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an amazing golfing holiday experience...**

TUSCANY

18 – 28 June 2017



Florence Chianti San Gimignano Pisa Pistoia Lucca

***It took us 5 years of researching and planning this tour to ensure
our clients get the best experience in the unique setting of
Tuscany...and since our first tour in 2012, Tuscany remains our
number one rated destination.***

Now, we have improved our itinerary even more for 2017!

***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!!!

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

Sunday 18 June

Assemble late-afternoon at Johannesburg International before we depart for Tuscany.

Monday 19 June

On arrival at Bologna Airport, we are transferred by air-conditioned coach to our hotel in Montecatini Terme.... the ideal central location 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 the day and in the evenings and the view from the piazza of Montecatini Alto is a photographer's dream.



Montecatini Alto



Our hotel in Montecatini Terme

Tuesday 20 June

After breakfast we transfer to **PISA**, where we spend the morning exploring the Piazza del Miracoli (the Field 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 Baptistery. Will you climb the tower?



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.

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The central Piazza of Lucca



Lunch on the Lucca Piazza



The colours of Tuscany



Wednesday 21 June

Our first round of golf in Tuscany is at Arnold Palmer's tour-quality championship layout **Le Pavoniere** beautiful scenery and widely regarded as the best course in Tuscany....and a Top 5 in Italy. 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...Le Pavoniere



Golf among the Tuscan hills



The 9th fairway



It can only be Tuscany?

While the golfers are taking up the challenge of their first golf in Tuscany, the non-golfers have the opportunity to explore the attractions and sights of Montecatini Terme...or spend a day being pampered at one of the town's famous hot water spas.



The delicacies and handcrafts of the Montecatini region

While the golfers are out on the course, the non-golfers have a free day to explore the nearby town of Pistoia...just a 10-minute train journey through the beautiful Tuscan countryside. Renowned for its leather goods, street markets and its picturesque market square...Pistoia is the perfect small town to enjoy the true Italian experience.



Now to get it back home!



Impressive Duomo of Pistoia



Outdoor markets

Thursday 22 June

Today 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 small medieval villages with stone houses, red shutters and geraniums and sunflowers, as well as a Tuscan castle for wine tasting. Lunchtime sees us in Greve, the capital of the region before we head to San Gimignano which boasts the highest towers in Tuscany and features the world's best ice cream. As the sun goes down over the Tuscan hills we stop for another wine-tasting session which includes a light supper with local meats, cheeses, olives and breads. A long day which promises to be never forgotten.



Hilltop winery in Chianti



Wine, olives and scenery



Cellar visits and tastings



San Gimignano



Chianti



Typically Tuscan



Tasting Chianti wines



Chianti



Dinner with a Tuscan sunset

Friday 23 June

Today has been kept free to allow everyone to catch up and end the tour the way they want...

- Book a day trip to Cinque Terra (pronounced: chink a terra)



- Hire a bicycle and go riding in the hills (or maybe just a walk up to ALTO)
- Revisit LUCCA or FLORENCE, just a train journey away
- Book a one-day cooking course
- Play a round of golf at the nearby and picturesque Montecatini GC



- Spend time at a local Spa for pampering and relaxing
- Browse the local shops for wine, olive oil, leather goods, meats
- Take the train to VIAREGGIO and spend the day exploring and enjoying the relaxed beach-holiday ambience of the town's boardwalk

Saturday 24 June

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 and CASTELFALFI is now regularly rated as one of the top 5 courses in Italy. The views from the higher parts of the course give one a chance to view Tuscan Hills rolling into the far distance.





Nestled in the rolling Tuscan hills, natural beauty never to be forgotten



Late afternoon, we head for the funicular to Montecatini Alto...the original town in the region and whose central square oozes character with its selection of restaurants and bars. And as the sun sets over the distant Tuscan hills we enjoy another glass of chilled Chianti...a fine way to end a memorable day's golf and a natural venue for farewell dinners!



Riding the funicular to Montecatini Alto



Medieval Montecatini Alto



The restaurant-filled central square of Montecatini Alto

Sunday 25 June

Today is an optional outing to the beautiful capital of the Renaissance....Florence. The first half of the day will be guided, with the second half free to explore and enjoy the city on your own. 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. Visits to galleries must be pre-booked on-line. The architecture and the bridges, the narrow alleyways filled with the smell of Italian cuisine, the street markets, the beautiful people. This is a city you will never forget!



Cappuccino like no-where else



The Duomo of Florence



The famous bridges of Florence

Monday 26 June

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 (and close to Ferrari's test track), 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



Tuesday 27 June

At lunchtime we check out of our hotel and transfer to Florence Airport for our flight back home.



Lasting memories of Tuscany

Wednesday 28 June

Our flight arrives in Johannesburg at 10:00 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 continental breakfast basis in Montecatini Terme
- All sightseeing specified
- 3 rounds of A-Grade golf (optional nearby additional golf easily arranged)
- Air-conditioned coach transfers
- Sightseeing programme, on-site assistance and support for activities for non-golfers
- Comprehensive pre-tour literature about the tour, the destinations and the attractions
- Tour Director travelling with the group
- Detailed sight-seeing literature

Not included:

- visa costs
- pull cart and buggy rental
- medical and cancellation insurance
- airport taxes/ airline levies
- meals and entrances not specified
- gratuities

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

Golfer Sharing	£955
Golfer Single	£1,065

For more information or to book your place on this fantastic tour please email simon@cocogolf.net

CONDITIONS: Prices are per person and based on twin shared or single accommodation as stated. This holiday is subject to availability and only includes ground arrangements, flights are extra. International flights can be organized. Prices quoted are in GBP only.