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DISCOVER THE UNMATCHED CHARM OF TUSCANY WITH BILL PEACH JOURNEYS

Luxury World Journey Tuscany & Beyond - Treasures Unveiled

14 Days | 21 June - 4 July 2025 | AUD\$26,995pp twin share | Single Supplement AUD\$1,995

Embark on an enchanting journey through the old towns and villages of Lazio, Umbria and Tuscany, immersing yourself in the authentic charm and breathtaking scenery of these iconic Italian regions. Our small group intimate tour is designed to let you live like a local, experiencing the hidden gems and cultural delights that make Tuscany and Umbria a traveller's paradise.

We begin our adventure by departing from Rome and making our way to Orvieto, a captivating hilltop town famous for its stunning cathedral and Etruscan roots. As we continue our journey, we pass through the scenic countryside en route to Pienza, a UNESCO World Heritage Site known for its Renaissance architecture and delicious pecorino cheese.

Next, we venture into the picturesque Val D'Orcia, where the landscapes seem to be lifted from a painting. Here, we explore the charming villages of Bagno Vignoni and San Quirico D'Orcia, soaking in the tranquil atmosphere and scenic beauty of rural Tuscany. We also visit the spectacular La Foce Gardens and the historic town of Montepulciano, renowned for its wine and panoramic views.

No visit to Tuscany is complete without indulging in its world-class wines. We enjoy a delightful wine tasting experience as we make our way to Siena, a medieval gem with its magnificent Piazza del Campo and impressive cathedral.

The journey continues through the renowned Chianti region, where we discover the medieval towers of San Gimignano and

the fortified village of Monteriggioni. These ancient settlements offer a glimpse into Tuscany's rich history and architectural heritage.

In Lucca, we wander through narrow cobblestone streets and ancient city walls, savouring the laid-back atmosphere and artistic heritage of this charming town. A cooking class awaits us, where we learn the secrets of regional cuisine.

Our exploration includes a stay in Spoleto in the Umbria region with day trips to Assisi, a spiritual centre with its stunning Basilica of St. Francis, and Viterbo, a medieval town known for its historical landmarks.

Throughout our tour, we stay in the heart of Tuscan and Umbrian towns, allowing us to mingle with locals, savour traditional cuisine, and partake in the beloved evening strolls that are a hallmark of Tuscan and Umbrian life. Whether it's exploring ancient ruins, indulging in local flavours, or simply soaking in the beauty of the landscape, these incredible regions offer an enchanting experience that speaks to the heart and senses long after you have returned home. Join us on this unforgettable intimate adventure, where every moment is a celebration of Tuscany and beyond's timeless allure. Immerse yourself in meaningful and enriching touring in Bill Peach Journeys style where your personalised experience is everything!

"Highlights were the ease of travelling. An excellent tour and leader who went beyond her duties to make sure everyone was catered for."

Mrs Pam Mison, Valentine, NSW





TUSCANY'S BREATHTAKING NATURAL BEAUTY

DAY 1 | HOME - ROME ~ BENVENUTI IN ITALIA!

Arriving into Rome Fiumicino Airport, a private transfer awaits to transport you through to your luxury accommodation, Hotel Barocco. Located in an elegant building, Hotel Barocco overlooks Piazza Barberini square and its iconic fountain, made by Rome's baroque master, Bernini. Relax this afternoon enjoying the hotel's facilities or perhaps explore nearby attractions; The Spanish Steps, Trevi Fountain and Via Veneto are all within a 10-minute walk.

Rome, the Eternal City in the Lazio region, is a living tapestry of history, art, and culture, where ancient ruins blend seamlessly with modern life. Stepping into Rome is like entering an open-air museum, where every cobbled street, piazza, and monument tells a story. From the grandeur of the Colosseum to the serenity of the Vatican Gardens, Rome enchants with its rich layers of history, art, and timeless beauty. This evening meet your Journey Director and fellow travellers for your Welcome Dinner.

Overnight: Barocco Hotel or similar

DAY 2 | ROME - ORVIETO - PIENZA

Drive today to the fascinating town of Orvieto, a city in Umbria, that dates back to the Etruscan civilisation. Take a stroll through the alleyways and piazzas, admire the majestic Cathedral, a masterpiece of Italian Gothic architecture, and finally reach the ancient remnants of the Etruscan walls that surrounded the city over 2000 years ago. Then you will visit a local winery and enjoy a visit of their historic vineyard and cellars, ending with a wine tasting of delicious Umbrian wines before proceeding to your Pienza accommodation.

Overnight: Relais Il Chiostro or similar

DAY 3 | BAGNO VIGNONI & SAN QUIRICO D'ORCIA

Along the "via Francigena" a major ancient trade route for centuries, Bagno Vignoni and San Quirico d'Orcia are two enchanting villages located in the heart of the Val d'Orcia, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. These picturesque towns offer a glimpse into the timeless beauty of the Tuscan countryside and provide travellers with an incomparable and tranquil experience. It's not only the natural beauty and history of this region that you will enjoy, but it is also the culinary delights that will make your visit truly magical and unforgettable.

Overnight: Relais Il Chiostro or similar

DAY 4 | LA FOCE GARDENS & MONTEPULCIANO

In Val d'Orcia, Le Foce Gardens offers a timeless display of Italian garden design. The meticulously trimmed hedges, terraced lawns, and a variety of plant species enhance their beauty. Cecil Pinsent and Iris Origo created these gardens to illustrate the region's historical significance while blending natural beauty with their family's deep ties. The charming hilltop town of Montepulciano is just a short drive away with its well-preserved medieval and Renaissance architecture. This town is renowned for its celebrated *Vino Nobile di Montepulciano* wine, as well as its cuisine and cultural treasures. As a result, these two sites make the perfect combination for those seeking an incredibly unique Tuscan experience.

Overnight: Relais Il Chiostro or similar

DAY 5 | PRIVATE WINE TASTING - SIENA

Visit the cellars of the Innocentini Vini in Montefollonico, a beautifully preserved medieval village nestled between the Valdichiana and Val d'Orcia. Situated in the heart of the historic town centre, these premises date back to the late 13th century. Every effort has been made to maintain the original ambiance, providing visitors with an authentic experience reminiscent of traditional Tuscan wineries. From the vantage point of a terrace garden perched atop ancient city walls, you can savour a breathtaking panoramic view that stretches across the entire Valdichiana, from the rolling Chianti hills to Cortona, encompassing the Pratomagno and Lake Trasimeno, all the way to the towering peaks of the Abruzzo mountains.

Overnight: Grand Hotel Continental or similar

DAY 6 | SIENA PRIVATE WALKING TOUR

The expert Local Guide will lead us today on a two-hour walking tour of this Tuscan gem. The historic center of Siena is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, famous for its medieval buildings, impressive central piazza, museums, cuisine and the famous Palio horse race held twice a year. The guide will lead you through the narrow alleyways to admire the majestic Cathedral, a masterpiece of Romanesque-Gothic architecture. Stroll through Piazza del Campo, part of the Palio route, and take in the view of Palazzo Pubblico and its Mangia Tower, and continue to discover the hidden beauty of this amazing city and the fascinating tales of ancient rivalries.

Overnight: Grand Hotel Continental or similar



DAY 7 | SAN GIMIGNANO & MONTERIGGIONI

San Gimignano (aka Medieval Manhattan) and 13th-century Monteriggioni (a perfect medieval fortress) will amaze you. Visiting these towns is an enchanting experience that transports you back in time. Its elevated location provides stunning views of the Tuscan countryside. Today we explore the charm of medieval Tuscany, breathing in the history, culture, and architecture of these amazing towns.

Overnight: Grand Hotel Continental or similar

DAY 8 | SIENA - LUCCA

History and modernity blend seamlessly in Lucca, a city of timeless beauty, a welcoming local community, and a rich cultural heritage. Taking a stroll through the charming streets of Lucca and discovering hidden corners, local shops, and artisan boutiques will be one of the most memorable highlights of your journey. Among the highlights of the day will be a city tour with an expert local guide.

Overnight: Grand Universe Hotel

DAY 9 | PRIVATE COOKING CLASS

A day to remember as you learn to prepare a regional meal alongside a Local Cook. She will teach you, (as Nonna Luisa did with her) about Spoleto cuisine and share anecdotes and details about her family and Spoleto, her beautiful Umbrian town. The ingredients will all be fresh and locally sourced. There will be no shortage of good wine and lots of laughter.

Overnight: Grand Universe Hotel

DAY 10 | LUCCA - SPOLETO

Transfer today from Lucca to Spoleto, in the heart of the Umbria Region. Spoleto is the perfect place to relax and escape the daily grind. With its array of beautiful architecture, historic sites, and most of all its atmosphere, it's an ideal place to explore and enjoy nature. Additionally, Spoleto is renowned for its delicious cuisine, featuring traditional Italian dishes, which you will experience in one of our favourite local trattorias. As the locals of Spoleto understand, you will learn what "Il Bello di fare niente" is all about. In essence, bliss is what makes life beautiful.

Overnight: Hotel San Luca

DAY 11 | DAY AT LEISURE IN SPOLETO

Spoleto is a city that seamlessly blends history, art, and natural beauty. It's a place where the past and the present harmoniously coexist, offering a captivating and enriching experience. Today is yours to decide; you may wish to discover Spoleto's historic treasures or scenic beauty. You may decide to visit the Basilica

of San Salvatore, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and, of course, you will enjoy the rich and hearty dishes of Umbria.

Overnight: Hotel San Luca

DAY 12 | EXCURSION TO ASSISI

Transfer today to the hillside town of Assisi, enjoying the beautiful Umbrian countryside. The birthplace of St. Francis, one of Italy's patron saints, Assisi is a historic, religious and artistic gem. Marvel at the soaring Basilica of San Francesco, begun right after Francis' canonisation. The upper church features magnificent wall and ceiling frescoes painted by the school of Giotto; the lower church contains St. Francis' tomb. In the Umbrian/Romanesque Cathedral of Assisi, both St. Francis and St. Clare were baptised. Stroll around the cobblestoned old town with its surviving Roman walls, viewing medieval houses and cherished small churches that hosted centuries of pilgrims.

Overnight: Hotel San Luca

DAY 13 | SPOLETO - VITERBO - LADISPOLI

Viterbo, a formerly influential Etruscan city surrounded by verdant hillsides, vineyards, olive groves and preserved palaces, was once the centre of Christendom. In the Lazio region, it was where popes resided and intrigue unfolded. We will learn about the city's history, culture and landmarks. You will also learn more about Etruscan culture and the infamous papal election of Pope Gregory X. Enjoy your Farewell Dinner in Ladispoli this evening.

Overnight: Riva di Palo Resort or similar

DAY 14 | DEPART ROME - HOME - ARRIVEDERCI!

Today you will transfer to Rome Fiumicino Airport to board your flight home taking with you lifelong memories of new friendships and an enchanting Tuscan and beyond discovery.





ABOUT LUXURY WORLD JOURNEYS

Our worldwide collection of journeys are operated by a select number of preferred travel partners who we have chosen because of their expertise within specific regions and who combine the same style and superior level of service that has become synonymous with Bill Peach Journeys. Each of the worldwide journeys have a Bill Peach Journeys stamp of quality.

When you travel on a Bill Peach Luxury World Journey everything is included. This means not only does your holiday include accommodation, dining and all excursions but every one of these elements is the finest in its class. Throughout the journey you will have a Journey Director on hand to look after each detail.

FITNESS LEVEL - MODERATE

"The itinerary gave us a view of the modern cities, the wonderful gardens, the countryside and mountains, the historic places, fabulous hotels and castles. We saw so much!"

Mrs Jan G, North Strathfield NSW

WHY BILL PEACH JOURNEYS?

- ✦ A name to trust with over 40 years of experience in the luxury travel industry, we are Australian owned and operated
- ✦ Fully inclusive journeys, all meals, accommodation, touring, entrance fees, portage taxes and luggage
- ✦ Travel throughout the outback requires expert planning and organisation. Our Journey Planners ensure you enjoy an intimate exploration of the places visited in comfort and style
- ✦ A dedicated Journey Director that ensures you are looked after every step of the way
- ✦ Local professional guides at every location
- ✦ 70% of our travellers return to travel with us again within the first year of their initial journey
- ✦ No credit card fees on direct bookings

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*Conditions Apply: The \$1,000 per person Early Bird Offer is limited and applies if booked and paid in full by 31 January, 2025 and cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer. 60% Deposit required at time of booking due to added pressure on accommodation due to event in Italy.

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