

# FIELD TRIPS FALL 2010



## SEPTEMBER 17TH-19TH CINQUE TERRE & TORINO (PIEDMONT)

**Fri 17:** Early morning departure by bus to **Monterosso**, the northern village of the Cinque Terre. This territory consists of 18 kilometres of rocky coastline abounding with bays, beaches and deep sea, surrounded by mountains running parallel to the coast. It is a Natural Reserve, declared World Heritage of Humanity by UNESCO in 1997. Transfer from one town to the other will be by both hiking and train. Free time for lunch. Afternoon transfer by bus to Torino and hotel check-in. Dinner at a typical restaurant.

**Sat 18:** Walking tour of **Torino city center**, including: Piazza San Carlo, portici, piazza Castello, Palazzo Reale, Borgo Medievale. Free time for lunch. Visit to the Museo del Cinema with its unique exhibit set up. Dinner at a typical restaurant.

**Sun 19:** Visit to the **Museo Egizio**, the most important museum of its kind in Europe after the Cairo Museum. Transfer to a **wine farm** for a tour of cellars and vineyard. Wine tasting and lunch. Return to Florence by bus.

**COST: 320€ OR 510\$**

**Fees include:** r/t transportation from Florence by private bus, on-site transportation (both in Piedmont and Cinque Terre), guided tour of the city in Torino, entrance to the Museo Egizio + guided tour, visit to the wine farm with wine tasting & lunch, 2 nights hotel accommodation (double or triple rooms) with breakfast, 2 dinners (Fri + Sat), hikes at the Cinque Terre.

**Fees do not include:** drinks at lunch/dinner, Fri, Sat, and Sun. lunches.



## SEPTEMBER 23RD-26TH SICILY

**Thu 23:** Departure from Florence by overnight train (Campo di Marte) at 10:00PM (to be confirmed).

**Fri 24:** Arrival in **Taormina** in the morning and visit of the town. A taste of the "authentic" Sicilian cannoli will be included. Transfer to the beach at **Giardini Naxos**. Free time for lunch and swimming. Afternoon transfer to **Siracusa** and hotel check-in. Dinner at a typical restaurant or in hotel.

**Sat 25:** Visit to the archaeological site (Teatro Greco, Orecchio di Dionisio) and Catacombs. Walk to Ortigia (Siracusa old town) and free time for lunch. Guided walking tour of **Ortigia**. Boat tour around Ortigia and swimming. Dinner at a typical restaurant or in hotel.

**Sun 26:** Hotel check-out and transfer by bus to **Noto**. Visit of the town known for its extraordinary baroque layout, due to the complete reconstruction that took place after the earthquake of 1693. Transfer to the beach and free time. Leave by bus and transfer to Catania to catch the train back to Florence (estimated arrival time in Florence: Monday, 27th at 7:00am).

**COST: 390€ OR 620\$**

**Fees include:** r/t transportation by train (private sleeping cars), on-site bus transportation, guided tour in Taormina, cannoli tasting, entrance to the archaeological area in Siracusa, guided tour in Noto, 2 nights hotel accommodation (double and triple rooms) with breakfast, guided tour of Ortigia, boat tour, 2 dinners.

**Fees do not include:** drinks at lunch/dinner, Fri, Sat. and Sun. lunches.



## OCTOBER 1ST-3RD VENICE & MUNICH

**Fri 1:** Early morning departure to **Venice** by private bus. Group ferry ride through the Grand Canal to the city center. Guided tour of the **San Marco district** including San Marco Square and Basilica. Free time for lunch. Visit to the **Basilica of Frari**, home to the Assumption of the Virgin by Titian, the Madonna and Child with Saints tryptic by Bellini, John the Baptist by Donatello, and the pyramid-shaped tomb by Canova. Evening departure to **Munich**, with dinner along the way. Arrive at the hotel and check-in.

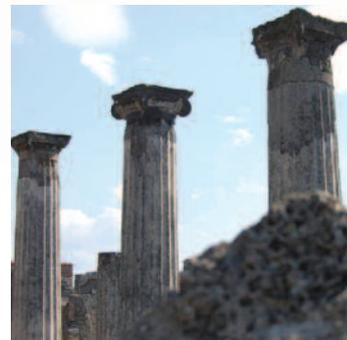
**Sat 2:** Morning **walking tour of the city:** from Marienplatz to Karlsplatz, the Rathaus and the Frauenkirche. Lunch at a **typical brewery** including an explanation of the brewing process and tasting. Free time for the rest of the day (information on suggested places to visit will be handed out).

**Sun 3:** Breakfast at the hotel. Departure by bus to the fairy tale **Castle of Neuschwanstein**, used as a model for the castle in Walt Disney's famous Sleeping Beauty. Departure to Florence with approximate arrival at 10 p.m.

**COST: 300€ OR 480\$**

**Fees include:** r/t transportation by bus, ferry ride through the Grand Canal, guided tour of St. Mark's district + entrance to the Palazzo Ducale, 2 nights hotel accommodation + breakfast, lunch at a typical brewery, entrance to the Castle of Neuschwanstein with guided tour.

**Fees do not include:** meals except at the brewery and breakfast provided by the hotel. October 8th - 10th



## OCTOBER 8TH-10TH POMPEII, SORRENTO & CAPRI

**Fri 8:** Early morning departure to **Pompei** by private bus. Guided tour of the archaeological area. Free time for lunch. Afternoon transfer to **Sorrento**, hotel check-in and free time to explore the town. Transfer by train to the nearby town of Vico Equense, to experience the famous "pizza al metro" (pizza sold by desired length). Return to Sorrento by train.

**Sat 9:** Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer by ferry to **Capri** and visit of the island. Return to Sorrento, then dinner at a typical restaurant.

**Sun 10:** Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer by bus to the **Reggia di Caserta**, the small Versailles of the Ancient Kingdom of Napoli. Free time for lunch, then departure to Florence. Approximate arrival time, 8:30pm.

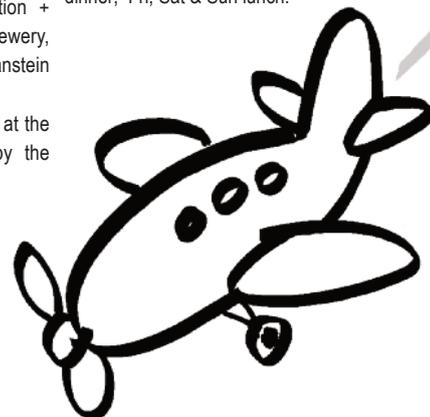
**COST: 310€ OR 490\$**

**Fees include:** r/t transportation from Florence by private bus, r/t train transportation to Vico Equense, 2 nights hotel accommodation (triple rooms) with breakfast, r/t transportation by ferry to Capri, dinner on Saturday, entrance + guided tour of Pompeii and Reggia di Caserta.

**Fees do not include:** "Pizza al metro" dinner, Fri, Sat & Sun lunch.



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## OCTOBER 15TH SPA & LUCCA

Early morning departure by bus to **Lucca**. Arrival and guided tour of the old town. Panoramic hike along the 16th and 17th century walls that completely surround the city. Transfer to Monsummano Terme for a **day-spa** at Grotta Giusti, including use of the thermal pool. Possibility to book treatments (facials, massages) upon request.

**COST: 60€ OR 95\$**

**Fees include:** r/t transportation by private bus, guided tour of Lucca. Entrance to the Grotta Giusti and use of the thermal pool.

**Fees do not include:** lunch, any extra treatments at the Spa.



## OCTOBER 16TH-17TH CHIANTI & SIENA TOUR

**Sat 16:** Morning departure by private bus to **Montalcino**, visit of the medieval Fortress and introduction to the famous Tuscan red wines, with the aid of a wine expert. Transfer to **Montepulciano**, the town principally known for the grandeur of its Renaissance palaces, for the elegant beauty of its churches and for **Vino Nobile**, one of the most appreciated Tuscan wines at an International level. Free time for lunch. Transfer to **Gaiole in Chianti** and guided tour of the Castello di Brolio, including visit of the castle, cellars and wine tasting. Transfer to the hotel and dinner at a typical restaurant.

**Sun 17:** Morning departure to **Siena** and guided tour of the city. Free time for lunch and shopping. Transfer to **San Galgano**, to discover the mystery of the Sword in the Stone, King Arthur and Knights of the Round Table. Return to Florence by 8:30 pm.

**COST: 210€ OR 340\$**

**Fees include:** r/t transportation from Florence by private bus, entrance to the Fortress in Montalcino, visit of the Castello di Brolio cellars + wine tasting, 1 night hotel accommodation (triple rooms) with breakfast, dinner on Saturday night, guided tour of Siena.

**Fees do not include:** Sat & Sun lunches.



## NOVEMBER 6TH PARMA & MODENA

Early morning departure by bus to Parma and visit of a **Parmigiano cheese factory**, where it will be possible to follow all the steps of the production of the cheese, from milk to the finished product. Transfer to Langhirano (PR) and visit of a **Prosciutto di Parma factory**. Quick lunch based on typical products (Parmigiano cheese, prosciutto di Parma, culatello, balsamic vinegar, etc.) Transfer to Modena for a visit of the **Acetaia Malpighi** to learn about the famous aging process of Aceto Balsamico Tradizionale di Modena. Leave by bus and arrival in Florence around 8:00PM.

**COST: 60€ OR 95\$**

**Fees include:** r/t transportation by private bus, visit of the Parmigiano factory + cheese tasting, visit of the Prosciutto factory, with tasting lunch.

**Fees do not include:** extra drinks at lunch.



## NOVEMBER 19TH-21ST ROME

**Fri 19:** Morning departure by train or bus. Arrival and hotel check-in. Free time for a quick snack. Walking tour of **Roma Antica**: Colosseo, Foro, Palatino, Pantheon, Campo dei Fiori. Dinner at a typical restaurant. **Sat 20:** Guided tour of the **Vatican Museum, Sistine Chapel, S. Peter's Square and Basilica**. Free time in the afternoon. Dinner at a typical restaurant. **Sun 21:** Walking tour of **Baroque and Modern Rome**: Piazza Venezia and Campidoglio, Piazza Navona, Trevi Fountain and Spanish Steps. Departure by train and arrival in Florence at 7.30pm.

**COST: 320€ OR 510\$**

**Fees include:** r/t train (or bus) transportation from Florence, guided tour of Ancient and Baroque Rome, entrance to the Colosseum, Palatino and Foro Romano, (one ticket), entrance and guided tour of the Vatican Museum and S. Peter's Basilica, 2 nights hotel accommodation (double and triple rooms) with breakfast, 2 dinners.

**Fees do not include:** drinks at lunch/dinner; Fri, Sat and Sun lunches.

## DECEMBER 3RD-5TH THE FIRST SNOW OF THE SEASON: SKI IN THE DOLOMITES

**Fri 3:** Morning departure by private bus to Madonna di Campiglio, well known ski resort in the Dolomites. Arrive and hotel check-in. Ski rental check-in with boot and ski fitting, and purchase of lift pass. Dinner at the hotel and free time.

**Sat 4:** Breakfast at the hotel. Free day for ski activities. Dinner at the hotel.

**Sun 5:** Breakfast at the hotel and check out. Half day of ski activities. Depart for Florence. Estimated arrival time 9 p.m.

**COST: 350€ OR 560\$**

**Fees include:** r/t transportation by private bus from Florence, 2 nights in hotel (double and triple rooms) with breakfast, 2 dinners, lift pass for Saturday (all day) and Sunday (half day).

**Fees do not include:** drinks at dinner, Fri, Sat, and Sun lunches, ski and boot rental.



## NOVEMBER 11TH-15TH BARCELONA

**Thu 11:** Late afternoon departure and overnight bus ride to Barcelona.

**Fri 12:** Arrive in the morning and hotel check-in. Free time. Walking tour of the **CIUTAT VELLA (Old City)**, including: Placa de Catalunya, La Rambla, the harbour and the waterfront, the Barri Gòtic (Museo Picasso). Free time for dinner.

**Sat 13:** Breakfast at the hotel. Visit to the **Sagrada Família** (the main work by well-known Spanish Art Nouveau architect Antoni Gaudí). Free time for lunch. Walking tour of the best Modernist buildings of the city and visit to **La Pedrera**, by A. Gaudí. Return to the hotel. Evening event to watch a **Flamenco Show** including dinner.

**Sun 14:** Breakfast at the hotel and check-out. Transfer to the **Parc Guell**, the enchanting place where Gaudí's passion for natural forms really took flight. Late afternoon departure with overnight bus ride to Florence. Estimated time of arrival before 9 a.m.

**COST: 390€ OR 620\$**

**Fees include:** r/t transportation by private bus from Florence, walking tours, entrance to the sites (Sagrada Família, Museo Picasso, La Pedrera, Parc Guell), 2 nights hotel accommodation (triple rooms) with breakfast, Flamenco Show with dinner.

**Fees do not include:** meals, except for Saturday dinner

## HOW TO BOOK YOUR SPOT

In order to guarantee your spot, you must pay a deposit fee when you sign up, then complete your payment by the deadline specified for each excursion.

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