Services of an English-speaking Tour Escort
- * All meals in the Hill Towns according to the program
- * Sightseeing as listed in the tour itinerary
- * Accommodations in twin and single rooms (if chosen) with private bath or shower
- * Buffet breakfast at hotels in Siena and Florence
- * Welcome dinner in Siena – June 10
- * Farewell Dinner in Florence – June 17
- * Gratuities to hotel and restaurant waiters and service personnel for included meals
- * Luggage handling for one suitcase per person at hotels
- * Taxes for included tour services, i.e., transportation, hotel accommodations and meals

The Tour Price Does Not Include: Items of a personal nature such as passport fees; laundry and cleaning; telephone calls; optional tours and excursions; television and/or refrigerator in hotel rooms; luggage handling at airports; meals other than those stated above; beverages and drinks with meals other than breakfasts; personal travel and baggage insurance; gratuities to Tour Escorts and coach drivers and local guides at the suggested amounts of €4/\$5 per person per day for the Tour Escort, €3/\$4 per person per day for the coach driver, and €2/\$3 per person per day for local guides.

TO ASSIST YOU IN YOUR TRAVEL PLANS AND ON TOUR

PASSPORTS AND VISAS: All travelers must have a passport that is valid for six months after the return date of your tour. No visas are required for the tour. If your passport is other than a United States passport, you must advise us in writing with your Registration Form, as other travel documentation may be required.

VACCINATIONS: No shots or vaccinations are necessary for the tour.

LAND TRANSPORTATION: All motor coach transportation will be air-conditioned and non-smoking.

RESERVATIONS: The deadline for tour reservations is March 1, 2017. Reservations received after March 1 are on a "space available" basis. Changes can be made on your tour until March 16, 2017. After March 16, there will be a \$100 per person charge for any changes made in your choice of the tours offered, and changes are also on "space available" basis.

AIRLINE TRAVEL ARRANGED BY INTERTRAV: Any requests for special airline seating arrangements must be made in writing. These are then passed on to the airline. However, we regret that we have no control over the assignment of airline seats, and we cannot guarantee or be responsible in the event that your request is not honored by the airline (we recommend reconfirming any special seating requests at the time you check-in for your flights). **We strongly suggest you make your airline reservations as soon as possible.**

TOUR DEPOSIT AND PAYMENT: Reservation deposit payments are accepted with personal or bank checks. The final payment for the tour can be made by check or credit card – payments made by credit card will be assessed a 3.5% convenience fee. **YOU WILL BE INVOICED FOR THE BALANCE OF PAYMENT DUE ON OR BEFORE APRIL 1, 2017.**

SPECIAL REQUESTS AND/OR REQUIREMENTS: InterTrav Corporation makes every attempt to provide the most comfortable, convenient and pleasure-related trip possible. However, to do so it is essential that you advise us of your special desires and needs in writing. If these can be successfully fulfilled, they will be done. If it is not possible, we will advise you. When sending in your Reservation Application please write in any special desired or required needs. **All special requests must be received by March 1, 2017.**

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS: Detailed tour itineraries, hotels names, addresses and telephone numbers, and all information that you require for the tour will be mailed to you three weeks prior to the trip departure date.

ARRANGEMENTS: The tour price includes planning, handling and operational charges. The tour price also includes a contingency fund for the following items: invited dinner guests; trip books; pins; name badges; gifts to town mayors; and wreaths for the Memorial ceremonies. The contingency is on a per person basis, and any surplus funds will be retained by the Association in accordance with the By-Laws.

TRIP CANCELLATION, BAGGAGE AND MEDICAL INSURANCE: You have been given the option of purchasing Travel Protection at the time you sign-up for the tour. The insurance includes: Trip Cancellation/Interruption, Baggage Delay/Loss, Emergency Accident/Sickness Medical Expense, and Emergency Medical Evacuation. The premium for the plan is non-refundable and is based on a minimum participation of 10 travelers. For a complete description of coverage and to see all the covered reasons for cancellation, please call 1-800-624-8338 or e-mail Mary at mary@intertravcorp.com.

CANCELLATION: If after making your initial deposit you find it necessary to cancel from the tour for any reason, there will be a charge of \$100 per person up to 90 days prior to departure. For cancellation between 89 and 60 days prior to departure, there will be a cancellation charge of \$300 per person. For cancellation within 59 days of departure, in addition to the \$300 per person charge, there may be additional cancellation charges from the airline, hotel(s) or ground service companies up to the full value of your tour cost. **IMPORTANT:** Cancellations will not be accepted by telephone, and must be sent in writing to: InterTrav Corporation, 203 State Avenue, St. Charles, Illinois 60174, faxed to 630/584-1573, or e-mailed to mary@intertravcorp.com.

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