

NEW Tuscany and the Italian Lakes



A two centre tour combining a stay in the stylish Tuscan spa town of Montecatini Terme with a stay in Stresa, on glorious Lake Maggiore. We include good 4 star hotels in both locations. Excursion opportunities include Florence, Lucca, Pisa and Lakes Maggiore, Lugano and Como.

Tour Itinerary

Day 1 Short Channel crossing. Overnight in Saarlouis.

Day 2 Into Switzerland, overnight in northern Italy.

Day 3 Continue south, through the Tuscan Hills to Montecatini Terme for a 3 night stay.

Day 4 Full day to Florence, one of Italy's most historic cities, easily reached either by coach or by scheduled train service from Montecatini. See the Duomo, Ponte Vecchio or visit one of the famous galleries.

Day 5 Full day to Lucca and Pisa. Lucca, birthplace of Puccini, has well preserved 16th Century walls and narrow medieval streets. Pisa is world famous for its leaning tower and cathedral.

Day 6 Depart Montecatini and travel north, along Italy's

Mediterranean coast and continue inland to Stresa, on Lake Maggiore, for a 3 night stay.

Day 7 A full day at leisure. There is a long promenade along the lakeside and those who wish can take a short boat ride to the nearby Borromean Islands, which are home to small villages and wonderful gardens.

Day 8 A scenic circular excursion to include Switzerland and Italy. See Locarno, Lugano and finally Lake Como before returning to Stresa in time for dinner.

Day 9 Depart Italy and travel through Switzerland en-route to France for dinner and an overnight stay at Metz.

Day 10 North, through the Belgian Ardennes and on to Calais for a Channel crossing back to Dover and home.

Grand Hotel Plaza, Montecatini

Our opinion: This Grand Hotel with its high ceilings, grand salons and feature staircase, offers "turn of the century" elegance. Food is of a high quality and there is regular evening entertainment in the Piano Bar. It is located in the centre of Montecatini. Coach parking is available approximately 400 metres away.

- 4 star • Lift • Air conditioned bedrooms
- Terrace and outdoor swimming pool
- Buffet breakfast and 4 course dinner with choice
- Regular evening entertainment

Hotel Astoria, Stresa

Our opinion: A good 4 star hotel with a great location in the centre of Stresa, overlooking the promenade and the lake. This hotel offers modern comforts and traditional hospitality. Guest bedrooms are well appointed and all with air conditioning. As well as a bar and restaurant the hotel has a garden, terrace and outdoor swimming pool.

- 4 star • Lift • Nearby coach parking
- Buffet breakfast and 4 course dinner with choice

10 day tour including coach travel and:

- Return short Channel crossings
- 2 nights half board on the outbound journey
- 3 nights half board in Montecatini
- 3 nights half board in Stresa
- 1 night half board on the inbound journey
- Welcome drink at Montecatini and Stresa

2010 price per person

Apr & Oct	£664
May, June, Aug & Sept	£712
July	£687