

# Golf & Opera TOUR



If you enjoy Opera and the Tuscan atmosphere, don't miss this tour!! You will have the opportunity to attend two fabulous concerts and visit wonderful gardens. Experience Tuscan lifestyle: walk along the narrow streets of Lucca and discover the places where Puccini spent his life, taste the fantastic wine and the food sitting in a caffè al fresco and breathe the magic atmosphere of this region. Play golf in the best golf courses of the region with their traditional small greens, olive trees and cypresses bordered fairways and breathtaking sceneries.

And what about the concerts in Torre del Lago and in Florence? A deep love lasting over 30 years binds Giacomo Puccini to Torre del Lago where he wrote most of his masterpieces and just there you will attend one of his famous opera. In Florence instead you will be surrounded by a wonderful Italian garden, Boboli Gardens, for this occasion will be turn into an astonishing theatre.

## DAY 1

**Afternoon:** Arrival at Florence airports (any other airport may be arranged), meet & greet, transfer Check-in in a very exclusive Hotel with a unique panoramic view of Florence and at walking distance from city centre.  
Dinner in a local restaurant and overnight

## DAY 2

**Morning - Golfers:** Transfer to Ugolino Golf Club. Golf round in the oldest golf club in Italy; today it is set in one of the most spectacular golf courses. Deeply set in the Tuscan countryside, amongst olive trees, cypresses and rose bushes. It is a demanding course due to the uneven ground, obstacles and the small and well protected greens.

**Non-golfer:** relaxing morning in the garden by the swimming pool

**Afternoon - Golfer & Non-golfer:** A walking Tour of Florence that represents a trip through two thousand years of history. Our guide will know how to lead you through the medieval narrow lanes of the city, telling you amusing anecdotes of the famous people who enlivened life at that time.  
Dinner at leisure in Florence. Return to Hotel for overnight

## DAY 3

Day tour to the Chianti region where one of the best wines of the world is made and discover the heart of this beautiful region. The Tuscans love and passion for their land and vineyards, the only source of inspiration of one of the best wines in the world. The small medieval villages with stone-built houses, geraniums in the window boxes together with the sunflowers in the kitchen garden. During the day visit of an ancient castle with lunch and wine tasting, discover the secrets of a wonderful abbey, and have a walk through the garden of an ancient villa tasting its wine during the dinner.

Return to Hotel for overnight

## DAY 4

**Morning: Golfer & Non-Golfer** – Transfer to Siena

Departure to Siena. Guided visit the popular city with tourists that is well-known for having successfully preserved the remarkable harmony of its urban planning as well as its centuries-old traditions.

Light Lunch and wine tasting section at Enoteca Italiana, the largest wine shop in Italy with more than 1500 wines

**Afternoon – Golfer & Non-Golfer** We suggest to visit the famous Accademia Chigiana or to discover this wonderful city and go shopping

Return to the hotel. Dinner at leisure the hotel and overnight

## DAY 5

**Morning - Golfer:** Golf round at Poggio dei Medici. Venue of the Female Open Tournament from 1999 to 2003; it allows four different golf courses set in enchanting scenarios in the Tuscan countryside.

**Non-golfer:** Shopping at the outlet village, in Barberino del Mugello, where the best internationally famous designer labels propose clothes and shoes at exceptional prices.

**Afternoon - Golfer & Non-Golfer** Return to the hotel, relax. Dinner at leisure and entrance to the Opera/Concert at the Boboli Gardens (day, time and program to be reconfirmed). The Boboli gardens are located in the ancient heart of the city, situated behind Pitti Palace and it was the private garden of Medici's family. Boboli is possibly the world's greatest example of Italian-style garden and on this occasion it will be transformed in a open-sky theatre. At the end return to hotel for overnight.

## DAY 6

**Morning** –Check out at the hotel and transfer to Prato

**Golfer:** Round of golf at Le Pavoniere golf course, designed by Arnold Palmer, the world-famous golf player, the golf course at Le Pavoniere stands out both for its harmony with the surrounding landscape and the linearity of its layout.

**Non-Golfer** Visit the beautiful Garden of Celle, an extraordinary example of the Romantic ideal of nature. Artists from all around the world are invited here, they choose their space, either indoors or outdoors, and create their personal piece of art work.

**Afternoon: Golfer & Non-Golfer:** Transfer to Pistoia, visit one of the prettiest medieval squares of Europe with the Cathedral and the town hall and the historical underground going back to the roman origins of the city, a unique pathway to history and architecture which has been hidden for long time.  
Time at leisure in Pistoia.

Transfer to a very charming Farm Hotel in Lucca area, amidst olive groves and vineyards Dinner in local restaurant and overnight

## DAY 7

**Morning: Golfer & Non-Golfer** Visit the city of Lucca. Puccini's birthplace, was an independent city-state until the nineteenth century. The complete 16th century walls enclose a labyrinth of medieval streets, Romanesque churches and stately palazzi along with designer shops, mouth-watering delis and great trattorias and wine bars

Lunch at leisure and return to hotel

**Afternoon – Golfer & Non-Golfer** Late afternoon transfer to Torre del Lago Puccini, home of the Puccini Festival. The festival takes place just a few steps from the villa Mausoleum where Giacomo Puccini lived and worked. Dinner at leisure and entrance to the Opera (timing, program of the Opera to be provided). At the end return to hotel for overnight

## DAY 8

Check-out, transfer to the airports of Pisa/Florence and departure (other airports may be arranged).

Your tour day by day...

Price & Details...

### Tour 8 days – 7 nights Tuscany Garden & Opera 2011

**Individual Non-Golfer Rate - Euro 1795,00**

**Individual Golfer Rate - Euro 2060,00**

\*\*Group tour: Prices indicated are per person, based on double room occupancy. Group tours require a minimum of six participants. Additional twosomes can be paired with an existing group of six to a total of 12 participants.

#### PRICE INCLUDING:

Meet & Greet at arrival at the airport of Florence

Lodging in a double/twin bedded room for 5 nights in Florence exclusive hotel + 2 nights at Farm Hotel in Lucca area with breakfast

Three rounds of golf with pre-booked tee-times (for golfers)

Chauffeur driven service for all ground transportation

Two dinners at either hotel restaurants or nearby restaurants

One lunch with wine tasting at enoteca in Siena

Walking Tour of Siena with English speaking professional guide

Walking tour of Florence with English speaking professional guide

Walking tour of Lucca with English speaking professional guide

Day in Chianti: wine tasting (2 different wineries), visit castle, visit abbey, wine cellars, lunch and dinner winery

Guided tour at Historical Pistoia underground

One opera ticket at Puccini festival in Torre del Lago

One opera/concert ticket at Opera Festival in Florence (upon 2011 calendar of events, to be reconfirmed two month before arrival)

Macana Golf service and assistance

All local taxes

#### NOT INCLUDED:

Meals, except those mentioned above

Drinks, tips, any other personal expense

#### Availability and Information:

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