





## TUSCANY & CINQUE TERRE

8 days from **\$5,490**\* pp twin share Small Group + Active Travel | Florence roundtrip

Small Group Cultural Immersion#: Tuscany travel is tasting the flavours of olive oil - and sharing likes and dislikes. It's a lesson in key Italian words to get you comfortable ordering gelato on the piazza... or choosing your lunch at a local market. It's feeling that much more savvy after an art history briefing. It's walking through the medieval alleys of Siena... or bicycling along the walls of Lucca. It's laughter. It's sharing vino made from grapes in the vineyards you've just walked through and kicking back. It's about becoming a part of day-to-day Italy... and new views on life... on this Culturally curious Tuscany & Cinque Terre tour from Florence.

#Designed for fit, vigorous travellers capable of easily walking three miles or more. Many days might include active pursuits such as hiking, bicycling or sea kayaking for one to three hours at a time. Guests should be capable of walking three or more miles over terrain including hills and rocky or uneven terrain.

#### ITINERARY

| HINERARY |                               |  |
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| Day 1    | FLORENCE                      | Your Tuscany and Cinque Terre tour from Florence begins at the Hotel L'Orologia. A transfer is included from the Peretola Airport to the elegant Hotel L'Orologia in the center of Florence, a uniquely themed hotel inspired by the art of fine watchmaking and the world of vintage timepieces. A twisted maze of narrow alleyways   |
| Day 2    | FLORENCE                      | Discover some of the city's masterpieces on guided visits to the Galleria dell'Accademia, home to Michelangelo's famed David, and the Uffizi. We've all got passionate interests, and you'll have time to explore yours in Florence today  |
| Day 3    | FLORENCE                      | Take a walk along the cobbled streets of the Oltrarno, its Renaissance palaces harbouring salacious scandals and murky intrigues. Restoration specialist Bettina Schindler-Pratesi shares the secrets of her work giving new life to old ivory, bone and mother-of-pearl during a visit to her workshop. A short drive to the Basilica of Santa Croce, eternal resting place for Michelangelo, Galileo, Rossini and other illustrious Italians, offers a guided visit and a chance to reflect on the treasured legacies of their lives |
| Day 4    | PORTOVENERE<br>& CINQUE TERRE | Take a winding road deep into a mountain aboard a 4 $\times$ 4* to see where celebrated Carrara marble, considered the finest on Earth, has been quarried since Roman times. After stopping for a simple lunch in the village of Colonnata, continue to Portovenere on the Gulf of Poets   |
| Day 5    | CINQUE<br>TERRE               | If you wish, join us for one of the world's most spectacular coastal hikes, through terraced vineyards overlooking the sea from Monterosso to Vernazza – the "pearl of Cinque Terre." If not, you'll travel by train, which is an experience unto itself   |
| Day 6    | LUCCA &<br>SIENA              | A jog, or a swim, is an excellent way to start the day before a drive through the Tuscan Hills to Lucca. And because it's topographically flat - unlike most Tuscan towns - Lucca is a cyclist's dream. One of the best ways to explore this historically powerful and culturally rich city is by bicycle and, led by your local guide, you'll do just that  |
| Day 7    | SIENA                         | Awaken in beautiful Siena and spend the morning exploring as you wish; your Tauck Director can suggest museums, galleries and other points of interest, as well as great spots to enjoy lunch on your own. Or you can rise early and join us for an optional hot air balloon ride over the lush Tuscan landscapes, followed by a champagne breakfast (for an additional charge)  |
| Day 8    | DEPART<br>FLORENCE            | Fly home anytime. A transfer is included from the Grand Hotel Continental in Siena to Peretola Airport in Florence. As you return to the birthplace of the Renaissance through those magical hills for your journey home, the rich flavours of Cinque Terre and Tuscany travel, linger in your memory. And there they'll stay warm and inviting until your next visit.   |









## **TAUCK River Cruising for Solo Travellers**

Travelling solo doesn't mean travelling alone - with Tauck, it means camaraderie, travelling with like-minded travellers who share similar interests, enjoying the spirit of travel that makes exploring the world a necessary part of life - and sharing the special experiences found on Tauck's guided land trips and cruises that create lifetime memories.

# NO SOLO SUPPLEMENT... ALWAYS ON EVERY ITINERARY - ON EVERY SHIP - ON EVERY DEPARTURE

### Top 3 River Cruises as voted by TAUCK travellers

FREE hotel night\*

FREE airport transfers

INCLUDED shore excursions

#### Budapest to Amsterdam



#### 15 days from AU\$8,090\* pp

Pass through five countries including the Netherlands, Germany, Austria, Slovakia, and Hungary, and explore legendary cities such as Amsterdam, Vienna, Köln, Nürnberg, Bratislava and Budapest. Tauck's all-included private shore excursions take you to many UNESCO World Heritage Sites, including the historic districts of Budapest, Vienna, and Bamberg, and the Wachau and Rhine valleys.

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#### 12 days from AU\$6,590\* pp

Glide past fairy-tale castles and medieval villages on our popular Blue Danube River cruise aboard Tauck's ms Savor or ms Joy.

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