

**proudly presents
an amazing golfing holiday experience...**

TUSCANY

22 May – 1 June 2012



Chianti Pisa Siena Florence Lucca San Gimignano

It has taken us 5 years of researching and planning this tour to ensure our clients get the best experience in the unique setting of Tuscany...and now we are proud to present it as our new golfing holiday destination of 2012.

***This is a destination so many people have been waiting for...
...and now it's yours to enjoy!***

You won't believe it until you experience it yourself!!!

This is what you can look forward to when you board the plane in May:

Tuesday 22 May

Assemble mid-afternoon at Johannesburg International before we depart for Florence.

Wednesday 23 May

On arrival at Florence Airport, we are transferred by air-conditioned coach to our hotel in Montecatini Terme, which is the ideal central location for our accommodation while in Tuscany. The town, which lies conveniently between the major attractions and near the golf courses we shall be playing, is a well-known spa-town dating back to the 19th century. The many restaurants and coffee-shops are perfect for unwinding both during day and in the evenings and the view from the piazza is a photographers dream.



Montecatini Terme



Al fresco dining Tuscan style

Thursday 24 May

After breakfast we transfer to **PISA**, where we spend the morning exploring the Piazza del Miracoli (the Square of Miracles), widely regarded as one of the most gorgeous squares in Italy. Its most famous attraction is the iconic **Leaning Tower**, but visitors are equally awed by the Duomo and the Baptistry.



The Leaning Tower of Pisa





After a chance to explore the sights and the souvenir stalls of PISA, we head for **LUCCA**, a beautiful historic town where the town centre is entirely enclosed by the old city walls...the only such walls in Italy still accessible. The views from the walls of the surrounding countryside are breath-catching. Lucca exudes a unique atmosphere...modern blending with the ancient and the narrow streets lined with little shops and restaurants are an insight into the history of Tuscany.



The central Piazza of Lucca



Coffee shops in every alley



The colours of Tuscany

Friday 25 May

Our first round of golf in Italy is at **Montecatini Golf Club**, which winds through the natural contours of the Tuscan countryside. Good use was made of the landscape to create natural hazards...a very beautiful golfing setting which encompasses all the atmosphere of Tuscany.



Perfect Tuscan setting from the tee

While the golfers are out on the course, the non-golfers take a 25 minute train journey for a guided tour of Florence...the beautiful capital of the Renaissance. The sights and attractions in Florence are endless...including some of the finest art collections in the world including Michelangelo, da Vinci, Titian, Botticelli and Rembrandt. And that is before the shopping begins. There is simply too much to do and see in Florence in a day, so we have allowed free time later in the tour to visit Florence again to revisit or explore further.



Cappuccino like no-where else



The Duomo of Florence

Saturday 26 May

Golf today is at the beautiful **Castelfalfi Golf Club**, Tuscany's only 27 hole club. The recent upgrade incorporated the beautiful landscape with modern standards to create a truly memorable golfing experience.

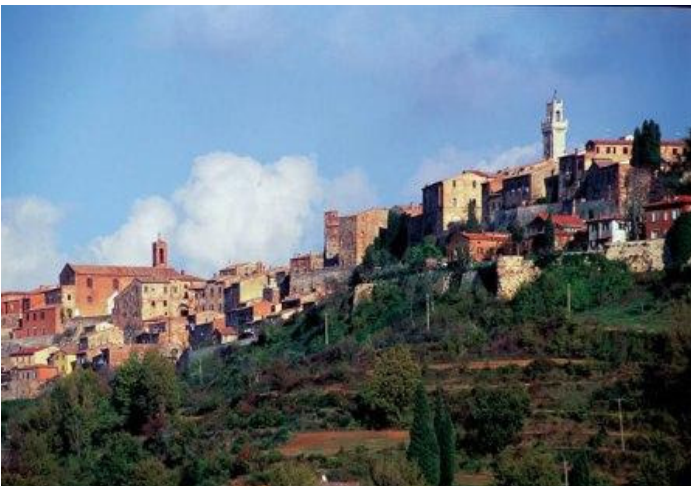


Putting beneath the hilltop castle

Non-golfers will visit the small medieval village of Montaine for a morning of shopping, exploring and tasting the local delicacies.



On the way back to the hotel we stop in Certaldo to explore the medieval village, chill on the main piazza and marvel at the town's construction almost entirely of brick. A must-see is the Palazzo Pretorio, the residence of the Florentine governors and recently restored to its spectacular original splendour.



The hillside village of Certaldo



The countryside

Sunday 27 May

Today is an early start as we head to the number one hill-top town of Tuscany...**Siena**. Brick palaces, stone towers and fabulously decorated churches are strung along the high ridges of Siena....offering Siena's half-moon Piazza is one of the loveliest in Italy and is home to the biannual Palio horse race and endless cafes serving the finest coffees. Siena's medieval town hall...Palazzo Pubblico...now a museum, is an incomparable example of the decorations and art of the early days of Tuscany.



Aerial view of Siena's Piazza il Campo

On the way home this afternoon, we stop at the pedestrianized hilltop town of **San Gimignano** ...with its 14 remaining towers spiking the skyline. Its medieval treasures have been so well maintained the town was awarded World Heritage Site status. The interior of the Collegiate is swathed in frescoes that must be seen and the climb up the Torre Grossa tower gives you the most stupendous views across the terracotta roofs to the rolling hills all around.



The famous towers of San Gimignano



Endless countryside beauty

Monday 28 May

Today's golf is at the impressive **Poggio dei Medici Golf Club**, home to the Italian Women's Open for many years. Lying in the scenic Mugello Hills, it is a course with touches of link-style and parkland. The stream running through the course adds to the beauty (and challenge) and the lasting memory is one of memorable scenery and tranquillity.



Poggio dei Medici GC



Surrounded by history

The non-golfers will spend the morning in village of Mugello, where the local crafts, fine delicacies and the Outlet Village offering the best Italian and international brands at exceptional prices are certain to make it a very special outing.



This afternoon has been kept open to allow those who want to make the short journey into Florence and experience the city at sunset and then enjoy a meal in the ambience of this Renaissance city.



Aerial view of Florence



Boticelli's "Birth of Venus" at the UFFIZI

Tuesday 29 May

Today is an early start as we head to **Chianti**, the famous wine region of Tuscany. Lying South of Florence, Chianti offers a landscape straight out of a Renaissance painting...steeply rolling hills terraced with vineyards and olive groves, bustling market towns and hilltop castles. We visit the small medieval villages with stone houses, red shutters and geraniums and sunflowers before stopping for a wine-tasting in an ancient castle and visiting ancient cellars where the proud produce of Chianti lies patiently maturing.



Hilltop winery in Chianti



Cellar visit and tasting



Wine, olives and scenery



Shopping for wine and delicacies



Medieval cellars with choice of Chianti

Wednesday 30 May

Golf today is at Arnold Palmer's Tour-quality championship layout **La Pavoniere**. In the shadow of the Tuscan hills, the course is relatively open with several small lakes adding to the challenge of the natural terrain. Tuscan-style brick walls and bridges add to the ambience and the day's golfing experience will be remembered for a long time!



Palmer's pride in Tuscany...La Pavoniere



Tuscan bridges to the fairway

The nearby town of Pistoia is renowned for its street markets and its picturesque market square and will give the non-golfers one last chance to experience and enjoy the Italian experience.



Cappuccino on the Piazza



The impressive Duomo of Pistoia

Later, there is one last another opportunity to travel into Florence to experience more of this captivating city....whether it be sightseeing or shopping.



The bridges of Florence



Must buy some Italian shoes

Thursday 31 May

After breakfast we check out of our hotel and transfer to Florence for our flight back home.

Friday 1 June

Our flight arrives in Johannesburg early-morning, and it's time to share our memories of wonderful Tuscany with all those unfortunate folk that were not with us on the tour (and to find a way past customs with all our purchases from the shops of Tuscany).

The tour package includes:

- Return economy airfares from Johannesburg
- 8 night's accommodation on a bed and breakfast basis
- All sightseeing specified
- 4 rounds of A-Grade golf (optional additional golf easily arranged)
- Air-conditioned coach transfers
- Sightseeing programme, on-site assistance and support for activities for non-golfers
- DVD featuring the photographs taken of the group during the tour
- Comprehensive pre-tour literature about the tour, the destinations and the attractions
- Detailed sight-seeing literature (one book per room)

Not included:

- visa costs
- Caddy and golf car rental
- medical and cancellation insurance
- airport taxes (currently R3 200,00)
- entrances not specified
- gratuities

Package price: The "per person" package prices for the tour are:

CATEGORY	Package Price
Golfer sharing a room	R 16 360,00
Non-golfer sharing a room	R 14 170,00

Please call us if you have any questions about any of the packages or any aspect of the tour.

For more information or to receive a booking form to ensure that you do not miss out on this fantastic golfing holiday, please call

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Please Note:

1. A deposit of R3 500 per person is required to secure your place on the tour
2. All prices are strictly subject to exchange rate fluctuations.
3. Tour members will be able to leave the group at the end of the tour and extend their stay. A nominal levy for the extension may be charged by the airline.
4. As the tour costing has been calculated on EFT payments, no credit card payments can be accepted. Cash and cheque deposit fees will be for the account of the depositor.
5. A handicap certificate issued by the player's club not more than 10 days prior to departure will be required from each participant.
6. Passengers over the age of 65 years on the date of departure will be required to supply a medical certificate of good health.
7. The Golf Travel Company will book golf cars when requested to do so by clients but cannot accept responsibility for availability on the day.
8. Both pages of the booking form must be completed in full by each passenger.