

Designer shoes, porcelain dinnerware, luxury linens, ceramics...whatever your interests, you'll find it in this special shopping tour, featuring the best Italy has to offer. Spend your days visiting premier factory outlets for designer goods by top names in Italian fashion – Prada, Gucci, and Ferragamo among them – then relax at luxurious accommodations in the spa town of Montecatini, the perfect base for your extravaganza. Visit characteristic towns in Tuscany – Arezzo, Siena, and of course, Florence – for a private tour and shopping at Florence's fashionable boutiques. Also, for wine and gourmet food aficionados, you'll visit an epicurean shop among other delights. Along the way, enjoy special dinners featuring Tuscan cuisine. Shopping, spa accommodations, delicious cuisine, and wines...it's all yours!

MADE IN ITALY

Shopping Tour



OVERNIGHTS: 8-DAY ITINERARY

Montecatini – 6 nights



Day 01

Depart for Italy.

Day 02

Montecatini Terme

Upon arrival at Florence's Amerigo Vespucci Airport, you will be greeted by your English-speaking tour escort, who will be with you throughout your stay in Italy. Transfer by private deluxe motorcoach to nearby Montecatini Terme for check-in at your hotel. There will be ample time to freshen up and relax prior to this evening's dinner at the hotel.

Day 03

Arezzo area

After a leisurely breakfast, your first exciting shopping experience begins. Today we will **visit factory outlets offering a vast array of designer shoes, leather apparel, and classic men and women's clothing** from stores such as Fabio Inghiramo. In the afternoon, continue on to Arezzo for a half-day guided tour of this Renaissance city. This evening enjoy dinner



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Accommodations in famous spa town of Montecatini

Visits to most exclusive outlets and boutiques

Welcome cocktail at hotel

Special dinners featuring Tuscan cuisine

Visit of 'gourmet' food shop in Tuscany

Sightseeing in Arezzo, Florence, and Siena



RECOMMENDED TIPS

WHO SHOULD YOU TARGET:

Good for women's organizations, mothers' groups, etc.

ITINERARY CONSIDERATIONS:

May be customized for group's specific shopping interests (glassware, cashmere, antiques, etc.)

BEST TIME TO TRAVEL:

Any time – perfect for November for low season rates and Christmas shopping or for January sales

EXTRA FEATURES TO CONSIDER:

Spa town accommodations with spa features

Day 04

Montecatini & surrounding area

at a local restaurant featuring Tuscan specialties. Return to Montecatini for the night.

This morning, leisurely explore the fashionable spa town of Montecatini Terzi. As a resort/spa town, Montecatini offers a wide selection of shopping – from elegant boutiques to local artisan shops. Today we will **visit the factory outlets of designers like Prada and Gucci**. For those who have an eye for fine porcelain dinnerware, we will stop at the Botteguccia Richard Ginori. And to cap the day, a visit to the Pratesi Shop to **buy the world famous luxury linens** at a fraction of the retail cost. Our late afternoon return to Montecatini will allow plenty of time for a relaxed dinner at the hotel.

Day 05

Florence

After breakfast, depart for nearby and beautiful Florence where you will enjoy a half-day guided walking tour of this fascinating Renaissance city. Admire Brunelleschi's famed dome, the Baptistery with Ghiberti's 'Golden Doors' of Paradise, and Giotto's Bell Tower. Continue on to the Accademia to see Michelangelo's imposing statue of David, symbol of Florence's powerful and wealthy history. After lunch on your own, you will have the entire afternoon to shop in some of **Europe's most fashionable boutiques**. Florence has them all, from Ferragamo and Gucci to Zegna and Max Mara. This evening, enjoy a wonderfully prepared dinner at a local trattoria featuring the best of Florentine cuisine. Late evening return to Montecatini for a relaxed night.

Day 06

Chianti area

After breakfast, enjoy a leisurely drive through breathtaking scenery reminiscent of the film 'A Room with a View'. Here in the heart of Chianti, we dedicate the entire day for 'epicurean' shopping. For wine lovers, we will stop at a local wine estate where you **can purchase some of the region's best wines**. Continue on to an olive oil press where you can taste and then purchase delicious Tuscan virgin olive oil. A special stop is planned at a well know gourmet shop which offers a wide variety of artisan honey and other 'prodotti nostrani'. You return in the late afternoon to Montecatini for an unhurried dinner at the hotel.

Day 07

Siena

This morning's excursion takes you to Siena where your escort will lead you through winding streets to Piazza del Campo and introduce you to this ancient Tuscan capital, a fascinating art town. Take your time to explore the museums and the churches, but save at least one hour to **have a look at the glamorous shops of the Via dei Banchi Sopra**. After lunch on your own, we will proceed to visit some the factory outlets around Siena. A special visit to artisan ceramic factory is planned where you able to purchase the region's finest wares.

Day 08

Depart for USA.