



Tour Proposal: *Tuscany & Sorrento*

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Thursday, August 31st

Overnight: Plane

Evening departure from your chosen US gateway city.

Friday, September 1st

Overnight: Florence

You arrive this morning at Milan, Malpensa Airport. After clearing customs and immigration, you will take the train into the center of Milan, where you will connect with your onward train to Florence. On arrival at Florence Santa Maria Novella station, it is a very short walk to your hotel. After time to unpack and rest up from the overnight flight, the rest of the day will be free to explore the neighborhood.

Saturday, September 2nd

Overnight: Florence

This morning you will meet up with your local guide who will then lead a walking tour of the city center to give you an overview of Florence's highlights - the Duomo, the Campanile, the Baptistery, the Palazzo Vecchio, the Loggia dei Lanzi, the Uffizi, the Ponte Vecchio. The rest of the afternoon is yours to explore this extraordinary artistic city. **(B)**

Sunday, September 3rd

Overnight: Lucca

This morning you return to the railway station for the (relatively) short and very beautiful train ride to Lucca. After checking in to your hotel (a short taxi ride from the station), the afternoon will be free to have lunch and explore this incredible medieval Tuscan hill town, with its city walls still intact. This evening you will embark on a guided food and wine tour of the town with a local guide. **(B, D)**

Monday, September 4th

Overnight: Lucca

After breakfast at the hotel this morning, you head for a local restaurant, where the chef will spend the morning taking you through the secrets of preparing homemade pasta and other local dishes. Then you get to eat the results!. The rest of the day is free to sleep it off! **(B, L)**

Tuesday, September 5th

Overnight: Lucca

A full day excursion today takes you to the coast to explore the region known as the Cinque Terre (the Five Lands). The name comes from the five towns that are perched along this stretch of cliffs as they tumble into the sea and it is a area of such unspoiled natural beauty that it was added to UNESCO's World Heritage List in 1997. Along the way, you'll stop for lunch and then take the train line along the coast that joins the five towns — there is no road! — before returning to your hotel in Lucca. **(B)**

Wednesday, September 6th

Overnight: Sorrento

Back on the train this morning for the journey south. You head first to Florence where you change for the direct train to Naples (total journey time approx. 4hr 30mn). On arrival in Naples you will be met by your driver for the transfer to your hotel in Sorrento. After checking in, the rest of the day is free to stroll around the town center and search out a wonderful little trattoria for dinner. **(B)**

Thursday, September 7th

Overnight: Sorrento

Today, an excursion to the island of Capri, one of the legendary beauty spots of the Mediterranean. You'll board a ferry for the 45-minute ride across the Bay of Naples, land at the Marina Grande. Weather and tides permitting, you can then travel by local boat to the Blue Grotto, a cave bathed in an iridescent blue light. There will be free time to explore Marina Grande and to walk up the cobble narrow street to Capri, the island's main town. Here there are spectacular views out over the bay towards the mainland and Mount Vesuvius. You return by boat to Sorrento at your leisure for a free evening. **(B)**

Friday, September 8th

Overnight: Home

An early start this morning as your driver comes to collect you from the hotel and take you to Naples Airport for your Easyjet flight to Milan, Malpensa. here you connect with your return flight to the U.S. **(B)**





The cost of this itinerary, based on 2 participants is **\$1880** per person, double (twin beds) occupancy. This includes the following:

Hotels:	7 nights' accommodation in first-class hotels (see below). All hotel taxes and service charges included
Coaching:	Round trip transfers from Naples to Sorrento. Full day Cinque Terre excursion from Lucca.
Trains:	First class rail tickets with reserved seats for Malpensa - Florence (via Milan Centrale), Florence - Lucca and Lucca-Naples (via Florence SMN).
Flights:	One way tickets on Easyjet from Naples to Milan, Malpensa
Meals:	Breakfast daily, 1 lunch (including cooking lesson), 1 evening of food and wine tasting in Lucca.
Guides:	Local guides in Florence, an evening in Lucca, and for the Cinque Terre excursion

This quotation is based upon using the following hotels, although Discover Europe reserves the right to substitute properties of an equivalent or superior standard should these prove unavailable at the time of booking.

- Florence** The Joy Hotel Florence (www.hoteljoyflorence.it)
- Lucca** The Albergo San Martino (www.albergosanmartino.it)
- Sorrento** Hotel Astoria Sorrento (www.hotelastoriasorrento.com)

