



TREASURES OF TUSCANY WITH RABBI BEREL WEIN JULY 28-AUGUST 5, 2010

The romance of Tuscany beckons. This summer we offer you a unique opportunity to enjoy the incomparable Italian experience in a region where the past and present merge in pleasant harmony. In addition to the compelling landscapes, the Renaissance art and architecture, and delectable (Kosher) tastes of Tuscany, you will be in the company of **Rabbi Berel Wein**, scholar, historian and educator. A mini course in Jewish history, **'The Jews and Italy'** specifically for this tour will be offered. In addition to daily minyanim (with a historic Sefer Torah from Livorno) there will be a Daf Hayomi each morning.

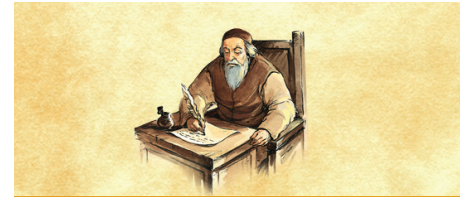
Your accommodations will be in the former home of Elisa, Princess of Lucca, sister of Napoleon Bonaparte, a magnificent villa whose origins go back 900 years, restored and converted into an elegant boutique hotel. No checking in and out, this will be your Tuscan 'home' for the entire tour.

You will savor authentic Tuscan (kosher) food, prepared by local chefs (or maybe even join a cooking class)– without the rush, without the noise, but with a large helping of Italian elegance. Fine food, coupled with unlimited (kosher) wine will make every meal a pure delight. You will be entranced by the art and architecture in the galleries and museums and you will have an opportunity to hear the music of Tuscany as part of our comprehensive itinerary. There will be time to experience shopping Italian style (and we do mean style) in country markets, couture boutiques – and at private showings of ceramics, textiles and jewelry by leading local craftsmen.



Our tour, lead by professional local guides, will focus on general and most importantly, Jewish interest – from beautiful and almost unreal **Pitigliano**, to **Florence**, home of Renaissance art, **Pisa's** tower, subtle **Siena**, lovely **Lucca**, **San Gimignano**, **Forte del Marmi**, **Viareggio**, **Barga** in the **Garfagnana**and other magnificent villages that dot the Tuscan landscape.

Can't you just feel the breeze in your face as you cycle (at all levels) through the winding roads, hike in the **Cinque Terra**..or just relax under a scenic shade tree. In short, our full itinerary is designed to ensure your complete enjoyment of this jewel of the Renaissance- **Tuscany**.



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Your kind of travel – For over ten years the **Destiny Foundation** has been creating and delivering a unique and exceptional summer adventure for the discerning kosher traveler. We choose sites that are magnificent to the eye and couple that with an educational component – a mini-history course by world -renowned historian, **Rabbi Berel Wein**. Join us for our 2010 trip to **Tuscany**. This is one you won't want to miss!



JOURNEY ACTIVITIES

Culture and Art: Florence and Siena – and the flourishing hill-towns of Tuscany are endowed with the grandeur of a time gone by. The paintings and sculptures of the Renaissance in the galleries and throughout the cities and towns are beautiful to behold.

Nature / Biking / Hiking: Local guides will focus on the beauty that surrounds us in the Tuscan hills. In addition to a packed itinerary, you will have the opportunity to hike and bike (according to your own level) in order to connect to the heart of this fascinating region.

Food: Authentic local cuisine and the best local wines will grace our table, orchestrated by the incomparable **Naomi Catering of Jerusalem** – who will incorporate kosher into truly Tuscan fare. Mashgiach tmidi. Glatt meat under the OU hechsher. And, you'll even get to try your hand at cooking with the master chefs.



ITINERARY OVERVIEW

Day 1.

Wednesday, July 28
Depart for Rome.

Inquire with Destiny Foundation should you want to come in earlier to tour other areas in Italy or to stay beyond the designated trip dates.

Day 2.

Thursday, July 29
Depart Rome Airport. (FCO)

Arrive **Pitigliano** 'little Jerusalem'. Visit the ancient Jewish ghetto with its recently restored synagogue. Perhaps we will meet the only Jewish lady who still lives here. Arrive **Lucca**, this most Tuscan of towns. Check in. Welcome dinner.

Day 3.

Friday, July 30

Villa Torrigiani. This area is famous for its aristocratic villas – and this is one of the most interesting. Touring inside and in the gardens. Leave for **Barga**, picturesque medieval town famous for its magnificent panoramic view of the Apian Alps. Back to **Lucca** to prepare for Shabbos.

Day 4.

July 31

Shabbos. Maariv and Havdala then Pisa by night – white marble against the dark sky!

Day 5.

Sunday, August 1

An enchanting day in **Florence** – historic Shul, galleries, palaces, museums and markets

Day 6.

Monday, August 2
Hike the Cinque Terre (an easier hike for those who choose), train from **La Spezia** to **Vernazza**. Cooking with the master chef.

Day 7.

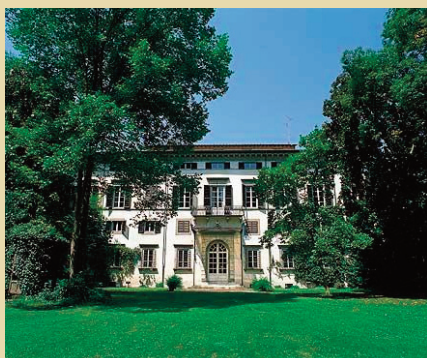
Tuesday, August 3
Experience San Gimignano – the famous town of towers. Visit an 'agriturismo.' Then on to **Siena** – its synagogue, its piazzas, and palaces

Day 8.

Wednesday, August 4
Spend some time in **Forte del Marmi** – an authentic country market and then on to **Viareggio** for lunch and a visit to the Shul. Guided tour of **Torre del Lago**, Puccini's home and then back to **Lucca** for a walking tour or cycle trip around this city of 100 piazzas. Farewell dinner

Day 9.

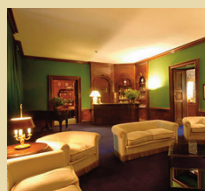
Thursday, August 5
Last looks at this lovely part of the Italian landscape.



LODGING

The **Villa La Principessa**, located at the foot of the Lucca hills, is an enchanting hotel surrounded by a magnificent park and offering guests the discreet tranquility of a classical country residence and quality services. The Villa La Principessa hotel was house

and court of Castruccio Castracani Lord and Duke of Lucca. Warmly decorated interiors, relaxed atmosphere, lounge with fireplace, restaurant, swimming pool set in a wonderful garden, terrace and park, make Villa La Principessa the ideal destination for those that love the combination of nature and refinement.





WHAT TO EXPECT AND HOW TO PREPARE

Flights

You will be met at Rome Fiumicini Airport at 9 am when you arrive. When we depart at the end of our Tuscan journey, we will bring you to Pisa Galileo airport to catch your flight home – or to other parts of Italy if you are extending your stay.

Spending Money

The stores in Lucca are gorgeous and not overpriced as the area is not that touristy. The village markets of Tuscany are a must. You will have free time in Siena, Florence and San Gimignano.- so you'll have to decide whether to sight-see or spend!

Upgrades

Limited number of suites available, at additional cost.

Extensions

If you wish to arrive in Italy before the tour commences or to stay a few days afterward, call for information..

Insurance

Fully comprehensive travel insurance is recommended for all.

Tipping

At your discretion

PRICING AND OTHER DETAILS

Trip dates:

July 28 – August 5

- Journey begins in Rome, with return flights leaving from Pisa
- Group size – Approximately 40 travelers
- Price - \$4,500 per person (double occupancy)
Airfare not included

For details and reservations call 800-499-9346. Limited availability.