

Lucy Papalia's Journey to the Heart of Italy

A 20 Day tour departing Perth 02 June 2011

Tuscany

*Explore Florence, Lucca, Siena, San Gimignano, Chianti,
The Cinque Terre & Lake Maggiore*

An easy paced itinerary with lots of free time to really enjoy the countryside, the medieval piazzas, and the rolling honey-coloured landscape of Tuscany dotted with vines, olives & cypresses, while the competing cities of Florence, Lucca & Rome, crammed with treasures from a thousand years of art history await you.



The Artist: Lucy Papalia

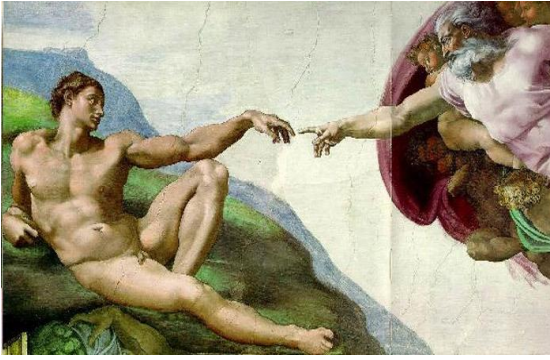
Lucy was born in Perth. She graduated from Perth Technical College in 1975 having completed a Diploma of Graphic Design. Her specialist interests were drawing, etching and photography. Lucy worked in the advertising industry before travelling overseas and starting a family.

After returning to the advertising industry as a senior artist she decided to experiment with a variety of mediums to broaden her artistic outlook including acrylic, watercolours, pastels and pen and ink. Her first solo exhibition was in 2001 and Lucy has been invited to judge art competitions for the Joondalup and Wanneroo Councils in public exhibitions.

Lucy has held exhibitions from 2001 – 2007 and won many awards.

INCLUDED TOUR FEATURES

- ✓ Return flights with Singapore Airlines including taxes.
- ✓ 4 star accommodation: 2 nights Rome, 3 nights San Gimignano, 5 nights Florence, 5 nights Lucca, and 3 nights in Stresa, Lake Maggiore.
- ✓ Art sessions by Lucy Papalia as indicated in the itinerary.
- ✓ Transfers throughout in airconditioned motor coach, including portorage.
- ✓ Meals include 18 Full Breakfasts, 3 Lunches & 2 Dinners.
- ✓ Tipping to driver & guides
- ✓ Sightseeing tours: Rome, San Gimignano, Florence, Lucca, and the Cinque Terre.
- ✓ Wine tasting: full day excursion to Panzano in Chianti and Greve in Chianti.
- ✓ Rome: entrance to the Coliseum, visit to the Pantheon church, Vatican Museums including the Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Basilica.
- ✓ Florence: city orientation tour with English speaking guide, and entrance to Academy of Fine Arts.
- ✓ Lucca: walking tour with English speaking guide.
- ✓ Cruise from Stresa to Isola Bella in Lake Maggiore.
- ✓ Rhea Barnard will escort the tour from Perth and offer assistance throughout the tour.



Lucy will be conducting demonstrations throughout the tour and hold valuable critique sessions every few days.

Rhea will assist the non artists who wish to explore the surrounding area, on a daily basis.

ITINERARY

02 JUNE THU: DEPART PERTH

Check in for your Singapore Airlines Flight to Rome via Singapore

03 JUNE FRI: ARRIVE ROME AND TRANSFER TO HOTEL

On arrival at Rome airport, we are met by our representative and transferred to our hotel. After check-in why not take a walk to the Spanish steps & Trevi fountain area? Later on we can try one of the local specialties.

04 JUNE SAT: ROME Full day touring with guide. We visit **ST PETER'S BASILICA**, the Vatican Museums and the Sistine Chapel with its vault, painted by Michelangelo. This evening we all get together for dinner at a local restaurant to celebrate the start of our tour in Italy. (B/D)

05 JUNE SUN: ROME-SIENA

We transfer this morning to Siena and enjoy an orientation tour on foot. We stop for lunch at a local restaurant and afterwards transfer to our hotel in San Gimignano. Afternoon: Art Session. (B /L)



06 JUNE MON: SAN GIMIGNANO

There are countless superb subjects that will keep you painting all day in this walled town with its medieval skyscrapers - fortified towers which were built by the hill town's competing families. (B)



07 JUNE TUE: SAN GIMIGNANO:

Lucy will paint a demonstration and then assist each member with their work. Art Session. (B)

08 JUNE WED: SAN GIMIGNANO

After breakfast we depart for a full day excursion to Panzano in Chianti and Greve in Chianti. We stop for 2 wine tastings - at Panzanello Azagar & Castello Verrazzano - & lunch. Late afternoon we transfer to our hotel in Florence. (B/L)

09 – 12 JUNE THU/FRI/SAT/SUN: FLORENCE

Florence offers an unparalleled combination of Renaissance splendour, high fashion and an easy going lifestyle. Here are just some of the highlights among the city's myriad cultural and historical attractions: the Duomo Cathedral & Art Museum; the Pitti Palace including the Palatine Gallery, which houses much of the Medicis' huge collection of art, with works by Raphael, Rubens, Tintoretto, and Veronese on display in sumptuous rooms; the Uffizi; the Academy of Fine Arts which houses Michelangelo's David; and Santa Maria Novella Church which ranks among the city's most attractive buildings having an ornate, black and white marble façade completed in the 1400's and resembling intricate mosaic work. During our 5 day stay there will be many opportunities for Art sessions and lots of free time to explore Florence. (B)

13 – 17 JUNE MON/TUE/WED/THU/FRI: LUCCA

We transfer this morning from Florence to Lucca. Our hotel is within the walled city. Lucca - the birthplace of Puccini - is a well-preserved medieval town completely encircled by 17th century walls. Cars are not allowed inside. The city can easily be explored on foot or do as the locals do and get around by bicycle. Bicycles can be rented from the tourist office or from numerous places around town. Art sessions will be held throughout our stay. (B)



18 JUNE SAT: STRESA – LAKE MAGGIORE VIA THE CINQUE TERRE.

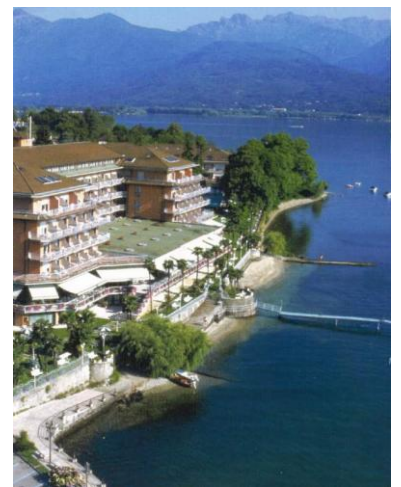
We depart this morning from Lucca for the Cinque Terre (Five Lands), named after the five little fishing villages that cling precariously to the cliffs northwest of La Spezia. The landscape is characterized by mountains cloaked in woods, terraces of vines, and cliffs that provide spectacular views over the turquoise sea. A half day excursion has been arranged today with a guide to this ravishing coastline. Later in the afternoon we check into our hotel. (B)



19 JUNE SUN: STRESA – LAKE MAGGIORE

In Stresa, flower-filled promenades have delightful views of the Borromean Islands. Rising above Stresa, and accessible by cable car, the

snowcapped peak of Monte Mottarone commands stunning vistas. This morning we cruise to the beautiful island of Isola Bella. Art sessions(B)



20 JUNE MON: STRESA – LAKE MAGGIORE

A full day to paint or explore this bustling resort with its lakeside promenades brimming with colourful cafes and shops. (B/D) Farewell Dinner.

21 JUNE TUE: STRESA TO MILAN AIRPORT

After breakfast we depart for the airport and our flights home, Milan to Perth via Singapore. (B)



The Cinque Terre

“One of the outstanding features of our tour is that you can really settle down in one place and get to know each region. The stress-free workshops visit castles, picturesque villages, historic towns and all the breathtaking places that make these regions a magnet for artists. You’ll get the right mix of painting and free time so you can return home completely fulfilled”

**Tour cost: \$6980.00 p/person twin share including airfares & taxes.
Single room is available on application.**

DEPOSIT AND FINAL PAYMENT

A deposit of \$500.00 per person must be paid at time of booking. The deposit is accepted as first installment of the tour cost and will only be refunded if the applicant’s arrangements cannot be confirmed or the tour is cancelled by Travel Associates Australia.

Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure.

The cost is based on a minimum group size of 20 passengers to operate.

The option to share and avoid single room supplement (subject to availability)

Passengers own responsibility:

Insurance (strongly recommended), personal expenses, any sightseeing in addition to itinerary, meals other than specified.

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